



Look wide



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District Commissioners Comments...

The time between writing Lookwide articles seems to get shorter, as the District remains very busy, with lots of activity involving lots of young people.

This last month we have had several Leaders embark on their formal training, something which the Scout Association requires that all Leaders do within three years of taking out a warrant. In conjunction with the Scout Association Wood Badge, Leaders are also able to get an OCN qualification in Providing Voluntary Youth Services. I look forward to presenting them with the Wood Badge in due course. Baden Powell himself decided on the Wood Badge - two small wooden log type symbols on a leather thong, worn around the neck, it is the symbol of a Leader who has completed the formal training required.

The Great North Scout Network (18 to 25 years) is in conversation with our Regional Development Officer, on how we are to progress this Section, if you know of anyone who is in this age range, and not in Scouting, get them to contact us and we will be delighted to let them know what Network are planning and where.

Coming Events:

November 14th - Pauline Armstrong trophy, to be held at St James and St Basils Church Hall. This is a collage competition for Beaver Scout Colonies, have you made your collage yet? If not speak with your Leader. This is the only District Beaver activity we have at present, the family of the late Pauline Armstrong come to judge, I look forward to seeing all the entries. The theme this year is Jungle.

November 21st - Scout Section 5-a-side, at Scotswood Sports Centre, 7.00pm until 10.00pm. To enter please contact Brian Smith (Sea Scout Leader at Central Gosforth) on gosforthseascouts@btinternet.com.

November 22nd - Northumberland Moot, to be held in St Mary's RC School, Benton Park Road. Book in by contacting County Office, info@northumberlandscouts.org.uk. This day is for all adults, uniformed and non uniformed who are interested in knowing what is being planned for Northumberland County, they are specially looking at Moving In Moving On, (moving from one Section to another).

QUIZ

When Baden Powell decided upon the design of the Wood Badge, he used part of a ceremonial necklace that was given to him by _____?

Please send your answers to me, remember to give your name, which Group and what Section you are in.

Winners names will be drawn and prizes given (one for each Section) whilst we are having refreshments after the Carol Service.

Kath Tyson

District Carol Service

4pm on Sunday 7th December 2008

St Charles RC Church
Church Road
South Gosforth

Refreshments afterwards.

All Welcome!

Round

Kingston Park Scout Group

Chief Scout Award's Presentations At The Lookwide Cairn, Northumberland - 18/10/2008.

We travelled to the Cairn along the A69 in lukewarm sunshine. As we arrived at the footpath to the Cairn it started to rain quite heavily. We were greeted by the Scout Association and Northumberland County flags showing us the way. As we got nearer to the Cairn there were numerous Chief Scout Awards notices for Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, each giving a Scouts name and the reason they enjoyed being in their section.

We registered in a marquee and were asked if we minded having our photographs used for publicity. I don't think any parent(s) objected to this. The Newcastle Scout Fellowship was there in force providing tea, coffee or soft drinks and biscuits. The Northumberland first aid team was also there running a stall. It then started pouring with rain again.

The presentations were getting nearer and the rain came down heavier. We made our way to the Cairn, sheltering under some tarpaulins on the way. The recipients started to get sorted into groups of Bronze and Silver Awards. The County Commissioner, Gwyn McKenzie, started the proceedings by unveiling a new plaque on the Cairn with the help of Beaver Scouts from Brunton Park to commemorate its 100 years.

David McKenzie, County Training Manager, started to take photographs of this and the sun came out (must mean something). After the Bronze Awards received their certificates it

was the turn of the Silver Awards. Each persons name was read out by Helen Denton, ACC Cub Scouts, and was photographed as they received their certificate from Gwyn.



In all, the parents and children agreed it had been a great day out.

The Gold, Platinum and Diamond presentations were being held in the afternoon.

Stephen Duck



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Gosforth Sea Scouts

Sage Gateshead Visit - 24th October 2008

Gosforth Sea Scouts continued their 'cultural' programme recently with a fantastic visit to the Sage Gateshead. This was as part of both the Creative and Northumberland Challenge badges. We were greeted in the main concourse and taken down to the education centre where our host for the evening, Darren, gave us a fascinating presentation about the history, planning and construction of the Sage. He then led us on a tour of the building visiting all the main performance spaces. We were also privileged to watch one of the Steinway grand pianos being tuned in preparation for the evening's performance.

