



**WARWICKSHIRE SCOUT COUNCIL**



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## Will you Share in the Adventure that is Scouting 101?

Hundred of members of Warwickshire Scouting are booked to share in the fun. Don't leave it too late - if you haven't already placed your ticket order please contact Pauline on 01564 776489, or e-mail her at [jpbroadbridge@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jpbroadbridge@tiscali.co.uk)

Those already booked will have received their tickets at the end of May. These will be coloured wrist bands which will gain them admittance through the gates of Ragley Hall. The bands are also being used to record some safety information as well as progress through our very own Share the Adventure Scouting 101 badge - which everyone can work for on the day and wear for the rest of 2008.

[www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk) contains all the information leaders need and if there are any questions unanswered then there is also a contact point for questions.

## Are you Sharing our Adventure with others?

This will be a great opportunity to put Warwickshire Scouting on show to those who might not normally see us, we are inviting every section to identify someone or even several people to Share the Adventure with.

This might be:

- Former Scouts, now someone's dad, granddad, uncle or sister and who actively supports your
- Section or Group or might do in the future.
- Someone with a disability who would enjoy a day out.
- Someone you might like to approach to help us in an adult role.
- Friends of existing members who might be potential recruits (just bear in mind your supervision ratios)

**Scouting 101 will be a great showcase to help you with your recruitment need  
Did you enjoy the World Jamboree, the Centenary Camps  
or Warwick Castle last year?**

Would you like to be part of the team putting it together on Saturday 21st June or delivering the highlights of our year on Sunday 22nd June. If so then go to [www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk) and join up.

Alternatively call Dave on 01926 747591 and let us know.

No matter how much or little time you have available all help offered will be appreciated.

**Those helping during both Saturday and Sunday will have the opportunity to camp at Ragley Hall on Saturday evening and join in the fun!**

## **ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE**

As I write this it is April 23rd, St George's Day, a day to honour the Patron Saint of not only England but Scouting as well. For St George is the reason the Parade is held at this time of year.

Parade you ask, for those that complete the Queen's Scout Award the request to attend a Royal Parade at Windsor Castle is put forth. A chance to join all other Queen's Scout Award achievers of that year in a parade and service in Windsor. Also present are Gallantry Award and Special Service Award receivers.

Back in November a letter arrived for me asking to apply to be Colour Party or Reader for this event, and I applied, attended a selection weekend, and got the sort after position in the 'Team of Ten'. This involved giving up 4 weekends to Scouting, something I am not unaccustomed to in the least! The position I had been awarded was a Reader, 1 of 4 Queen Scouts who plan, write and present the church service to the Queen's Scouts. The other 6 are the Colour Party.

Having completed the all too short Planning weekends the Main event was upon us, hence how I found myself on a panicking drive to Windsor on Friday night! Saturday morning was spent in a Scout hut practicing and practicing and PRACTICING! With only 1 more Chapel practice available to us that afternoon. As you can imagine, none of us slept well on Saturday night with nerves hitting hard.

**SUNDAY**, the big day! As a team we spent the morning together practicing, and also watching the other Queen's Scouts having parade drill at the Windsor Barracks. The nerves were getting to us all by then and it was time for us to go and put on our uniforms, 10 scouts all in one room, all nervous, but as soon as the uniforms started going on, that went, we looked smart, we felt ready, it was time.

As readers we unfortunately couldn't parade, but we snuck out of the chapel to watch the other half of the team, they looked 'Brillo!' The nerves came back as we sat at the front of the Chapel watching the other Queen's Scouts, Dignitaries and worst of all my parents take their seats. After the first line of my reading was out, I relaxed, the worst was over, the rest of the service flowed perfectly, and then it was over.

As a team, we became close and didn't want the weekend to be over, it is a Scouting weekend I will never forget and I don't think there is much that can top it, there are not many people who can say they have presented a service in Windsor Chapel.

From this I just have a few things to say to you all, encourage your Scouts to achieve their Queen's Scout and when that paperwork falls on the door mat, fill it in, it's the best thing I did! But even if you don't become one of the 'Team of 10' go as a Queen's Scout, the feeling of being at Windsor is overwhelming and one that should not be missed.

Jessica Breward (Newbold Scout Leader)

# **St GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

The Chief Scout has awarded the following awards for Warwickshire, in the St George's Day Honours list.

