



## Ripon & District News Update

February 2010

### Congratulations

- To Sam Hart, Robert Nicholas and Jamie Slator who have been selected to represent the County at the World Jamboree in Sweden next year - well done! Let the fund-raising now begin .....
- To several leaders who completed their First Response re-training in January: Boroughbridge - Mike; 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon - DD, Markus; 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon - Carol
- To Vicky Wild on the launch of the Bishop Monkton Beaver Colony ("satellite" of 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon, pro tem) which is now up-and-running
- Congratulations to Phil and the Explorer Unit on raising a most impressive sum of money as a major contribution to the cost the Morocco Expedition which departs at the end of March

### Thank you

\*To members of the Development sub-Committee for a great deal of work in preparation for Lorraine Frankland's two month block of time with Ripon District (see below)

\* To Leaders of 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon and 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon for hosting, and providing hospitality for, recent District meetings, viz. Exec and Scouters' Council

\* To Gillian Moorhouse, our District Secretary, for the immense amount of work she is currently doing in connection with the Annual Census, details of which will appear in next month's Update

\* It seems a long time ago now, but thank you so much 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon, especially David York and David Bumby, for organising a very special Carol Service for the District in December

\* To Mike Collins for arranging the selection process for our Sweden WJ 2011 candidates; and Eric and Shirley Fell for kindly hosting the event which was much appreciated

### Forthcoming Events and Meetings

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - District Scouts Patrol Challenge event at 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Beavers Fun Day

March 6<sup>th</sup> - "Getting Started" training for any new Leaders in the District

March 7<sup>th</sup> - District Scouts Backwoods Cooking Exercise, organised by Colin Slator

Date change: the annual Scout Camp will now take place at Westwick Hall Farm, near Bishop Monkton, on the weekend of July 2-4

## General Notes

\* Lorraine Frankland, the Countywide Development Officer, will be with us until mid-March. Please give her a very warm welcome when she visits your Group/Section. The District Development sub-Committee has agreed a number of development possibilities with Lorraine, details from me or any of the DSC members, if you are unaware of them

\* 50% of the District's Leaders attended Scouters' Council in January, with very strong representation from Boroughbridge and 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon. Decisions were reached with respect to the two annual camps later in the year and various Beavers events. If you were not at the meeting, please contact Mike (for Scouts), Laura (for Cubs) or Andrew (ADC Beavers) in order to find out what is happening in your Section

\* As I go round the Groups, I do not see many GIRLS! I'm aware that there may be sound explanations for the "shortage", especially the strength of Guides and Brownies in our area. Can I remind you, however, that it is the policy of the Scout Association to attract and



involve as many girls as possible, so that Scouting can become a truly co-educational organisation? It's not an argument against having girls that *some* of them may not fit into a rough-and-tumble, boys-orientated programme! Our job as Leaders is to ensure that the Balanced Programme is attractive and acceptable to all youth members, not just to the predominant male element...

\* I have yet to receive some Section Programmes for the term; please let me have these as soon as possible

\* **Adult Leader Training.** We're *still* awaiting the final version of the 2010 County Training Diary, but, when it finally appears, I'll be copying it to the 15 or so Leaders who are doing their training at present. Remember that training can be completed in a variety of ways, including

DVD, online, workbooks and one-to-one; but it's a very good idea to attend at least *some* training courses where there is the chance of discussion and exchange of ideas with Leaders from other Districts. They are mainly in Thirsk which is very convenient from our point of view

\* **Rotary and other awards for young people.** Coming up are opportunities for Rotary Awards; places on Rotary Leadership Training courses; and, soon, the District's David Burnett Award. The GSLs have all the information, so please speak to them if you would like to nominate a young person in your Section

\* A new system for "home contact" replaces the present one this year. It's called InTouch and will come on stream in the County between now and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Details to follow in due course

\* Many of you receive "Have-you-Heard", the monthly County mailshot, by email or post, but new leaders may be unaware of its existence, it seems. When the next issue appears, I'll forward it to everyone on the mailing list just this once; then it's up to you to make your own arrangements to receive it electronically through your own email system in the future



Pics this month

- 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon Cubs (pic that accompanied Alex's Gazette article)
- Members of the ESU working on some first aid training with Boroughbridge Scouts just recently

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January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

