



## Ripon & District News Update

December 2009

### Congratulations

- To Barry (6<sup>th</sup> Ripon) who has recently been given a Nights Away Permit - well done!
- To Gavin (6<sup>th</sup> Ripon), Mark (4<sup>th</sup> Ripon) and Dan (4<sup>th</sup> Ripon) on completion of all 11 modules in the Young Leader Training Scheme; certificates to be presented in due course
- To Adam Forster of Boroughbridge Tuesday Pack who, *single-handed*, won the District round of the County Cubs Quiz Competition
- To 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon, for winning this year's District Swimming Gala (Boroughbridge came a close second!)
- To several leaders who completed their First Response training in November:  
B'bridge: Faye, Keith, Ian, Steve and John; Masham - Aly; County - Ian Bardon
- To Faye and John, both of Boroughbridge, who have recently completed their Initial Training as leaders and will soon be presented with their Appointment Certificates and make the Promise

### Thank you

- \* Andrew Roberts and a large number of other Beaver leaders and supporters for organising yet another splendid Activity Day for Beavers earlier this month
- \* All leaders and helpers whose enthusiasm and organisational skills contributed to the success of the Swimming Gala; and a special thank-you to the Walmsley family for their input on the afternoon of the event
- \* 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon Cubs for hosting the District Cubs Quiz Competition and providing the biscuits!
- \* Anne Collins for organising a most enjoyable Scout Fellowship (soon to become District Activity Support ("DAS"?) social event last Saturday, involving visits to the Clifton Moor Super Bowl and Wetherby Whaler!

### Forthcoming Events and Meetings

- Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - County Cubs Quiz Final, Thirsk Town Hall, 1400
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - First Response short course, Boroughbridge, 1930
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - District Development sub-Committee meeting at the home of Eric and Shirley, 7 pm
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - District Carol Service, Harrogate Road Methodist Church, Ripon, 6.30 pm  
**THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAIN SCOUTING EVENTS DURING THE YEAR, SO PLEASE  
DO TRY TO ATTEND!**
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - 2011 Jamboree selection day (Mike Collins)

## General Notes

- \* The Calendar/Diary should be available shortly; my intention is to distribute as many as possible in the next week or so, and bring a supply to the Carol Service
- \* We are in the process of setting up a new Beaver Colony in Bishop Monkton under the capable leadership of Vicky Wild (*See bottom right pic below*). This is really good news for Beavers, Bishop Monkton itself and, of course, the District! Initially the Colony will be an "outlier" of 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon, but we just *could* eventually move towards a new Group serving BM, Burton Leonard and surrounding villages. As usual in Scouting, it's not a matter of finding the children; it's *leaders* who are in short supply..
- \* CRB issues continue to be a burden on the shoulders of Scout leaders everywhere, so don't be surprised if you are asked to fill in yet another form, especially with the Government's "Vetting and Barring" scheme coming on stream in the near future. If you happen to notice that your CRB clearance is out of date (they last for 5 years under normal circumstances), please contact me or your GSL. At present we don't have a bomb-proof schedule of CRB expiry dates in the Scouting system
- \* 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden: if one of your Scouts wants to be considered for a place, it's time to do something about it NOW (contact Mike Collins for details)
- \* Gazette items: the new fortnightly system seems to be working well. I remind contributors to keep to the word limit (around 550 words) and include pics (high-quality only, uncompressed) wherever possible. Mike will be issuing the 2010 list of contributors early in the New Year



(Pics from the Beavers Badge Day at Holy Trinity Primary School)

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November 26th, 2009