## **SILVER WOLF**

**NIGEL HAILEY**  
County Scouter  
WAGS Producer  
Warwickshire County

## **BAR to the SILVER ACORN**

**DENIS BILEY**  
Group Scout Leader  
Rugby District.

**GEOFF RUSSELL**  
County Media Development Manager  
County Scout Fellowship Chairman  
Warwickshire County

## **SILVER ACORN**

**STEVE BENNETT**  
District Commissioner  
West Warwickshire

**IAN CARTER**  
District Commissioner  
Warwick.

**LEONARD JACOB**  
Asst. District Commissioner Cub Scouts  
Atherstone District.

**DES McCANN**  
Asst. Scout Leader 1st Heathcote  
Leamington District.

**DAVID MEADS**  
Asst. County Commissioner  
Activities Warwickshire County.

**MARGARET RUSSELL**  
County Scout Fellowship Secretary  
Warwickshire County.

## **District's celebrate**

I hope everyone enjoyed their St George's Day Celebrations-- I was honoured to attend Atherstone District Service which linked our Laws and Promises with hands. It was great to see all sections represented and to meet some Leaders I didn't know.

Thank You Atherstone.

David came home and said that he had cramp in his fingers æ Rugby's Parade was so long but really enjoyed himself.

Stratford joined in the Bard's Birthday Parade and had lots of really good photo's in the local paper, it was a tremendous sight. Thank You to Stratford Explorers for "doing" the story of St George after (I'm still waiting for a copy of the presentation).

Leamington District decided to try something different, they haven't had a Parade for a few years. They held their St George's Day Parade in the Jephson Gardens in Leamington and had 'real' Knights on horses.

The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and Dignatrics had the most amazing time but we met the 'Knights of Middle England' on Monday and they were as excited and have their own plans of what they could do next year to make it even better.

The best part for me was hearing how 1st Kenilworth Cubs joined Leamington's Parade and Phoenix Explorers joined Warwick Parade.

Districts working together across the County for the enjoyment of the young people, isn't that just "GREAT"

*Jo-ann Bramston (County Trainer)*

## **WARWICKSHIRE SCOUT COUNTY**

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Congratulations to

**JESSICA BREWARD**

Newbold Scout Leader

On being part of the ReadersTeam for the St George's Day service at Windsor Chapel  
A great honour for her, her family and also Stratford-upon-Avon District.

## **WARWICKSHIRE SCOUT COUNTY WEB SITE**

For up to date information  
regarding all news from County and Districts

Log on to

[www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk)

Breaking news loaded each day!

### What is an International Commissioner?

Many of you will have heard that I have been appointed as The Scout Associations' International Commissioner, and many will also be thinking "what's that?"

Basically it is three different roles;

- 1, To act as an ambassador for UK Scouting around the World and to represent the Country at various conferences and events.
- 2, To be the County Commissioner for British Groups Abroad and the contact at HQ for our Branches. We have 25 British Groups in countries such as Dubai, Singapore, Spain and the Falkland Islands. The Branches are in former colonies like Gibraltar, British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean and the Solomon Islands in the Pacific.
- 3, To promote International and Global development in the UK.

It all sounds very glamorous, but my trip around the World is not sorted yet!

I'll still be producing WAGS and helping out in the County when required so you've not got rid of me yet.

*Nigel Hailey (International Commissioner for UK)*

#### WARWICKSHIRE SCOUT COUNTY

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Congratulations to

**NIGEL HAILEY**

On taking up the post of  
**INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER**  
**for the SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

We all wish you every success in this post

### REUNION FOR 10th WORLD JAMBOREE

I hope someone may be able to help me I am an ex Scout from Birmingham and was selected in 1959 as part of the Birmingham contingent to attend the 10th World Jamboree in the Philippines.

I am now attempting to contact as many contingent members as I can to arrange a possible reunion next year.

There were Scouts from Warwickshire, Cheshire, Leicestershire and Coventry with us in "A" Troop.

Two of the names I have for the Warwickshire lads are Brian Hulse and Jeffrey Maskell.

If you have any knowledge of them or their whereabouts please ask them to contact me on

**[harrisjohn5@sky.com](mailto:harrisjohn5@sky.com)**

*Many thanks John Harris*

**Ed-note** ask your friends and any old scout masters if they went to the 10th World Jamboree. It would be great for John to be reunited.

### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As I hope you are all aware I have now been 'in post' for approximately one month and what a month it was been.

Thankfully, I have an excellent, established, County Team to fall back on for help and advice. Also, Tony Guy left the County in very good order and even managed to spare time to meet with me to explain what the role of County Chairman entailed and how best to approach it.

