



## Ripon & District News Update

September 2008

### Welcome back!

Welcome back, if you have been away; I hope you have had a wonderful summer break. However, if you have been in England for the past six weeks, please accept my commiserations! Depending on how you view the Scouting "year", a "new" year starts at the beginning of the Autumn Term.....so here we go!

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### Congratulations

- to Joe Hart (6<sup>th</sup> Ripon ACSL) for successfully completing his Adult Leader Training
  - to Andrew Gibson (Masham) for being awarded a Permit to lead Water Activities
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### Thank you

-to those who those who organised recent events and activities, especially the leaders and helpers who contributed to the highly successful Beavers Sleepover at Holy Trinity back in early July



- to Barry Wolfendale: for a three year, first-class contribution to Scouting as SL of 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon. Barry is shortly moving to Harrogate, but intends to keep in touch with the Group. We wish him well in the future

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### 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>. Please let me know if you would like to participate, or are aware of a new leader who might be in the frame for this initial training

## Reminders

I have already received copies of a number of Group/Section Programmes for the Autumn Term which is most encouraging at this stage of the holidays! Please let me have a copy of your Programme ASAP after you have re-commenced meetings and activities. Remember that, once you have submitted your Programme, there is no need to notify events which take place outside your HQ

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## Forthcoming Events

- First outing of the Ripon District Hill Walking Group on Sunday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> (see below)
  - District Team meeting at 9 Market Hill, Boroughbridge, 7.30 pm on Thursday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Getting Started course (see above)
  - DCs/ADCs meeting in Thirsk, Sunday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm
  - District Exec meeting in Coronation Hall, Boroughbridge, 7.30 pm, Wednesday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>
  - District Celidh, Coronation Hall, Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>
  - District Scouters' Council, Coronation Hall, Thursday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.15 pm  
(Includes a NYJAM presentation)
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## For Information

If you are interested in hill walking, either for pure pleasure or with a view to taking youngsters into the hills, please note that the Ripon District Hill Walking Group is now in existence with its first outing on Sunday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> when we shall be doing a route over Ingleborough. You don't have to be a mountaineer or an athlete to join the Group, but it is not a "beginners group", and some measure of fitness is needed

It is hoped that walks can be organised on a monthly basis, either on Saturdays or Sundays. Details will appear in this News Update and, in 2009, will be on the District Calendar. Please contact me for further details and tell any adults who might be keen to do some walking in the Dales and North York Moors about the Group - it's not exclusively for Scout Leaders

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## Visits to Groups

Please let me know if you would like a hand with any event or activity during September. I'm happy just to visit, but I *prefer* to do something. I have just one "booking" so far: 4<sup>th</sup> Ripon Beavers on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to run a Safety Badge session

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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 kayaking, open canoeing and bell-boating

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John

*This month's pics: from the District Beavers Sleepover in July, taken by Markus*

