



Ripon & District News Update

October 2009

Congratulations



*To Oliver Gibson of Masham Group and Ripon ESU for completing all the requirements for the Queen's Scout Award - well done, Oliver!
(This is the first QSA in the District since Andrew Collins received his a few years' ago)

*To Briget Dubiel-Thompson on her appointment as CSL of the Boroughbridge Friday Pack; best of luck with your new team of assistant leaders, Briget!

*To Andrew Veltman and Markus Crane of 6th Ripon who were awarded Nights Away Permits

(Indoors) following the Group's "Snowball" weekend - well done!

* To Alex Whitfield and Angela Farmery whose long-overdue Wood Beads have finally been sent to me by Scout HQ, to be presented soon - again, well done!

Thank you

*To David and Elaine Day, together with other leaders, for organising an excellent away weekend for all sections of 6th Ripon Group at "Snowball" over the weekend of September 25-27th

*To Mike Collins and Laura Gibson for kindly representing the District at the Scouts and Cubs ADCs meetings in Thirsk last week - even though they are not ADCs!

First Response Training

The First Response course to be run on November 15th is now full

Forthcoming Events and Meetings

Oct 9th - District Scout Night Hike in the Masham area (Roz/Fiona)

Oct 17th - District Cubs Activity Day at Holy Trinity, Ripon (Mike)

Oct 22nd - District Scouters' Council at 4th Ripon, 1930 (rearranged date)

Oct 29th - Young Leader training in Boroughbridge (Mod J + First Aid)

Nov 7th - District Beavers Badge Day (Andrew)

Nov 8th - Lightwater Valley Mountain Bike races

Nov 13th - District round of the County Cubs Quiz, Allhallowgate, 1830 (John)

Nov 14th - District Swimming Event at the pool in Ripon (Derrick and the ESU)

Sometime in December: selection day to decide which R & D Scouts have a chance of going to the Wold Jamboree in 2011 in Sweden; we have been allocated two places

Notes on the CC/DCs/ADCs meetings held in Thirsk on September 20th

- Arrangements for St George's Day 2010 are said to be "still a mess"!
- We are one of the few Districts in the County which is whiter-than-white with respect to claiming Gift Aid!
- The County Diary for 2010 is now available; there is also for the first time a NYSC Scout Asset List (viz. schedule of all the kit and equipment owned by County)
- The correct term for "waiting list" is now "expressions of interest" if the would-be Scout (usually a Beaver) is not yet old enough to join. There are said to be as many as 3000 youngsters in the NE region who cannot get into Scouting for one reason or another
- The new name for Scout Fellowship is the SAS: "Scout Active Support". Don't laugh - it's true! *See pic below*
- HQ capitation has been set at £19.50 for 2010 (£19.10 in the current year); County and District charges are expected to be similar to those of 2010; in other words, a minimal increase in membership fees is envisaged

Notes on the District Exec meeting held in Boroughbridge on September 23rd

- The Exec agreed to provide funding support for a weekend first aid course for members of the ESU and to make a grant towards the Morocco trip next year; also to fund the purchase of a storage unit/container for ESU kayaks, if alternative funding cannot be found
- The Development sub-Committee is looking at several tentative ideas to expand the provision of Scouting in the District; more on this in due course..
- We shall have Lorraine, the full-time NYSC Field Development Officer with us next year for several weeks, starting sometime in February; again, more on this initiative later.....

Scouters' Council: we shall be including Section meetings and the finalising of the 2010 Calendar; also some training, including knots, how to use a Trangia, and packing a rucksack for a day's walking with a group. PLEASE BE THERE!

Chief Scout's Awards: why are so few such awards presented in the District? Aren't we doing the Challenge Badges in R&D? Do we *only* do Activity Badges? Can we see if we can generate many more Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards in the Beaver Scout, Cub and Scout Sections during 2010?

Please note that I shall be away on holiday from September 30th until October 16th; but expect to be able to pick up email messages most of the time if you need to make contact

Please find an updated copy of the District Address List attached. This will be on the back of the Diary/Calendar for 2010 in due course. Let me know if I need to make any corrections before it goes to print in December



6th Ripon Beavers in Studley Park



New PLs at 6th Ripon Scouts



Members of the local SAS on one of the seven bridges.....

John Helliwell

September 27th, 2009

