



Ripon & District News Update

April 2009

Congratulations

- To District Chairman Tim Jones who has recently been awarded his Chief Scout's 30 Years Service Award
 - To David Taylor of 6th Ripon on completion of all the modules in the Young Leader training scheme
 - To Aimee Dubiel (ACSL) who has been accepted by the Army for officer training (a serious loss to Boroughbridge, but we wish Aimee well in her new career)
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Thank you

- To the leaders, especially Andrew and Elaine, who organised and ran the highly successful District Beavers Fun Day at Allhallowgate at the end of February; another brilliant event for Beavers!
 - To Boroughbridge Group, and in particular to Colin and Clare Slator for all their hard work and enthusiasm in connection with the Scouts Backwoods Cooking afternoon (pic below)
 - To David Day and Eric Fell for their efforts (ultimately successful) to sort out the St George's Day Parade this year, in the face of intransigent NYCC bureaucracy
 - To leaders who continue to write interesting and informative articles for publication in the Gazette; these are much appreciated and help to maintain the high profile of Scouting in the area
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Awards: please let me have your nominations for the David Burnett Award as soon as possible (NB there is a form for your use) and let Eric have your entries for the District AGM "entertainment" in the next couple of weeks

GSLs: please ensure that all adults helping with the Sections in your Group are CRB checked; this is absolutely essential for anyone who is staying overnight at our annual camp

Camp: we need lots and lots of adult support, particularly in the Cubs department! Please encourage parents to get involved: as general helpers, cooks, or activity instructors. Remember, extra helpers from one Group can compensate for shortfalls in another

Forthcoming Events

April 3-5th - County Module 16 (Nights Away) training
April 15th - District Exec meeting in Masham
April 24-26th - County Terrain 0/1 training
April 23rd - District Team meeting in Boroughbridge
April 26th - St George's Day: parade and service; please think of this as an unmissable event!
April 30th - District Scout Fellowship AGM
May 7th - Young Leader Training (Mods E/F)
May 13 - DISTRICT AGM
May 22-24th - Annual District Camp

For Information

From POR: For a Nights Away event led by a Nights Away Permit holder, the *recommended* minimum ratio is 1 adult to 12 Scouts. A Troop's Warranted Leader must plan to ensure that as a *minimum* at least two adults are present overnight

Adult training: Leaders *must* do training, but please bear in mind the Scout Association policy on training which is LOVE: **Learning Optional, Validation Essential!**
Some R&D leaders are falling behind with training, but it's a fact that many experienced leaders need only produce reasonable evidence of validation to complete most of the modules in the scheme. *Please* make an effort to do so...

Do you know our District Exec?

Jayne Cooper attended her first Scout camp before she was even one year old! As daughter of Eric and Shirley Fell, Jayne was surrounded by Scouting throughout her childhood. She joined Scouting as a member as soon as she could, aged 16 years then, as a Venture Scout.

Jayne went on to join 1st Ripon Group as Assistant Beaver Scout Leader around 1990 and a couple of years later became the Beaver Scout Leader.



Due to work commitments Jayne gave up the weekly meetings demanded of a section leader and became ADC Beaver Scouts in around 1995.

Age 29, Jayne took a break from active Scouting to begin a family of her own but joined the Executive in 2003 and is a valued member of this august body

John

March 28th, 2009

