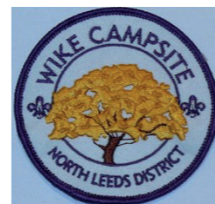


WIKE CAMPSITE



The major works on the entrance and car park to our ever popular District Campsite are now virtually complete—access in and out is vastly improved, now via “the top gate” only. The car park is much bigger and will make arrangements for all camps etc a lot better.



Work is now underway on an extensive refurbishment of the kitchen, to be followed by a new toilet block when funds are in place.

Can you help?

Demand from young people to benefit from Scouting continues to exceed what is available across the District. There is a shortage of available places, and areas of our North Leeds District which have no Scout Groups at all for the young people who live there.

There are, of course, several reasons why Scout Groups are full – but one of them is that there is a shortage of adult help; and North Leeds District has decided we can try to determine how, collectively, we can do something about it! And the first thing any potential new Scout Group will need are adult leaders!

Our area covered is one of contrasts – from fairly affluent areas, with plenty of resources available - to areas of few opportunities for young people. However, it is also an area with a large and diverse population, which is largely ‘untapped’ – and where the opportunity lies to recruit the desperately needed help!

Scouting can offer so many benefits to potential adult helpers as well:

- Help adults gain skills - both practical skills such as First Aid, and transferable skills like communication and leadership.
- Boost CVs – Employers love to see commitment of volunteers, and the skills adults can get through Scouting in areas such as management, administration and activities.
- Make new friends
- Change lives – making a difference to the local Community!
- Gain opportunities – camping, adventurous outdoor activities etc etc !
- **HAVE FUN!**

Even if you can help a bit, Scouting offers many flexible opportunities.

If you would like to have chat about the possibilities, email dgrindrod1@gmail.com

Or call David Grindrod (District Commissioner) 07831 636800

As part of a Community Challenge, we now have a special new badge for members in our Central Yorkshire County. Watch our for further details and plans.



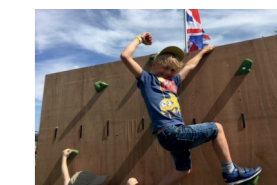
TV naturalist Scouting Ambassador and former cub Steve Backshall with members of our County Youth Team

NORTH LEEDS SCOUTING NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2017



North Leeds Scouts demolish 6000 meatballs at Challenge 17!



Not only was Challenge 17 a huge success, with over a third of all young people from Central Yorkshire attending, it also was very highly regarded and recommended by the many leaders, volunteers and young people that partook. From bouncy castles to laser tag, there was an exciting and challenging activity for all! Pictured above are some of the 650 from North Leeds who were there.

Challenge 17 ran from the 7th to the 9th July 2017. Each day, young people got the opportunity to have fun, challenge themselves and be adventurous in the activities they visited., ranging from a kayaking pool; holding over 64000 litres of water, to zipwires and water mazes! The feedback received was phenomenal! ‘Challenge 17 was fantastic’, ‘What an amazing camp...well done to you all!’. Not to mention the dedication and planning that the leaders and adult volunteers undertook throughout the camp, to ensure that everything ran smoothly and according to plan. Big well done to you all!



It was a great honour and experience to witness the majority of North Leeds District there, together and joining the fun that Challenge 17 had to offer. From the faces of hundreds of beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers from our District, I could certainly tell what a success this camp had been. Not to mention the electric environment that pulsed throughout the whole camp. With young people running frantically to see the live dancing or to get in line for their next desired activity. I can definitely say, the music throughout the weekend mirrored the excitement and enjoyment of every single person at Challenge 17! On behalf of the County Youth Team and everyone involved from the North Leeds district, thank you all for making this camp; fun, challenging and adventurous for everyone! Bring on Challenge 20! **Jacob Kirby - (District Rep on the County Youth Team)**



High Level Swiss Adventures

The 8th Staenwald and the 43rd Phoenix St Mary's Troops held a joint camp at Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland, in August. Planning, joint camps and hostel weekends, as well as fundraising had taken place for 18 months to ensure that a fantastic time was had by all! And we were very fortunate to



have good weather – the previous week had been awful! During the Camp, the Scouts climbed to the Daubensee (2200m), enjoyed a High Ropes Course at Interlaken, sunbathed on the top of the Niessen (2362m), played football with Scouts from Spain and Portugal, enjoyed a toboggan ride and then swam in the Oeschinensee (1578m), - and much, much more!