It goes without saying that we all wish him well with his new venture and look forwards to a progress report on his next visit home.

The big news of the moment as regards events in the County is 'Scouting 101 - Share the Adventure' to be held at Ragley Hall on 22nd June 2008.

This promises to be a fantastic FUN day out, full of exciting activities designed to provide real opportunities to test individuals skills and nerve in the company of family and friends.

It is also our major development activity for the year, trying out some new ways of working. The day starts at 10 a.m. there will be a County Picnic at lunch time and the day will end around 430p.m. Price for the day is £2 per Scouting member and booking can be completed on line at <http://www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk> or you can phone Pauline on 01564 776489.

My own plans for the immediate future are to meet with the various Districts teams with a view to build on existing relationships that will benefit all in the County Scouting Community.

I look forward to meeting with many of you at 'Scouting 101' where we can share the adventure together.

*Sid Russell (County Chairman)*

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### Happy Birthday

#### LINDSEY CARTER

Enjoy your special day  
Best Wishes from all at Warwick District.

## **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

The Scout Census figures for 2008 show that we are growing strongly in numbers and becoming more efficient in the way we work.

The headline membership change figure for 2008 is impressive - up 4% on last year, our second successive year of growth. But it's actually more impressive than that when you take a longer view. In 2002/3, youth membership fell by 6%, but since then we see a steady improvement with the annual rate of loss decreasing, and then turning into growth. We can see positive change over six years, and this year's figure is not some sudden spurt caused by the "2007 effect" but part of a genuine long term improvement.

A closer look shows that in the last year we gained just over 4% of young people and only 2% of adults, so are fewer of us doing more and more? By an amazing coincidence the number of young people members in 2008 was 4222, exactly the same as in 2001, so what has changed this time? There has been a massive drop in the number of Scout Groups, from 98 in 2001 to 71 in 2008, a drop of 27%. However, the number of units (packs, troops etc) only fell from 260 to 238, a drop of only 8.5% so clearly the units we now have a in a smaller number of significantly larger groups.

The number of Leaders in Groups, working directly with young people, fell in the seven years from 775 to 748, a drop of 3.6%, but crucially, the number of adults per unit has gone up from 2.98 in 2001 to 3.14 in 2008. That means that more adults are working in teams that are large enough to offer support to each other and fewer Leaders are struggling in very small units.

Adult recruitment remains a priority and we must all do our part and not expect someone else to do it for us, but these figures present an encouraging picture that things are getting better in a steady, sustainable way.

*Dave Barclay (County Development Manager)*

## **COUNTY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Question: How many Methodists does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Change the light bulb? My grandfather donated that light bulb!

I am indebted to a Methodist colleague for this snippet. For "Methodist" we could easily substitute "Anglican" or "Baptist" or "Roman Catholic" - or Scout Leader!

Sadly, Christians are notoriously bad at dealing with change. Yet it is, I suspect, not just Christians who find difficulty with change. The pace of change in modern society is so rapid that many people feel that they are being left behind in all sorts of ways.

We all know that the World cannot stay the same for ever, and that even if it did, that would not necessarily be a good thing. But perhaps we all wish sometimes that change were not quite so rapid. Scouting has not been immune from the pressure to change in recent years.

In seeking to respond to that pressure in a positive way, it has in some places faced the same problems as the Methodists wanting to change a light bulb! The secret of successfully changing to meet modern needs is to know and accept what is good about what we already do, whilst at the same time identifying those things we do that are no longer useful or helpful.

Change can be hard and even painful - but if we are not to be dinosaurs in a modern World, change we must. In today's changing World, Scouting enters its second Century offering to today's young people the same stability and sense of unchanging values that it has always offered, if we truly believe that what we are doing is the right thing to do, then all will work out well. If we have misjudged what needs to be changed, experience of the new will soon let us know.

*Rev. Paul Wilkinson (County Chaplain)*

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## **ADULT TRAINING - a Change in Tack.**

Those of you who have been used to receiving a wad of 'County Run Training Courses' brochures through the post round about the year end will have been sadly disappointed at the end of 2007 when nothing appeared.

There are a number of reasons around this - none of which are based around County not wanting to continue to support Adults through their training! On the contrary we actually needed to make a better job of it since, after the initial rush of the introduction of the new training scheme, we had seen a significant tailing off in the numbers attending centrally run modules (one or two participants for most modules became the norm). In addition, we were conscious that there were few active Local Training Managers or Trainers on the ground and we had absolutely no idea how many Training Advisors we had or their level of involvement (even at District level). We had also begun to hear some feedback about how the best bits of the old scheme (the networking opportunities) had been lost.

