

Six Dales Walk – 26th September

First a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped and took part. We had a fabulous day in the glorious Yorkshire Dales even if it was a bit wet first thing. Over 100 walkers turned out on the day. One team, The Intrepid Acorns, completed the full 42 miles in 12 hours and 12 mins, with GSAL Explorers Team A managing to get to the 40 mile checkpoint at Kirklington in a time of 13 hours. In the Junior Section three teams reached the finish line at Lofthouse completing 23 miles. These were: GSAL (9 hrs 44 mins); 6th Ripon Scouts (11 hrs 11 mins); and St Chad's Scouts team E, (11 hrs 4 mins). The youngest walker to Lofthouse was Orla Hunt of St Chads who won the Peter Page Trophy. Full results are on the website www.sixdales.co.uk.



Are you adventurous and up for the challenge next year. Give it a go on Sunday 24th September 2017. This will be the 60th Anniversary of the event and we are hoping to celebrate it in a big way. Walkers can gain invaluable experience, have a fantastic day of achievement and gain credit towards Scout badges whilst adults gain leadership experience. A leaders' taster day is being organised for Saturday 22nd April 2017 to familiarise with the route from Kilnsey to Lofthouse. This is a great opportunity for leaders with limited hill walking or Six Dales experience.

If you have or have no experience of the Six Dales Walk we'd welcome your feedback. Why aren't you taking part? What do we do well?

The Six Dales Walk has a Facebook group "Six Dales Friends" for staff, helpers and supporters of the walk – we've got a newsletter next edition due out soon. Please join us or contact by emailing: austinwilliamson@btinternet.com or apply via the Facebook link on www.sixdales.co.uk.



Scout Active Support

is a group for all adults who have a hand in supporting scouting, but don't have a leader role, whether in sections, groups or in the District. Adults will automatically be members, and receive info for example on events where help is required or



Giving the chance for young people to have their voice heard in scouting, including programme and activity planning and how their group is run. Contact our Youth Commissioner Tom Warburton via the District Office.

CHALLENGE 17

The main event of 2017 will be a County organised weekend camp at Bramham Park, (June 7-9) with a mega range of fun and action packed activities for thousands across Central Yorkshire County.

Most Groups in the District are going.... so hope to see you there!



North Leeds Scouting

Everyday Adventure

CAN YOU INSPIRE? Adult leaders and helpers required

We provide new adventures and experience of the outdoors to over 1100 young people in North Leeds, to help them reach their full potential. This is supported by a team of round 500 adults. But with growing waiting lists of youngsters wishing to join, we have a constant need for more help.

If you can help in any way, please contact:

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NORTH LEEDS SCOUTING NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2017



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CAMPING at our own North Leeds District Campsite



The 9 acre site, in two main levels above and below a wooded valley side, is a second home for many North Leeds Scout Groups, enabling a wide range of back-to-basics scouting activities.

There are plans to further develop the site, to support a wider range of adventures for our youngsters. As well as site and building improvements, an air-rifle range is underway

The 50th Anniversary badge shown above is now available; contact the District Office.



Over 150 North Leeds cubs helped pack the City Varieties for the final celebration of 100 years of cubs - a Promise Renewal carried out at the same time as cubs from across the country, followed by a Rock 'n Roll panto.

Cubs Christmas Promise Appeal
Cubs from around the District donated piles of food to be distributed by Leeds Lions to those in need



Yorkshire Challenge Badges are available to all members, including adults, in Yorkshire.



The BRONZE AWARD involves camping in 4 different months of the year, and completing 3 associated challenges. The SILVER AWARD involves another 4 nights and 5 challenges, and the GOLD AWARD camping every month of the year and 8 challenges.

Many of these badges are being given out in North Leeds - its a fantastic way to get camping!



Hikes Away Badges

Staged through all the age sections



GSAL Scout Field Day

On Sunday 16 October over 60 GSAL Scouts and Explorer Scouts took part in the annual "GSAL Scout Field Day" (an Incident Hike) on the slopes of Ilkley Moor. The weather, in typical Scouting fashion, started to pour down as we arrived and continued for the first couple of hours but thankfully brightened up into a warm and sunny afternoon. This did not deter the Scouts from having a good time. The APLs led their Patrols well around a 5 mile course visiting 11 bases enroute, while the Young Leader Explorers organised and led the varied bases. These involved a variety of activities including contaminated ground, stealth, water and blindfold sisal trails, music and lists quizzes, cooking, building and walking an A frame and the ever popular chocolate game. The Stag Patrol, led by APL Emily Wainwright and pictured here, won the day. Numerous sections of the Scout Training Programme were ticked off by participating in the activity but most importantly all had a most enjoyable day out doing active Scouting and also building teamwork and leadership skills.