The tour was followed by a music workshop during which we all learnt to 'play' the Northumbrian smallpipes.



The workshop was led by the renowned piper, local piper Paul Knox who often plays with Kathryn Tickell. By the end of the night we could all make a noise...but I'm not sure if you would call it music. Paul however was excellent. It's not easy teaching 20 complete novices but he managed to make it educational and fun at the same time.

Many thanks to Darren, Paul and also Marie who organised the visit. We all had an excellent evening.

Brian Smith



47th Newcastle Cubs and Scouts

We are fund raising for new tents. We have been helped on our way by a family quiz night, table top sale and a generous grant from the North Eastern Cooperative. A big thanks to the Cubs and Scouts for their efforts so far!

Also please pop along to see our display all about Cubs and what we get up to, in the Children's section at Fenham Library...we think it is pretty terrific!

Catherine Holliday

Event Update...

The participants in the Table Top Sale at the Silver Lonnen Scout Centre raised over £250 for their funds on Saturday 18th October 2008. It was great to see the Cubs and Scouts helping their Leaders run their stalls despite having the Football Table as a counter-attraction! Thanks to all who took part and to the Scout Fellowship who made all the arrangements.

Peter Short

And About

Don't Forget!
The deadline for articles for the December issue of Look Wide is the **30th November**

Explorer Events

Following the District Explorer Leaders meeting last month, here's a brief update on forthcoming activities;

- Moving In Moving On – Over the next couple of months the Unit Leaders and myself will be contacting Troops directly to meet and discuss Moving In Moving On between the District Troops and Units. We have 3 active Units across the District, always welcoming new Explorers.
- Indoor Climbing – Newcastle has a new indoor climbing centre which we are planning to visit. If you want to try it out then contact myself or Ian Morley for details.
- County 5-a-Side Competition. 5 December. Details from myself or Ian.
- Young Leader Training – If you require YL training then please contact me or Kath so that we can establish dates for running the training modules.
- County Explorer Scout Forum - The place to find out what is happening across The County and have your say. 19 January 19:00-21:00 Eversheds, Central Square, South Orchard Street, Newcastle, NE1 3XX
- Frosty Camp – Moor House, Durham. A winter activity camp 13 / 15 February.
- District Explorer and Scout event planned for 14 / 15 March. With details to follow this will be an activity weekend held in Kielder Forest. *Andy Castling (DESC)*

Don't forget the following events taking place in the next few weeks....

NOVEMBER

- 14th Pauline Armstrong Trophy (District Beaver Scouts Collage Competition and Games night), at the 82nd Newcastle **5.45 to 6.45**, (not 6.15 to 7.15 as stated last month).
- 18th District Executive at House on the Hill
- 21st Scout 5 A Side—Scotswood Sports Centre, 7.00pm
- 22nd County Moot, St Marys School, Benton Park Road. All Adults welcome, theme Moving In Moving On.
- 30th All District Challenges for the Cub Scout Section should be handed to Sarah for judging, trophy presented at the Carol Service on the 7th (One entry per Pack)

DECEMBER

- 7th District Carol Service at St Charles RC Church, Gosforth. 4.00pm all welcome
- 15th County Carol Service, St Andrews, Newcastle upon Tyne

And Finally...

With the clocks having gone back and the cold dark days taking over, the winter brings a whole host of new adventures and activities that can be done in Scouting. Personally I always found Wide Games were more fun in winter and I for one am currently keeping my fingers crossed for snow.

Please remember, if you would like further information on any articles, if you would like to receive Look Wide via E-mail or if you need additional copies for your section or any events you may be holding, please E-mail lookwide@talktalk.net.

Finally, just to remind everyone, this is the Great North newsletter and it is your input that makes it as good as it is. Please continue to send in your articles, however big or small, to lookwide@talktalk.net. I look forward reading the December editions articles. *John*

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Just For A Laugh
Why do birds fly South for the winter?
Because it's too far to walk!