On this basis, I decided with the support of the CC and DC's not to attempt to run any more courses until we had a new way ahead. This strategy was worked on in late 2007 and early 2008 and has resolved itself into the plan for 2008.

Firstly, in 2008 we have set out to recruit and train a full complement of LTM's and sort out the training records of each District. Barring Atherstone the first action is now pretty much there. We have also held 2 CPD (Continuous Professional Development) days for the LTM's and begun a round of regular team meeting and 1:1s For details of who the LTM's are please see below.

We held the first of an annual series of CPC days for Training Advisors on 17th May and aim to recruit more - please contact your LTM if you can

We have begun to share between LTM's opportunities to attend Getting Started and Mod 25 Training, and have started to take formerly centrally run training out to the Districts with a Mod 37 (appointment Advisory Committee Training) course up first.

We intend to run an 'instant scout leader' course at Mancetter Scout HQ on 28 -29 June. This will incorporate 4 key modules from the adult programme plus an opportunity to practically put them into action. When coupled with the Getting Started modules, the expectation is that participants should return to their Groups able to run a balance programme for their section for at least one term. If you would like to participate in this (residential) course please let your LTM know now.

We have now planned 3 Module weekends into the final quarter of this year and early 2009. These Modules have been planned in response to specific demand by LTMs and will be run wherever the centre of gravity of need best suits (whilst remaining open to all).

The dates and content of these courses are;

- 1, October 4th-5th Modules 7,9,11,12(Sat).  
17,18,13,14, (Sun).
- 2, Nov 22nd-23rd Modules 18,19,15,7(again!) (Sat).  
Sun TBA - tell your LTM what you need!
- 2009
- 3, Jan 31st/Feb1st (Content TBA).

If you want more then you will need to tell your LTM what you need and we will find a way to deliver it, sometimes this will be 1:1 support to on line or programmed learning pack not a centrally run course, particularly when there are few needing that module. I will write another (hopefully less lengthy) article later in the year to keep you up to speed with developments for years 2 and 3. However, live updates, course details and application arrangements will be published on the County website (Training Pages) as soon as they become available.

Now here's the **Local Training Managers**

<b>Atherstone –refer to Mick Judd</b>	juddy_80@hotmail.com
<b>Kenilworth –Helen Prowting</b>	helen.prowting@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk
<b>Leamington –Hilary Crosby</b>	crosby.ha@hotmail.com
<b>Nuneaton –Sam Marshall</b>	smarshall@eu.ansell.com
<b>Rugby –Richard Leader</b>	richard.leader@power.alstom.com
<b>Stratford –Katrina Collie (acting)</b>	k.collie1@btoopenworld.com
<b>West Warwicks –Debbie Morris</b>	dmblossom@hotmail.com
<b>Warwick –Sally Shacklock</b>	shacklock@btinternet.com

### **County Training Manager**

**Nick Shacklock** nick.shacklock@becta.org.uk  
*Nick Shacklock (County Training Manager)*

## **APOLOGY FROM COUNTY**

Re; Atherstone District.  
Coleshill District.

Over the past few months we all have been referring to 'Atherstone District' has 'Atherstone and Coleshill District.'

We have receive a letter from Atherstone District Chairman, Chris O'Neill, to advise us that when taking on the responsibility for the few groups left in Coleshill District that Atherstone would not change the District identity and that the two Districts would be classed as before.

When Atherstone agreed to take on the responsibility for these groups in Coleshill District, it was made quite clear by the District Executive Committee, that they would not agree to change of name and would only agree to take on these groups if they remained as Atherstone District.

David Bramston, County Commissioner and all County staff wish to apologise to Atherstone District for the mistake in naming the group 'Atherstone and Coleshill District'.

Will all Districts and Groups make a note that the two District are named 'Atherstone District' 'Coleshill District' and NOT 'Atherstone & Coleshill District'

## **COUNTY FELLOWSHIP** **Annual General Meeting**

On Thursday 15th May the County Scout Fellowship held their AGM at Broadwater Campsite and Activity Centre. The following awards were given by David Bramston County Commissioner

Margaret Russell, County Fellowship Secretary and Geoff Russell, Chairman of the County Fellowship receive their Silver Acorn and Bar to the Silver Acorn respectively from David Bramston C.C.