BLACKHILLS CUB CAMP

Cubs from 11th St Andrew's spent two nights under canvas at Blackhills Campsite, near Bingley. Apart from a downpour on arrival, the weather was kind for the weekend; they explored the campsite, went on a walk to Goits Stock Falls, tried archery, air rifle shooting, crate stacking and bungee run. And of course, the obligatory camp fire with jokes and stories, a couple of late nights and early mornings. They were joined for the Saturday night by the Beaver Colony, who came for a sleepover and joined in many of the activities.



UNDERWATER CUBS

As part of their water activities badge the 7th St Matthew's cubs have been trying scuba diving. They had a great time learning about some of the skills needed & trying out some underwater acrobatics.



Cub gladiators at Bramhope Campsite



GROUP BADGE

22nd Hillel Group are issuing new Group badges to go on their neckers, renewing a tradition from the 1930's, when Phillip Glynn (who has recently been awarded his 50 years long service award), remembers wearing one.

"The Lion of Judah is the symbol of the Hebrew tribe of Judah. According to the Torah, the tribe consists of the descendants of Judah, the fourth son of Jacob and thus linked with the tribes of Israel."

Water Weekend

Explorers from five Units across the district spent the first weekend in October at Aldwark, the weather was unseasonably good - even sun. Saturday morning was spent learning how to paddle before heading down the River Ure in the rain. Saturday evening was spent getting warm and taking part in team building games in the Mill. Sunday morning was raft building before more paddling and even some sailing. Everyone had a fantastic



On **Remembrance Day**, the 11th St Andrew's Cubs took a key role in the Service at church; several of the Cubs had researched back through family history, and shared stories back to great, great grandparents fighting in the First World War through to stories of the Armed Forces role as peacekeepers protecting civilians during more recent conflicts. They also explored and told the story of *The Barnbow Lassies*, who worked at a munitions factory in Crossgates, Leeds and where an explosion resulted in the largest single loss of life in Leeds during the war, but the story was kept quiet for many years



Local Knowledge Badge

Helping hand

Explorers from the Goonies Explorer Scout Unit have been lending a helping hand to the Immaculate Heart of Mary School by taking part in their Make a Difference Days which together with school parents aim to improve the school grounds. So far explorers have been painting fences around the playground, but we have more jobs lined up after winter. This is to be the beginning of regular community service.



97% OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAID IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF SCOUTING

#amillionhands



SLEEPOVER AT THE DEEP

In October 122 young people and 24 leaders and parents from 9th and 10th North Leeds had the experience of a life time, sleeping over at The Deep! The children enjoyed exclusive use of the Deep, with a 2 hour tour, including touching star fish and sea urchins, followed by a well needed supper, then make badges, keyrings and T-shirts with a sea theme. The children slept (!) in their groups (like sardines!) alongside various fish tanks. Lights out was at 10.15pm, though sleep followed a long time afterward, after many many trips to the toilet, and shushing by the leaders!



Morning came very soon, at 6.15am. The children who were so reluctant to go to sleep were now reluctant to wake up. There was a quick look at the penguins (they are sooo cute), a nice breakfast and a visit to the gift shop before returning to Leeds on the coaches for 9.30am, with many excited, smiling children.

The best thing was being awake at 3am in the morning in the Deep, with all these children asleep (yes finally asleep) like sardines, and getting to know some leaders and parents better. One thing noticed is that fish never seem to sleep, they just kept swimming around and around all night long. The Deep staff are worth a mention as they helped make sure the whole thing ran smoothly.



FIREWORKS AT SLEEPOVER

In November 7th St Matthew's cubs had a sleepover at Wike campsite. There was a firework based wide game followed by a firework display, singing around the campfire, dough twists cooked on the fire by the cubs and then even more games outside in the dark before it was time for pizza, hot chocolate & bed!