

# Fabulous Jamboree for the Yorkshire Puddings

From our Jamboree reporter, Matthew Simpson:

This summer I was one of nine North Leeds Scouts attending the World Scout Jamboree in North America with the Unit 28 'The Yorkshire Puddings' of the UK contingent. As part of the trip we went to New York – for a city visit; West Virginia – for the main camp; Washington DC for another city visit and to Toronto – for our HoHo (Home and Hospitality).

41 of us (5 adults, 36 young people) set off from Manchester airport on the 20<sup>th</sup> July to New York. –there we stayed in universities and went around the city looking at its famous sites.



We then travelled to the actual Jamboree to join 45,000 people, making it the second largest city in West Virginia for 12 days. On the site there were lots of extreme sports: mountain biking, climbing and SCUBA diving and the world's longest combined ziplines. There were also lots of workshops such as: The Global Development village with people, planet, prosperity and peace activities; Brownsea Island, named after where scouts were founded; World Point where you could find out about the culture from different countries and find out about previous jamborees. On top of all that there was an area dedicated to different beliefs and foods from around the world. Bear Grylls abseiled in and gave a talk about how influential the Scouts can be.

After the main jamboree we went to Washington DC and stayed at Maryland University. All 4000 UK scouts went to a baseball game. We also had time to explore the historic sites and memorials as well as going to look at The White House.

A stay in Toronto for our Ho-Ho and a visit to Niagara Falls was a fabulous end. We arrived back in the UK exhausted but with bags full of stuff from different countries and a memory full of Scouting experiences.



## #Skills for Life

The benefits that Scouting offers to young people as they develop skills which they can take with them through life, are fantastic. With over 1200 young people enjoying Scouting in our North Leeds District, supported by over 450 adult volunteers the demand for places continues to grow. We are working to



create more opportunities for Scouting locally, especially in areas which haven't had the provision in recent years. Please see how you can help on our back page!  
**David Grindrod**  
DC North Leeds



# 20 Queen's Scout Awards achieved



Explorer Scouts at The Grammar School at Leeds (GSAL) have enjoyed a record-breaking year, with an unprecedented 20 Explorer Scouts earning the highest award possible for a member of the Scout movement.

The Queen's Scout Award recognises exceptional achievement. To earn it an Explorer Scout must have completed projects in the spheres of community, values and international friendship, developed skills, undertaken challenging activities (GSAL held an expedition in the Brecon Beacons) and volunteering

All 20 of GSAL's new Queen's Scouts travelled to Windsor Castle in April for a special day of celebration and achievement for scouts and adult award holders nationwide. The event included a parade by the Queen's Scouts and a service in St George's Chapel.

In attendance were HRH Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, representing the royal family, the Chief Scout Bear Grylls and the UK Chief Commissioner Tim Kidd.

The Queen's Scouts received their certificates from the County Commissioner at the Scout Group's AGM.

## Artwork in the Woods

The 26<sup>th</sup> NL Cubs have been having an excellent time completing the Local Knowledge badge, have created a map of services in their area, so many and so diverse from Car Club parking areas to allotments and defibrillators. The warm, light nights have meant they explored great places in Meanwood; pop along to the woods to spot their artwork.



## Eid Fair

Salam scouts entertained many friends and visitors at Bramhope Campsite in August, with a wide range of activities as well as fund raising to help with their development growth plans.



## Traditional camping

30th North Leeds Falconer Scout Troop enjoyed a successful four day traditional greenfield camping at a farm near West Tanfield in North Yorkshire. The Scouts enjoyed some traditional camp activities such as fire lighting, cooking on open fires, learning/practicing to chop wood safely as well as wide games and a lovely hike to Masham where the sweet and ice cream shop did a roaring trade!



## Mixing fun with business

At 7th St Matthew's their group AGM evening was started with a family fun challenge of building the highest balloon tower.



Much fun was had disposing of the balloons afterwards.

## Enjoying cubs whilst at school

It's a different way of being a cub, but at Hillcrest School in Chapeltown all 60 youngsters in one year group have been cubs for the year, meeting during school time on a Friday afternoon. They've had a great year, lots of fun and different activities, led by their form teachers Sam and Connor. Here they all are, making the scout sign for the first time at their investiture. A second year group are planned to be joining this year



## Rubbish and Cubs

St Edmunds Gold Pack Cubs visited the Veolia recycling plant and had an amazing time to tie into their work for World Challenge, Environmental Conservation and Global Issues badges. The team at the plant were amazing, friendly and engaging, allowing the cubs to get a very good understanding of how the plant works. We saw their huge living wall from the very top of the building, played games and had a mini tour. A couple of cubs even got to have a turn working the big grabber!





## North Leeds Holland trip

In July, 70 scouts and explorers flew off to our major ten day District camp to Baarn, in Holland.