### **THE AWARD RE**

Presentations of Long Service Awards were made at the County Fellowship AGM to:

60 years	Gordon Richards Ken Bond Gren Redfern (absent from photo)
50 years	John James.
40 years.	Margaret Russell Vic Harmsworth
30 years	Cynthia Webb Jean McCallum Jeanne Harmsworth David Brain
25 years	Pat Oldham
20 years	Martin Clements Myra Clements Jean Willis (absent from photo) Mary Slade from Rugby Fellowship
15 years	David Oldham

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

to all award holders  
with over 600 years of Long Service Awards  
being awarded in one night.

## **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth** **Unveils Centenary Bronze.** **6th May 2008**

The Queen, Patron of the Scout Association, unveiled a bronze of herself, specially commissioned as part of Scouting's Centenary celebrations. Her Majesty met with Scouts at Baden-Powell House who were helping to celebrate the success of Scouting's Centenary and its largest growth in membership for 22 years.

A 17 year old Explorer Scout said "It was a huge honour to meet The Queen and it was great to be part of this special celebration. I've made loads of new friends and through Scouting I've had the opportunity to try out loads of new activities and get new skills for myself, such as taking part in some great summer camps and having the opportunity to take part in cultural exchanges at the World Scout Jamboree last year, a gathering of 40,000 Scouts from nearly every Country in the World. Meeting The Queen has been one of the best adventures yet" The Queen met with young people undertaking their Street Sports activity badges, this sort of adventure is just one of the reasons for the continuing popularity of the Movement, with 15,000 additional members joining in the last year.

## **HELP THE PEOPLE OF BURMA**

With up to 100,000 people feared dead and over one million homeless, Burma is in desperate need of support from around the World to deal with the aftermath of the tropical cyclone.

Scouts across the UK can help by raising funds and donating to Shelterbox.

Shelterbox ensure that the most effective disaster relief aid reaches those who need the most help in the quickest possible time.

They are the first UK based NGO to get relief aid into Burma. Tents, water purification equipment, mosquito nets, cooking equipment and tools make up the contents of the globally recognised green box. Donations of £490 will ensure one complete box will get there and help over ten people for a minimum of 6 months. The aim is to get over 2000 boxes to Burma each week.

To find out more about how you can help Shelterbox you can either e-mail [info@shelterbox.org](mailto:info@shelterbox.org) or phone them on 01326 569782.

If your Scout Group or Section is raising money for the people of Burma, we'd like to hear from you, please e-mail us telling us what you're planning on doing.

**BURMA TODAY**

## **COUNTY OUTLOOK**

Firstly I must congratulate all of the St George's Day Award recipients. With so many this year it shows how much effort has been put into Warwickshire Scouting over the years. I'm sure many more people deserve recognition, so keep the forms rolling in.

On the subject of St. George's Day, there were some fantastic events arranged around the County, so thank you to all of you involved with arranging them.

There are some photos on the County web site:

[www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk)

I would like to thank Mick Capon for his efforts as our Field Development Office and wish him well in his new job.

I am pleased to welcome Stephanie Ovens as our Regional Development Manager and, following an afternoon meeting with her, I am sure she and her team will be working with us on some exciting projects.

I was honoured to spend all day and evening on Saturday at 2nd Warwick Sea Scout's Royal Navy inspection by Lieutenant Commander David Griffiths. This was dovetailed into an activity day for the whole group.

Again there were lots of smiling young faces enjoying themselves with adults giving up their free time to help make the day successful.

I am pleased to say they passed with flying colours and David presented the Endurance Explorer Scout Group with a penguin mascot and part of a fossilised tree that was given to him when he was serving on HMS Endurance in the Antarctic.

The electric power penguin was seen sporting a new 2nd Warwick knecker at the evening social but personally I'll be pleased when the batteries run out!!

Scouting 101 'Share in the Adventure' is just around the corner and I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

One thing we need to do is to welcome the new Group starting at Wellesbourne, after meeting some of the new Leaders, the future looks bright.

It is turning out to be another busy year but I hope you are having as much fun as I am.

*Dave Bramston County Commissioner*

The charity 'Send a Cow' is launching its 2008 'African Gardens Competition' to get young people growing their own vegetables using African-style techniques.

This great resource can be used by Cubs and Scouts towards various badges and it adds a global dimension to practical activities around growing plants and keeping healthy.

