



## Ripon & District News Update

November 2009

### Congratulations

- To Amanda Macey (ACSL, 6<sup>th</sup> Ripon) who has recently been given a Nights Away Permit - well done!
- To Andrew Collins (CSL, Boroughbridge) who was presented with his Wood Badge beads at the recent Scouters' Council
- To Josh Macey (6<sup>th</sup> Ripon) for achieving his Chief Scout's Silver Award - a rare local achievement!

### Thank you

- \* Roz and Fiona for organising a highly successful District Night Hike earlier this month
- \* Mike, Anne and a large number of other leaders and supporters for organising the Cubs Activity afternoon at Holy Trinity Primary School (full report on this event in the Gazette on October 30<sup>th</sup>)
- \* Ron Smith, for his contribution to the District through the "Ron Smith" column in the Ripon Gazette, week by week over the past five or more years; much appreciated, Ron - thank you so much for all your hard work and editorial skill!

### Forthcoming Events and Meetings

- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - District Beavers Badge Day (Andrew)
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - Lightwater Valley Mountain Bike races
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> - Young Leader training in Boroughbridge
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - District round of the County Cubs Quiz, Allhallowgate, 1830
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - District Swimming Gala at the pool in Ripon, 1600
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> - First Response course, Coronation Hall, Boroughbridge, 0900
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> - District Carol Service, Harrogate Road Methodist Church, Ripon
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - 2011 Jamboree selection day (Mike Collins)

## Notes on Scouters' Council, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Problems with communication re. the Swimming Gala, but we agreed to do ahead with the event in spite of late notice
- The 2010 Calendar was finalised at the meeting and will be issued in December, not later than the date of the District Carol Service
- Mike Collins outlined arrangements for the 2011 Jamboree selection procedure
- Anne Collins gave us some information re. the rebranding of Scout Fellowship as the SAS (probably better referred to as "District AS" from now on!)
- David Day demonstrated the finer points of Trangia management - thank you, David
- Thanks to David Bumby and 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments

Ripon Gazette: confirmed that in future articles will be submitted to me on a fortnightly basis. An amended schedule has been sent to Groups and others who write Gazette pieces. Please do try to include good-quality pics wherever possible

### Your support is needed!

- For the Swimming Gala on November 14<sup>th</sup> - please encourage as many youngsters as possible to attend, along with parents and friends!
- At the Carol Service on December 11<sup>th</sup> - let's make this an occasion for ALL young people and adults in Scouting in the District before the start of the Christmas break!



Alex receiving her Wood Beads at Snowball in September  
(Pic: one of DD's better ones!)

John Helliwell

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

