

District Commissioners Comments...

CONGRATULATIONS from the whole District this month go to JOYCE PORTER who has been awarded the SILVER WOLF and PETER SHORT who has been awarded the SILVER ACORN in the St Georges Day Awards. The awards were presented by the Deputy Chief Scout, Peter Nicol. The Silver Wolf is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout, and is only awarded to those with a long and exceptionally special service to Scouting. Joyce is the Cub Scout Leader in Dinnington, although in her Scouting career she has held many roles, all of which she has carried out with enthusiasm. The Silver Acorn is again for special services to Scouting. Peter has served several Districts well in a non uniformed capacity, and is also Chair of the County Finance Committee.

Congratulations to Brunton Park Cub Scouts who won the County Cub Scout 5-a-side Competition, and Brunton Park Scouts who were runners up in the County Scout 5-a-side Competition.

Can I remind Leaders and interested Adults that they need to register with the County Web Site, then they will get County News and information regarding the relevant Section direct to their computer. The County will not be producing paper copies of County News from September.

The Cub Scout and Scout Sections are holding District Camps, different dates and venues. Information will be distributed soon. If as a parent you would like to join

either camp, then you will be most welcome (you must of course have a valid Scout Association Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure, if you have not I would like to encourage you to complete a form, please contact Bob bob.tyson@talktalk.net or Judy judypearson007@aol.com).

More details will soon be sent to the Groups/ Explorer Scout Units for the District Annual General Meeting (June 16th) and House on the Hill Open/Sports Day (June 20th), please put these dates in your diary. *Kath Tyson*



Round

Gosforth Explorer Scouts

For the last two months Gosforth Explorers have been preparing for Gold, Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, which took place over the first weekend of the Easter Holidays. Evening meeting activities have been based upon route planning, First Aid, Country Code and navigation, interspersed with some contact photography and rocketry evenings.

Two evenings were also spent putting the navigation skills they have gained into practice by completing sections of orienteering courses at Plessey Woods and Tyne Valley Country Park. Duke of Edinburgh participants have also been extending their skills section with indoor climbing at Newburn Leisure Centre. Skipper even completed his Blue Point ropes course which will enable more of us to use the bottom rope belay systems on our Wednesday evening climbing sessions.

Ian Morley

St George's Day

Thank you to all who attended, £160 was raised for Action for Children, which is the Westerhope Methodist Church children's charity.

Gosforth Sea Scouts

Comic Relief Night - On 13th March Gosforth Sea Scouts held a comic relief night. The red nose cakes were yummy, the games fun and Jacqueline and Henrietta (that's Jack and Henry in Drag!) what can I say! Finally Bob's awesome chocolate orange game, which must have made almost as much money as everything else put together. Anyway we made a grand total of £39.13. Well done!

Emergency Aid Badge - During February we spent three Friday evenings in North Shields benefiting from expert instruction on emergency aid by the County First Aid Team. As ever it was great to hold joint meetings with another troop and make new friends and see how other scouts do things. All those scouts who attended

achieved their Level 3 Emergency Aid Badge. We would like to say a huge thank-you to Lorraine and Eric Brown for making the sessions great fun as well as educational.

Brian Smith



Just For A Laugh

What do you call a big white bear with a hole in his middle?

A polo bear!

Don't Forget!

The deadline for articles for the June issue of Look Wide is the **30th May 2009**

Brunton Park Cub Pack

Hot off the press – Brunton Park Cubs (and Akela!) are thrilled because they have just won the County 5-a-side football competition which was played at the JJB Soccer Dome on Saturday 28th March. Congratulations to Gabriel Appleby-Rutter, Kane Appleby-Rutter, Thomas Cornell, Joe Hunter and Daniel Johnson for some excellent football



skills and sporting behaviour. They were well supported by a second team consisting of Anthony Blackwell, Manav Chopra, Jerry Durkan, Liam Kahn, Matthew Meyer and Ben Sawyer. Thanks also to the many parents who supported us and to Brian Steele for helping Akela at practices.

This term the Cubs have completed their Creative Challenge. They produced colourful IT work for their Northumberland calendar, devised interesting new games for the pack to play and made kites to fly – it has certainly been windy enough lately to try them out! They also brought in an amazing range of musical instruments to perform to the other Cubs, including: recorder, flute, tin whistle, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, keyboard, ukulele, violin and viola. Their confidence and skill were impressive.

Other activities have included making a card and peppermint creams for Mother's Day and hosting an entertaining family evening doing "Something funny for money" at which £280 was raised for Comic Relief. Several Cubs and one Scout swam a total of 191 lengths in the Rotary Club Swimathon, and have so far raised over £180, also for Comic Relief, with more sponsorship money still to come in.

Jackie Morley

1st Westerhope Cub Scouts

On Thursday 26th March 2009 1st Westerhope Cubs performed their panto "Aladdin" on stage at Westerhope Methodist to a 100 strong audience of family and friends of the unit. The Cubs were amazing, learning lines, making props and costumes since Christmas. As a result all 24 Cubs will receive their Entertainment badge. Well done Cubs!!

We also raised £87 for the group thanks to Debbie Owens and Carol Wetherell who ran a raffle/tombola during the interval.

We have also invested 3 new Cubs who have moved up from our Beavers.

Becky Boyd

And About

News From Chil

Congratulations to 82nd who won the Lillia cup quiz and thanks to all the other teams for making it a close run race and to 1st Westerhope for hosting the event. Also, congratulation to Brunton Park Cubs who won the County 5-a-side competition, and also to Brunton Park Scouts who were runners up in the Scout competition.

Thanks to 1st Westerhope for inviting me to your weekend away at Seahouses - I had fun and gladiators was a great theme.

Sarah Haswell

Kingston Park Cub Scouts

Kingston Park Cubs went tree planting at Kingston Park Green on Saturday 14 March 2009. They helped the City Council and the Friends of Kingston Park to plant about 100 trees.

Stephen Duck



Dates to Remember

May

Thursday 24th District Games Competition (Cubs) at 25th Newcastle (English Martyrs)

June

Tuesday 16th Annual General Meeting at the District Headquarters, House on the Hill, 19:30 start. All welcome.

Saturday 20th District Sports Day for all sections at House on the Hill

Saturday 20th Sanderson Flag (Cub County Competition)

26th-28th District Cub Camp at West Hall

September

Saturday 19th Challenge Day for Older Cubs

And Finally...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this months edition, we are a busy District with lots of things happening, so please continue to send in your articles so that we can let everyone know what has been happening in Great North. *John*