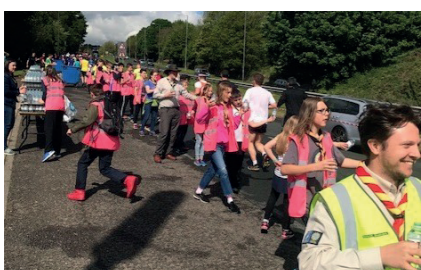
St Chad's Cubs Pokemon & History

Cubs had their cub camp under canvas as Phoenix Campsite in Morley. The Cubs enjoyed a "Pokeball" themed camp (a fusion of Pokemon and Football) whilst trying activities including air rifle shooting, axe throwing, crate stacking and archery. After celebrating one Cub's birthday on the Saturday evening and having Camp Fire, the Cubs had a Pokemon Go themed hike around Morley, discovering the town's heritage as part of the Morley Heritage Trail, catching the various Pokemon as they went around.



10000 bottles of water, 5000 runners, 5 Troops, 50 scouts and 2 drink stations

Scouts from the 1st, 7th, 8th, 10th St Eds and 16th all worked together to set up and man the first two drinks stations on the Leeds Half Marathon in May. Great fun was had by all the scouts and the runners were extremely grateful for the efforts, smiles cheers and words of encouragement given by all the scouts. We are already signed up again for next year, maybe 3 drinks



Brightening up the environment



Cubs from the 22nd North Leeds pack descended upon the Queenshill estate equipped with forks, spades and trowels, in a bid to give something back to the community. A balding patch of grass around the Housing Association notice board became the target for a Cub Scout makeover as the cubs transformed it into an array of colour. Leaders commented 'This provided an excellent opportunity for the cubs to help other people and do a good turn, which is part of the cub scout law'. It also helps brightens up the estate for the Queenshill residents. The cubs were all incredibly proud of the end result'.

Chief Scout Awards at 43rd Phoenix



At a glittering County Awards ceremony at the Royal Armouries, eight scouts all received the highest award for the scout section—a great accomplishment for the troop, reflecting a lot of effort and commitment.

Scout camp visit to the birthplace of Scouting

Twenty seven Scouts, Explorers and Leaders from the Falkoner Troop and Headingley Pirates ESU shared Summer Camp at Wilverley, the Southampton District site in the New Forest. Sadly, despite the masses of fallen timber lying around, fires were not permitted and all cooking had to be on gas. That meant pooling of resources with one Patrol cooking for two and the other Patrol washing up.

Activities during the camp included visits to Paulton's Theme Park (for the World of Peppa Pig!) and the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu (in pouring rain). There were hikes in the forest itself, several swimming trips, both to the sea water pool at Lymington and the beach at Christchurch and High Ropes activities at Hampshire County's Ferny Crofts camp site.

The highlight of the camp of course was a day on Brownsea Island, visiting the site of B-P's first experimental camp and exploring the island itself before finishing off with fish & chips on the harbourside at Poole.



Animal Encounters for St Matthew's Chapel Allerton Cubs

In September we went on camp to Sconce campsite near Baildon. The cubs all completed their naturalist badge. We went on a 6 mile hike with stops to make bug houses at Bracken Hall, have a ride on the Shipley Glen tramway, visit the park and we met lots of animals on the way!

On the second day there was grass sledging, mini beast hunting & a pioneering competition to build the tallest bird table. Everyone had a great time & went home shattered



The Six Dales Walk 2017

This years' walk was the 60th Anniversary. It was a beautiful day and the land was good for walking. 174 walkers began the walk, 93 juniors and 81 seniors.

