

NORTH LEEDS SCOUTING NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016



PACKMANIA



A fantastic celebration of 100 years of cubs was held over a sunny four days at half term, with North Leeds cubs joining thousands from the region at Hesley Wood near Sheffield. With over 130 activities, a free fun fair, circus and a world

record breaking birthday candle blow out, it was a mega-fun time for everyone. A highlight was everyone being painted multi-coloured in a carnival parade.



QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARDS

North Leeds have been proud to recognise 17 members who have reached the top, in terms of their Scouting, by gaining this prestigious award. For the rest of their lives they will be proud to say that they were a "Queen's Scout". One of the privileges is being able to attend a day at Windsor Castle, and North Leeds had a good representation there.



BOXES FOR THE HOMELESS



As part of their Community Badge, cubs from Leeds Grand Mosque Group helped the In-Touch Foundation to address the plight of the homeless in Leeds by creating Homeless boxes. They had to imagine waking up with nothing, and the importance of charity in their belief. They created lists of items to put in the boxes (eg energy bars,

warm socks, tinned food, teddy bear, a pillow) and then found ways of fundraising to buy them – activities included family and friends football, sponsored silence (incredibly challenging for some!) and chores around the house. They designed the boxes and wrote personal messages on them.



WORLD'S OLDEST JEWISH SCOUT GROUP'S BIG NEW MOVE

With proud roots going back to 1909, the 22nd Hillel Group have had a long and successful use of premises on Fir Tree Lane at Moortown. In September 2015, after some years of discussion, they have finally moved into the Brodetsky Hall on the 'Henry Cohen School Campus'. They have also been lucky to have had a large log cabin donated, on a woodland walk on the site as an outdoor activity

base and equipment store. Their GSL, David Benedict says "Its a super space, in a clean and secure environment and our young people and their leaders love it. 'Job done' as we used to say in 'bob a job week' so now lets crack on with the Scouting!"



SPONSORED WALK

The 8th Staenwald Troop and the 43rd Phoenix St Mary's Troop combined to take part in a sponsored walk from Five Rise Locks near Bingley to Kirkstall Abbey to raise funds for the joint camp in Kandersteg in 2017. The weather was kind, and despite aches, strains, blisters and every other possible ailment, the party of some 27 people completed the walk before the ice cream van had gone home!

DREAMING OF SHARKS

Beavers from 19th had their first night away at Scarborough Sea Life Centre in February sleeping beneath shark infested water. All survived the experience and are looking forward to their next adventure.

CHIP SHOP CHALLENGE

Whilst leaders from across North Leeds held their recent successful All leader Meeting at St Chad's, scouts from 19th completed the Headingley Chip Shop Challenge and voted the Fisherman's Wife the best chip shop for chips Headingley.



NARROW BOAT WEEKEND



The 43rd Troop spent a weekend on Jubilee Venture, a narrow boat owned and maintained by Wakefield District. The Scouts all had the opportunity to steer the boat, and to operate the locks. The route to Brighouse involves a mixture of canal and open river, so conditions

vary quite a lot. The overnight stop was close to the M62, the girls staying on board, the boys camping, and on Sunday, Isaac was invested under the M62. A great weekend – very tiring (we were all in bed by 10pm on the Saturday!) – and nobody fell in!



A MILLION HANDS - DEMENTIA

19th St Chad's Cubs had an evening on dementia as part of A Millions Hands - Gwen and Bernie, from the Alzheimer's Society, came to talk about the issues faced by people and their families affected by dementia. Following an interactive discussion about Dementia Friends and how to support those with Alzheimer's/ Dementia, the Cubs learnt that those suffering with Dementia need people to help them to be self-sufficient, rather than people to do things for them, for example, easy tasks such as labelling cupboards so the person can find where they put various things.

A MILLION HANDS

BEAVERS IN POLICE STATION RAID

As part of the "My World" challenge badge St Matthews Beavers visited Chapel Allerton Police Station and got the chance to experience being an officer, trying on the uniforms and handcuffs, and being locked in a police van!

We are pleased to say that all were law abiding Beavers, and perhaps Police Officers of tomorrow.



BOLTON ABBEY STEAM TRAIN

Chapelton cubs and beavers had a full turn out for great and sunny day out - a ride on the steam train and then their first ever "Hikes Away" walk though to Bolton Abbey and back. Highly recommended! www.embsaybolton-abbeyrailway.org.uk/

SILVER ACORNS

This is one of the highest adult awards, recognising service well above the normal. North Leeds were greatly honoured with four leaders receiving this – Christine Andrews, Gill Malpass, Carol Milburn and Ted Fairfax, as well as Alan Naylor receiving the next level up – the Bar to the Silver Acorn. A fantastic achievement, reflecting many decades of exceptional service.



HIGH STREET SPECTACULAR



PATROL LEADER TRAINING

On a sparkling spring day in March, a group of 12 Leaders, Explorers and Scouts from the Grammar School at Leeds Group scaled the heights of High Street (2719') on the eastern edge of the Lake District. Patches of snow made the otherwise dry route a little more exciting to walk across but were too icy to safely make snowballs. The extensive views took in the Lakes, Pennines and Morecambe Bay. The 10 mile

route involved 3000 feet of ascent and took in 6 of the Lakeland "Wainwright" peaks. The Scouts and Explorers gained another hike away for their staged "Hikes Away" badge and some wonderful memories from the day out.



The Patrol Leaders of the 43rd North Leeds Scout Troop enjoyed a great weekend at Madge Hill near Pateley Bridge – a greenfield site with marvellous views to Brimham Rocks, and great facilities. Besides planning, the Scouts enjoyed just doing whatever they wanted! A heated debate took place in the evening on the motion that 'this house believes that bacon butties are better than eggy bread', which continued to breakfast the following day, and ended when a new topic had to be discussed – fried pork pie! The only downside of the weekend was that the minibus decided to pack up for good – some of the party went home by taxi, the rest on the low loader!

HALF MARATHON WATER STATION

"Its great fun but hard work and we get blisters opening the bottles, but the water fight at the end of the morning is always great fun". The 7th and 8th NL have been running the first water station for the half marathon on Stonegate Road for the last 5 years and every year gets better, with 8000 bottles of water and some great efforts from the scouts; the runners really appreciate seeing us ready and waiting

with bottles in hand. This is a very needed drink station after the worse climb on the route.



Every year we help over 1100 young people in North Leeds enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and the opportunity to reach their full potential.

And it's not just young people who can get in on the action. Working alongside our youth members are over 500 adult volunteers. To give more opportunities to our young people, and to provide scouting in all areas, we have a variety of roles available across North Leeds to fill.

Would you like the chance to make a real impact on the lives of young people?

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CAN YOU INSPIRE?

Adult leaders and helpers required

