



Ripon & District News Update

January 2009

Thank you

* Aly Bowe, our new BSL in Masham, for organising a very well-attended and lively District Carol Service this year at the Masham Methodist Church; many thanks also to Rev Graham Richardson who led the worship



* David Day for organising the Orienteering event which followed the above service

* Eddie and Teresa, proprietors of the "Black Swan" in Ripon, for generously presenting the District with a cheque for £500, part of the proceeds of the pub's 2008 Charity Walk - much appreciated!

Congratulations

Keith Mawer, BSL at Boroughbridge, on notching up 10 years of service to Scouting;

Cameron McCormack, Boroughbridge Scout, on completing all the requirements for the Chief Scout's "Gold" Award (presentation to take place in due course; would GSLs please let me know of any other candidates for his award?)

Farewell to a Leader: Sally Gabriel

On behalf of the whole District, including youth members and older Scouts, thank you, Sally, for all you have done for Scouting in Ripon District over a number of years: mainly in the Scout Section, but, over the past 12 months, through your work with Masham Beavers.

You have been a valued, and much loved, Leader with Masham Group, always giving of your best and providing true leadership of a high calibre based on a mature understanding of young people and a genuine liking for the boys and girls who have been in your care within the Group.

You will be missed.....

Training

Adult Leader Training in North Yorkshire is once again up and running, and a full programme of scheduled courses is to be found on the County web site.

The following courses take place in January:

Jan 11th - Mod 25 - Assessing Learning

Jan 14th - Mod 1 - Essential Information

Jan 25th - Mod 7 - Valuing Diversity

Jan 25th - Mod 8 - Skills of Leadership

The next Young Leader training evening (Mod B) is on January 15th, 7.30 pm

Reminders

Group Development Plans

Would GSLs please let me have their Group Development Plans for 2009 by the end of January?

Census

Let's continue to check our records (youth members and adults) in preparation for the Census date (Jan 20th)

Programmes

I look forward to receiving Sectional programmes for the next term in due course

Forthcoming Events

(Mainly meetings, I'm afraid!)

Jan 7th - Development sub-committee meeting in Ripon (Eric and Shirley's home), 7.30 pm

Jan 8th - District Team meeting in Boroughbridge (John's home), 7.30 pm

Jan 10th - Scout Fellowship Dinner (contact Anne Collins for details)

Jan 11th - County ADC/DC meetings at Thirsk High School, 2.00 pm

Jan 14th - District Exec meeting in Ripon (Harrogate Road Methodist Church), 7.30 pm

Jan 16-18th - County winter camps weekend

Jan 20th - Scouters' Council in Masham (Methodist Church), 7.15 pm

For Information

Many thanks to Mike Collins for generating and issuing the "Gazette" schedule for 2009; it's good to see a few new names on the list of contributors. Please try to include pics where possible as these are welcomed by the Gazette and give the articles visual "appeal"

The 2009 Diary & Address List has been issued. If for some reason you did not receive your copy, please let me know

The Membership Fee for 2009 is £30 (same as 2008, you'll be pleased to hear!), with substantial rebates to Groups for prompt payment

Do you know our District Exec.....?

Eric Fell, MBE JP, started his adult Scouting in Ripon in 1962 as Assistant Scout Leader with the 6th Ripon Group and then moved on to 1st Ripon as Scout Leader when a local paint factory closed and all the leaders suddenly left the area. In 1970 he became GSL of that Group and, in 1974, ADC in the District and eventually, in 1985, DC.



Since then he has had many Scouting roles including Deputy County Commissioner, Acting County Commissioner and member of the HQ Rural Communities Task Force.

Eric writes: "My 'roots' have always stayed firmly in Ripon & District where I now serve as a member of the District Executive and I am also proud, and feel privileged, to be your President. Ripon & District is, in my opinion, the 'best' District in the County and I will continue to support it in whatever capacity I can"

Happy New Year to you all!

John

December 30th, 2008