During the week they took part in various train trips, including to Alkmaar cheese market, Zandaam open air museum and windmill and to Amsterdam, where they visited the Ann Frank House, and the Heineken Experience.



Activities included off-site award expeditions, cycling, sleeping in bivouacs, swimming and high ropes courses. Red Kite Explorers hosted the last evening celebration meal, followed by a traditional camp fire.



The trip was a great success, and event leader Max Illingworth (DDC Activities) praised the fantastic behaviour of all to make the camp the success it was.

## New Scout Groups Progress

In the last twelve months we have had two new Groups open, at Scotland Wood (Moor Allerton) and Little London, led by a development team which are funded by the Pears Foundation. Both are building up nicely, with plenty of youngsters, and more adults volunteering.



They had their first action packed camp, at Bramhope Campsite; a great adventure for the youngsters.



We also have new beaver, cub and scout sections opening at West Park, initially as part of the 16th Group, again going really well.

## SCOUTING GIVES YOU **SKILLS FOR LIFE**

We help young people and volunteers develop the practical, employability and character skills they need to succeed

### Packed up for life

When we were packing up for camp at the Parish Centre, an older gentleman came and said hello. He used to live in Leeds 50 years ago and was in 19th St Chad's Scouts. David Bolton was his scout leader. He was so pleased to see scouts, his old troop, were still active there and going on camp as he did, still cooking on fires etc. He came back half an hour later and gave us £200 towards camp and emotionally told me how much scouts had meant to him, helped him get into university, Sandhurst and has given him a love of the outdoors and the Lake District. I gave him a hug. What a fantastic start to camp. We sent him a memento from our camp.

Andy Wood -St Chad's Scout Leader

## Kirkstall Festival

An important annual publicity event for the 43rd Hawksworth Wood is their stall at the festival, when they are able to show the local community what they have been doing, and which helps raise funds for the many camps and events they run each year. This year, teddy bears were on offer



## Would you like to help?

Our volunteers empower thousands of young people to learn new skills, make new friends and feel good about themselves. Today, there are nearly 60,000 young people waiting to join us in the UK, including many in North Leeds.



That's where you come in.

You don't need to be Bear Grylls to join us.

You don't need to have been a Scout when you were younger.

You don't even need to know how to put up a tent.

Our door is open to people of all ages, genders, races and backgrounds, and we're only able to change lives because people like you lend a hand. We're talking about tea makers, tidyuppers and skill sharers. We're talking about supporters and first aiders.

We provide the training. You show up, get stuck in, and make memories for life. Volunteer today and help us prepare more young people with skills for life.

Just speak to any leader or drop an email to [dc@northleedsscouting.org](mailto:dc@northleedsscouting.org)

## More development progress at Wike Campsite

After a fantastic fundraising effort by our District Exec, led by Simon Bartle and John Lillywhite, the Wike Development team have been able to complete "phase 2", a brand new rebuilt kitchen, fit for catering for the next fifty years of Scouting adventure at Wike.



This follows the renewal of the car park and entrance last year, and we will shortly be embarking on the final phase, replacement of the toilet facilities.

The site means that all North Leeds Scouts have easy access to great camping areas in a wooded valley setting, perfect for adventures, on our doorstep.

## Award winners

Many congratulations to all the North Leeds beavers, cubs scouts and explorers who have achieved top awards this year, which were presented at the County Awards Day in September.



Also, to our Development DDC, Shamine Harding, who was presented with an "Above and Beyond" award, for her outstanding work in supporting the growth of Scouting in North Leeds.

## Help Raise Funds for the "Make It Happen Fund"

Since establishing the Fund last year, North Leeds District has been able to help young people from financially disadvantaged Groups in our District to join in Scouting activities and make use of the equipment purchased from donations. The District wants to ensure that we can continue this financial support in perpetuity.

Please sign up to #easyfundraising and help us raise FREE funds for North Leeds Scouts - Make it Happen Fund when you're doing your everyday shopping online. **THIS IS FREE MONEY FOR US!** Plus, when you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!

This short video explains how simple it is and it doesn't cost you anything: <http://efraising.org/i1JZSJE8jh>.

Sign-up using our unique link and search for North Leeds Scouts - Make it Happen Fund:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nlsmakeithappenfund/?invite=ULZ8Y1&referral-campaign=c2s>

We have also registered directly with "Amazon.smile" and you can donate funds to North Leeds District Scout Council by registering at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1085203-0>

For more information on how you could help to raise funds for this great cause, and help members of Scouting across the District take part in activities they might otherwise miss out on.

Please sign up now and encourage friends and relatives to support the **North Leeds Scouts Make It Happen Fund.**

Thank you for your support, it makes a big difference.