By using African garden designs, such as bag and keyhole gardens, young members can appreciate growing and eating their own produce - just like many children in African countries.

To add extra interest, Scouts can also enter their gardens into this year's competition, with a celebrity presentation at the Amateur Gardening Show.

There are lots of learning material online and advice on growing plants and organic methods, including videos, PowerPoints, animations and activities, all at [www.sendacow.org.uk/africagardens](http://www.sendacow.org.uk/africagardens)

'Send a Cow' offers Bag Garden Starter Kits at £9.99 that contains a Hessian sack, three pack of organic seeds, "how to" sheets, an official entry form, signs and lots of other goodies.

They can be ordered by calling 01225 874222 or downloading an order form from the website.

All the profits from the Bag Garden Kit sales go to the work of the charity.

### **HERTFORDSHIRE SCOUTS**

Hertfordshire Scouts operate a  
Motorglider at Cambridge Gliding Centre.  
Open to all over 10 years and under 100 kg.  
Come for the day with an Air Experience Flight  
For a weekend,  
or join our monthly 'glide to solo' course for  
over 14 years  
Further details from [www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk)

#### **Did you know?**

'Scouting for Boys' Baden-Powell's blueprint for the Scout Movement is the fourth most popular book of all time after The Bible, The Koran and Mao's little Red Book!

# Around the Sections.

## SCOUTING

### 'Through the Eyes' of a 16 year old.

I joined the Scout Movement at the age of fourteen after leaving Guides.

It has changed my life dramatically ever since I had a conversation with a friend shouting "Fancy coming to South Africa with me and Tom for three weeks"

Put so nicely, how could I refuse?

Spending time doing community work with-in a South African school was a huge shock after meeting private school children, playing football with them was a bit of a disappointment as there were 11 of them who stayed on the pitch all of the time whilst there was 27 of us constantly substituting each other - we still lost 2-0! Returning home was an upsetting experience as I was leaving many amazing friends and a place that I had began to love.

However, shortly after I was helping with Jamboree presentations around the County giving my experiences on fundraising to prospective Jamboree contingent candidates. I was lucky to be chosen to attend the Jamboree as part of the Warwickshire Bears contingent and I was also given the position of Patrol Leader. This taught me many things and although some of the older people in my patrol were reluctant at first we worked really well as a team.

I also had an amazing time at Sunrise Day, it was also my 16th Birthday which may it an extra special day. The food we ate wasn't too bad either.

I am now a young Leader at 1st Heathcote Cubs and I love it. Scouting is just amazing and my Scout and Proud hoodie just says it all

### Poem from a Cub.

1st Bulkington Cub pack have recently completed the requirements for the Creative Challenge Award.

Owing to illness, Mitchell, did not complete the award with the rest of the pack and was asked to write something or a poem about Cubs.

This is Mitchell's Poem;

Printed as written

**I am proud to be a cub  
each week I pay my subs  
my uniform is green and blue  
and a yellow and red necker too  
we get to go to different places  
and we learn lots of new things  
we are rewarded with badges  
a cub don't need no bling!  
when we march in the parade  
people watch and wave us good bye  
I feel so proud when I'm marching  
and hold my head up high**

Thank you Mitchell for sharing with us all an excellent poem.

## CUB SCOUTS

The last two months have been extremely active for Cubs with many camps and activities taking place. From those that I have attended and feed back it would seem that Cubs are really enjoying themselves. My sincere thanks to all those Leaders and helpers who give up their time to make these events possible.

Congratulations to the teams from 1st Bulkington and 1st Shottery who whilst not able to prevent the Brownies from winning the Annual Road Safety Quiz organized by Warwickshire County Council came second and third respectively. Again it would be nice to see more packs taking part in this event as we are being outnumbered by the Brownies.

Warwickshire County Council have produced a booklet entitled 'Road Safety Fun and Facts' to promote road safety in your packs. I will arrange for a copy of this to be made available to each pack through your ADC Cubs. Please note that the booklet contains details of how to enter next year's competition.

The County General Knowledge quiz held in April at Stoneleigh with nine teams representing 5 Districts taking part. After a closely fought contest the winners were a team from Rugby most of who had travelled direct from camp to take part. This is the second year that this team have been the winners and I wonder if they will make it third time lucky next year. Again many thanks to everyone who contributed to make this a successful event.

The new Cub programme was launched in February and I wonder how many packs are using this. I would appreciate your comments as to how good or bad this programme is.

