



## Ripon & District News Update

July 2008



### Congratulations

- to Kieran Newman for completing all the modules in the Young Leader training programme
- to Roz Bardon for achieving her Nights Away Permit (20 current leaders now have the permit)
- to Shirley Fell on receipt of her 30 year Long Service Certificate

### Thank you

- to ex-Mayor of Ripon, Andrew Williams, and his Charity Committee for the extremely generous donation of £3000 to the District arising out of fund-raising during the year ended in May. The District Executive will decide how the money should be spent, but if you have any suggestions, please let us know as we are always on the lookout for good ideas!
- to those who organised recent events and activities, especially the leaders and helpers who spent the weekend at the County Cubs camp at Pately Bridge with Sue and Laura; and Mike, Anne, Phil, and Andy for all their hard work in connection with the Scoutathon: barbeque and canoeing

### Training Courses

First Aid training is a *requirement* in Scouting, and all leaders must complete a First Response (or equivalent) course every three years. Please make a note in your diaries that the course for 2008 will be run at Coronation Hall, Boroughbridge, on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that at least half of the places on the course will be taken by new leaders who have taken their Promise in the past twelve months

The next "Getting Started" course for new leaders will take place in Boroughbridge on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, NOT September 6<sup>th</sup>

### Reminders

The District now has two *proper* First Aid kits for use at camps, days out, and other events. These should be booked out through me a week before the date when they are needed, and returned soon afterwards

### Forthcoming Events

- District Scout Fellowship BBQ on June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Explorer Scout meeting at Sharow View on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the proposed India trip
- District Beaver Sleepover on July 5-6<sup>th</sup>
- District Scout Activity Day on July 12<sup>th</sup>
- NYJAM: although it's over a year until this major County Scout section event takes place, I'm

very keen that Ripon District should support it in two ways: by taking part (a District Scout contingent drawn from all the Groups has been suggested) and by contributing to the leadership/support team. We will be talking about NYJAM at Scouters' Councils and elsewhere in due course, but please let me know if you are interested in getting involved in the Jamboree

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### For Information

Young Leader training has now finished for the summer and will start again next term, if there is enough demand for further group training. We have 15 "qualified" Young Leaders in the District as follows: Boroughbridge - 7; 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon - 4; 4<sup>th</sup> - 2; Masham - 2. Of these young people, 7 have completed all the modules in the Scout Association training scheme, which is excellent

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### Visits to Groups

Please let me know if you would like a hand with any event or activity during July. I'm happy just to visit, but I *prefer* to do something, even if it's only reading a story or going on a walk round the village.....or how about cycling?

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### Other Matters

Have you thought of working towards an Activity Permit? As a District, we are now well supplied in terms of Nights Away, Hill Walking, Mountain Biking, and Orienteering, but we are short of leaders with permits to lead water-based activities. Please speak to me if you are interested in finding out more about Activity Permits, especially for Canoeing

Please note that there will be no News Bulletin for the holiday month of August