There were eleven trophies presented this year

Barry Whiting of Falconer troop won the Peter Page trophy and a rucksack for being the youngest walker to get to Lofthouse (23 miles).

Thomas Leach, a member of the winning mixed team 13-19 won the Ribble Trophy, for the youngest scout in the age range 13 to 19 who walks the furthest. Well done to everyone who took part.

The team trophy winners are

Seniors :-

Female 13-19, Intrepid ESU XXTeam

Male 13-19 Nidd Intrepid ESU delinquents Team

Mixed 13-19 Swale Intrepid Moody Team

North Leeds GSAL Explorers Team A

Novice Central Yorkshire Hikers

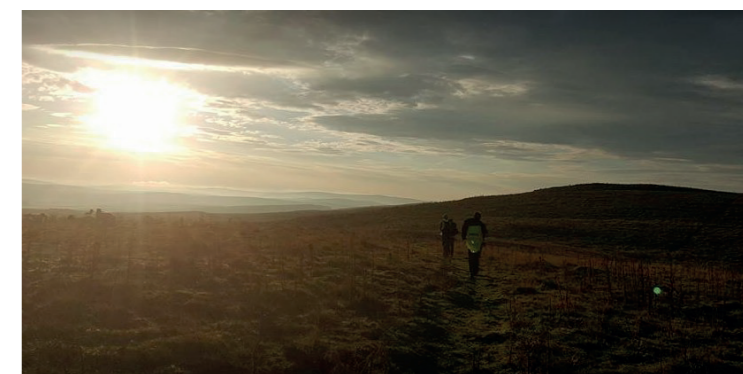
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Juniors:-

Novice Falkoner Scout Group

U 15 Aire trophy Blacksheep Explorers

U15 with Adults GSAL Scouts Team A



Chapeltown Group

Sponsor a Donkey

After a walk through the Hollies to visit the Donkey Sanctuary, the group were inspired to raise funds at the school carnival to sponsor a donkey



York Excitement for

St Andrew's Beavers and Cubs

Beavers and Cubs from 11th St Andrews enjoyed a camp / sleepover at Snowball Plantation near York. It was the sunniest, hottest weekend of the year and the Cubs had a bus trip to York and walked the full circuit of the City Walls with a picnic by the river. We also did archery, air rifle shooting, campfire, games galore! What a weekend



GSAL Explorers Alpine Expedition 2017

Hot on the heels of Scout Camp in Wales, 27 Explorer Scouts together with 6 Leaders spent an action packed 3 weeks in the Alps this Summer. At Kandersteg International Scout Centre Switzerland we camped with Scouts from around the World; we climbed the 2970m high Schilthorn (set for the 1970 James Bond movie "On Her Majesty's Secret Service") and took the train up through the Eiger to the Jungfrauoch and then walked across the upper section of the very impressive Aletsch Glacier to the remote 3629m Mönchsloch Hütte.

We then moved on to the Dolomites in Northern Italy and with valley temperatures of over 37°C, it was a relief to be walking at 3000m over the arid limestone massif of Piz Boe. We took a day out to Bolzano / Bozen visiting the home of the famous "Ätzi" – the "Ice Man".

The final leg of our tour took us to Neustift near Innsbruck in the Austrian Tyrol. Here we did white water rafting, canyoning, glacier walking, electronic bicycles, sightseeing in Salzburg and 3 days mountain hutting. The heat of Italy broke while here in dramatic thunderstorms. On one day having enjoyed a splendid alpine expedition to the top of the Schönbichlerhorn, we were nearly cut off by a flash flood following one of these storms, as the water swept down quickly over the steep rock and ice-covered mountain slopes and the last group had to cross the valley bridge ankle deep in swift flowing glacial outflow!

A trip of a lifetime, not only visiting wonderful Alpine locations, participating in exciting activities but mostly bonding us together as a team and developing lasting friendships.



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