I trust that you will be visiting SCOUTING 101 which is being held on Sunday 22nd June at Ragley Hall. This promises to be an exciting event with lots of activities.

The next ACC/ADC's meeting will be on 24th June at 7th Warwick HQ commencing at 8.30p.m. This meeting is being held to finalise arrangements for

### BANNERS from HQ

Headquarters have still got some of the Sainsbury's banners available. They are £50 per set and come with 400 'Want to Join' leaflets.

If any Group or District is interested please contact the Information Centre. They are the same banners used for the Sainsbury's week but are good for any occasion, Groups have even used them in Tesco's you just leave the last couple if inches hidden!

*Stephanie Ovens (Regional Development Manager)*

# Around the Sections

## BEAVER SCOUTS

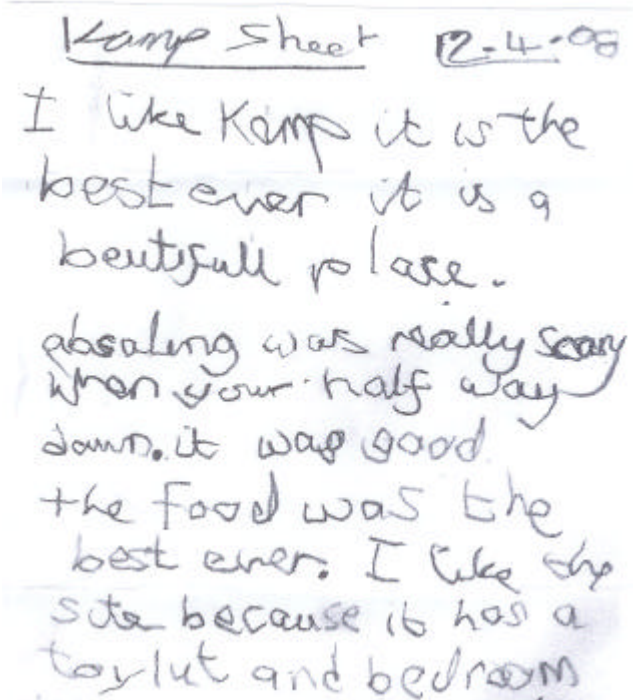
### Atherstone District 1st Wood End Beaver Scouts

On Saturday 12th April the Beaver Scouts went to Broadwater for their 24 hours Sleepover Camp, the theme was 'The Pirates and Princess' of Broadwater.

There are quite a few 6 years of age so it was the first time away from home for the majority of the Beavers.

The highlight of the camp was the bedrooms, the children were delighted with the bunk beds, sleeping bags and their friends, all that was closely followed by the abseiling, cliff wall, archery, go-karts and the assault course. The weather wasn't the best but this didn't dampen any spirits. There was lots of craft, lots of playing out, lots of mud and muck and a colony full of happy children.

MOLLY aged 6 years.



Kamp Sheet 12-4-08  
I like Kamp it is the best ever it is a beautiful place.  
abseiling was really scary when you're half way down, it was good.  
the food was the best ever. I like the site because it has a toilet and bedroom

ELLIOTS OWN WORDS aged 6 years

## AROUND ATHERSTONE DISTRICT BEAVERS

2ND Sheepy re-opened the Beaver Scouts after it being closed for nearly 5 years, the new Beaver Leader is Kerry Gaby and we all wish her well.

On Sunday 6th July there will be an Atherstone District Beaver Scouts 6-a-side afternoon.

John Gunn, the Beaver Scout Leader at Warton has just completed running again in the London Marathon - good on ya!

*Gail Clarke (ADC Atherstone District)*

## CUB SCOUTS

The 12th Rugby (Christ Church) Brownsover Cub Pack were the winners of the Cubs County Quiz on Sunday 13th April. The quiz was held at the J Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Showground, and was well attended. The 12th Rugby won by one point, and this was the second year running they had taken the trophy! It had been a particularly difficult afternoon for four of the team, as they had been on a hike and camp at Coton Campsite, hiking from Brownsover to Coton on Friday, camping for two nights, and then hiking back on the Sunday morning! After a very quick turn around, where they had time for a shower (thank goodness!!) and some lunch, they were on their way to Stoneleigh.

After a bit of a shaky start, they got into gear and settled down. They did not expect to win, so were jubilant when it was announced that they had!

