



Ripon & District News Update

March 2009

Thank you

- County Commissioner Ian Bardon asks me to pass on his thanks and congratulations to all members of Ripon District following the 2009 Census which showed an increase in numbers in the District
(See attached doc which shows aspects of the Census return in graphic form)
 - To Gillian Moorhouse, District Secretary, for doing a splendid job in connection with the Census, especially submitting it to County on time!
 - To the leaders, especially Fiona, who organised and ran the highly successful District Scouts Patrol Challenge at Allhallowgate (see pic of the winning patrol below)
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Welcome

- To the new "team" at 6th Ripon Scouts: Roz Bardon takes over as SL, assisted by Barry Purdy (former Helper, now provisional ASL), supported by Adrian Burgin who is congratulated on finally finishing his Leader Trainer after many years of hard work. Also, Alex Whitfield has moved from District Scout Leader to ACSL at 6th Ripon
 - To Steven Spencer, a very experienced ex-leader who is now returning to Scouting as ABSL with Boroughbridge
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Reminders

Awards: please let me have your nominations for the David Burnett Award as soon as possible (NB there is a form for your use)

SLs and CSLs: please let me have your suggestions for Summer Camp activities and general arrangements as soon as possible

CRB checking and District "admin": we are doing well in Ripon District, ticking all the right boxes; but would GSLs and Section Leaders please remember to notify me *immediately* whenever a prospective adult leader/helper appears on the scene? Remember that Yellow Cards *must* be issued to all adults as they begin to get involved with Scouting, and that I have Welcome Packs for issue to prospective leaders

Forthcoming Events

- March 2 - County Training: Mod 9: Working with Adults; in Thirsk
- March 5 - Young Leader Training, Mod C
- March 6-8 - Young Leader weekend at Thornthwaite
- March 8 - Scouts Backwoods Cooking event near Ripon

March 16 - District team meeting to make arrangements for Camp in May (*Please let me have suggestions for Cub and Scout activities at Camp before this date*)
March 21 - County Training: 3 modules - Fundamental Values, Changes in Scouting and Growing the Movement; in Harrogate
March 29 - County Instructor Training Day
MAY 13 - DISTRICT AGM (*Please make a note of this event in your diaries*)

For Information

St John Ambulance has made a whole raft of changes to its First Aid procedures, details of which are available from me or GSLs; no doubt these will filter through to First Response in due course

Date change: Scouters' Council moved from October 8th to October 22nd (same venue)

Date change: Terrain 0/1 County Training moved from April 3rd-5th to 24th-26th

"The Big Adventure": please be aware of this 2009 Scout HQ initiative which aims to involve parents in annual and other camps, and so encourage them to become Leaders

Do you know our District Exec?

Shirley Fell started her Scouting in Ripon in 1962 with the 6th Ripon as Assistant Cub "Mistress", as it was then called, and went on to be Cub Mistress with the same Group. She has had many roles in the District over the years including Badge Secretary, District Fellowship Chairman and ADC (Cubs). Currently, in the District, Shirley is Chairman of the District Appointments Advisory Committee. In 1988 Shirley took on the job as ACC (Cubs) for the County and still has an active role on the County Appointments Advisory Committee, most recently helping to deliver the new Module 37 to leaders County-wide. Shirley keeps fit and leads a very active life. Along with husband, Eric, she is an indefatigable supporter of Scouting in Ripon District



6th Ripon Green Team, winners of the 2009 District Scout Patrol Challenge, Feb. 27th
John



Presentation of the Chief Scout's Award to Cameron McCormack at the same event

Feb. 28th, 2009