*Richard Majek (GSL 12th Rugby Brownsover Scout Group)*

The winning team with Tony Freason

## WAGS 2009

We are now starting to plan for WAGS 2009. The auditions for Scouts, Guides, Explorer Scouts, Ranger Guides and Leader will be on Sunday 28th September - keep an eye on the website for more details.

We will be doing a base at Scouting 101 'Share the Adventure' Hope to see you all then.

*Nigel Hailey (WAGS Producer)*

## **OLYMPIC SCOUT WEEKEND**

Held at Broadwater Camp Site 18—20 April.

Having just returned from Broadwater Olympic Scout weekend I felt I had to write and say what a superb weekend it was allowing for the weather (cold, wet, etc) a typical summer weekend really. The activities 21 in all, kept all Scouts fully occupied some of our younger Scouts taking part in things they had only seen in books.

To see the look on their faces reminds me of why I am a Scout Leader it was a pity there were not more Scouts there but hey that left more food for us talking of which we have been to many scout and professional run camp sites and none and I mean none could hold a touch to the kitchen staff at Broadwater, the food was incredible.

So to finish can I say on behalf of all my Scouts and my wife WELL DONE, Oggey, Jason (activities), Tony and all the staff, a special thanks to the Ladies in the kitchen.

p.s. I suppose a thank you to that OLD gentleman who wandered around the camp all weekend is in order. (Thanks Les)

*Roger and Jane Smith 1st Salter Street Scouts.*

## **INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING**

### International Opportunities.

The HQ-produced list of International Camps in the UK and overseas in 2008,2009 and beyond is now available under the 'International' activity pages on the County web site. If you require further information or advice on organising an international visit then please let me know.

### Visits Abroad

We appear to have a record number of members camping overseas this summer, this is fantastic news. If you are planning an overseas visit, may I remind you that the completed Travel Abroad (TA) form and supporting documentation must be submitted to me at least 2 months in advance of visits in Europe (6 months elsewhere). The same documentation is required for day visits. Please contact me as early as possible during the planning stage.

### Grant Support

Groups and individuals participating in International Scouting events overseas, or hosting foreign Scouts in Warwickshire, are strongly encouraged to apply for support from the County International Fund. Interaction with foreign Scouts is an essential requirement. Applications must be submitted at least 6 months before the event takes place. Additionally, the CJ Mullis and GT Wilson Memorial Fund offers support to young members from Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth Districts participating in overseas activities. Members should apply individually.

*Graham Martin (ACC International)*

## **PATHFINDER 2008**

The ultimate activity weekend with two nights of cracking entertainment and a choice of over 25 activities with expert instructors to teach you. Activities are based on and off site transport to off site activities is provided as part of your package.

Pathfinder is held at Kinver Campsite & Activity Centre, the official campsite for Hereford and Worcester Scout County.

Basic fee is £30 this includes all non high cost activities, evening entertainment and administration fees, there is NO onsite catering facilities but various shops etc within walking distance.

Closing date for booking is 28th June 2008.

Further information can be obtained by phoning 07010120505 or e-mail [pathfinder@kinvercamp.org.uk](mailto:pathfinder@kinvercamp.org.uk)

## **WORLD YOUTH FORUM & CONFERENCE**

You may have missed on the latest Headquarters news that we are looking for reps to the World Scout Youth Forum and Conference. This is an excellent opportunity for a young person to see how Scouting works at a World level.

If you know anyone that would be suitable could you pass the word. Information at the following web address <http://www.scouts.org.uk/ukdelegation/>

*Nigel Hailey*

## **MOTIV8**

### **Explorer and Network Camp 2008**

The next planning meeting will be held on 6th June at Castle Farm Scout & Guide Centre off Fishponds Road, Kenilworth. Time 7.30p.m. The main street in Kenilworth will still be closed, so make sure you give yourself extra time to negotiate the side streets.

## **Broadwater Campsite & Activity Centre**

### **No Kids Allowed Weekend (NKA)**

Calling all Section Leaders, Network Sections and anyone over the age of 18 involved in Scouting or Guiding. Ever thought what it would be like to have a camp without the distraction of having to look after your section. Well now is your opportunity!!

On 10th to 12th October, we will be holding a self catering fun pack weekend camp. We will even cater for your Saturday evening meal to give you more time to socialise and network.

### **All for only £15 per person.**

So don't miss what is promised to be a fantastic weekend of socialising, networking, swapping programme ideas, trying out activities and above all having FUN!

For more information or register your interest please visit the website at [www.broadwatersc.co.uk](http://www.broadwatersc.co.uk)