

**Your Voice on Scouting in
Nottinghamshire**

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"50 Years on!"

At the Central Notts AGM held in September, Gordon Tunnicliffe and Howard Parker received their Chief Scout's 50 Year Long Service Decoration. Both are still actively involved in Scouting, Gordon is Treasurer of 1st Gedling, Howard is Chairman of 1st Redhill.

Next year they will both be attending 'Reunion 57' during which they will visit Sutton Park where the 1957 World Jamboree and Indaba Moot was held, also Gilwell Park and the 2007 World Jamboree being held in Essex.

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WANTED: WACKY RACES TEAM MEMBERS!!!

As you are all aware 2007 is the centenary celebration of scouting. To celebrate this we (Helen Peberday and Vicky Stanton) are co-coordinating the fun day to be held at Harvey Haddon Stadium on June 23rd 2007.

However, in order to make this event happen we are looking for volunteers to join the organising team. We are looking for 8-10 individuals who are able to contribute ideas and implement the grand plan (as yet its in the planning stage & all ideas are welcome!) Don't worry if you have never taken part in a big County event before - we'll help you through it.

If you would like to put yourself forward for the event or want to find out more before offering to get involved please give Vicky or myself a call on:

**0115 919 0446 or 07984 168472
or 0115 975 5702 or 07818 086 939**

To put your self forward as a team member, please do so prior to November 27th 2006.

We hope to hear from you.
Helen and Vicky

**Nottinghamshire County Scout Council
CALENDAR OF TRAINING 2007**

In addition to this schedule, arranged by the County Training Team, Getting Started modules (1 to 4) will be arranged by the Local Training Manager within their areas.

Module 10 (First Aid) will be organised by the County Activities Team.

Please note . . . The closing date for each module is 7 days prior to the first date of training.

Module 6 – the changes in scouting has been integrated into module 5 – fundamental values of scouting.

The Foundation Training Module is a residential weekend covering Modules 5,7,8,9,13 or 21,

The Management Training module is a residential weekend covering modules 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26.

Both the Foundation and Management Training Modules can only be attended as a whole unit.

The cost of attending modules is free to persons within the county, however where an overnight stay is required there is a fee of £15.00, which is to cover accommodation and food.

There is a fee of £10.00 for Module 25 to cover the cost of extensive booklets and paperwork.

Module Application forms can be obtained from Local Training Managers, Training Advisers, County Training Administrator or our website at www.training.nottinghamshire-scouts.com

RESULTS FOR COUNTY FOOTBALL

- 1st** 5th Carlton 9points
- Joint 2nd** 1st Trowell and 2nd Beeston
- Joint 3rd** 88th Nottm and 26th Mansfield

Well done to all involved RA

Hi there

Wonder if you can help? I am a Cub Scout Leader from Suffolk and have set myself a personal Centenary Challenge to set up a pen pal link with a leader (of whichever section) from each county of the UK to correspond, ideally by e-mail and share ideas and experiences.

It would be great if you were able to assist me with this and find a leader in your County who would like to correspond.

Many thanks. *Yours in Scouting* **Paul Daley** CSL 2nd Ipswich

MIDAS DRIVER AWARENESS TRAINING SCHEME

A scheme that has been designed to enhance minibus driving standards and promote the safer operation of minibuses

(NOTE – this is not a qualification for another category on a driving licence).

This course gives information and practical experience on:

- Legal Responsibilities of a Minibus Driver
- Health & Safety Awareness
- Accident & Emergency Procedures
- Personal Safety for Drivers
- Passenger Safety
- Child Passenger Safety
- Defensive Driving

Drivers who successfully complete the MiDAS assessment and training programme will receive a nationally recognised certificate valid for four years

(To qualify, a driver must attend and successfully complete one theory training session which includes a theory assessment as well as a practical session which will include a pre-assessment drive, driver training

where necessary and a final assessment drive.

Theory 1 :

Tuesday 24th October 2006

7pm – 10pm

Theory 2 :

Wednesday 25th October 2006

7pm – 10pm

Practical Session 1:

Saturday 28th October 9am – 1pm

Practical Session 2:

Saturday 28th October 1pm – 5pm

Practical Session 3:

Sunday 29th October 9am – 1pm

Practical Session 4:

Sunday 29th October 1pm – 5pm

(Maximum of 4 drivers per Practical Session) £30 each.

Booking Form available from Scout

Headquarters, please return to:

MiDAS Driver Training,
Nottinghamshire Scout Council, Unit
One, Trinity House, Robey Close,
Linby Nottingham NG15 8AA

Driving Licensing Requirements:
Over 21 years of age, hold a full
driving licence to drive a motor car for
at least two years.

Local Requirement: Not more than 6

penalty points currently held on driving licence

Please ensure that your eyesight currently meets the required standard for driving.

Limitspeed

The legislation is changing

with regards to minibus speed limits as from January 2007.

VOSA have released information that all 8+ seat minibuses manufactured between 2001-2004 must be speed limited to 62 MPH. Any vehicles not fitted by January will not pass an MOT test.

Limitspeed have been asked to contact the public sector organisations and are currently scheduling work between now and January to ensure their minibus fleets meet with the legislation.

We mainly offer systems for vehicles that can not be speed limited by the manufacturer.

Vehicles include: Citroen Relay, Peugeot Boxer, Fiat Ducato, Vauxhall Movano, Toyota Hi-Ace, Renault Master, LDV convoy, Ford Transit and more.

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Chief Scout's Bronze Award

The following Beaver Scouts have recently received their Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

1st Woodbeck Beaver Scouts

James Brogden

2nd Chilwell

Christopher Honeyfield-Thomas

1st Huthwaite

Joshua Geeves, Kyle Keeling, Sophie Howell, Jonathan Chandler, Jon Saxlby, Laura Horrobin, Aiden Brough, Matthew Maiden.

1st Hucknall

Lewis Humphreys, Jordan Fretwell, Tim Dobson, Joshua Hand, Kyle Bakewell, Liam Bagshaw, Ty Stevenson, Callum West.

5th Sutton

Alex Ainger, Joshua Hickling, Zac Billson, Bradley Jordan, Thomas Lee.

5th Hucknall

Charlie Finch, Thomas Housden, Jake Withers, George Ridgard, Peter Cable, Jacob Clarke, Alexander Dickenson, Samuel Poynton.



Chief Scout's Silver Award

1st Skegby

Ross Challands

1st Kirkby

Adem Ayhan

2nd Hucknall

Kyle Bradley, William Langston

1st Selston

Tom Swain, Samuel Harwood, Daniel Turner and Christopher Adams.

1st Huthwaite

Adam Bishop, Phoebe Brough, Mark Daffin, Alex Bonser, Dominic Coleman, Jack Roebuck.

1st Hucknall

Doninic Hudson, Charley Hames, Thomas Cable.

5th Hucknall

Daniel Bennison.

1st Selston

Jago Hoggard, Sam Swain, Lewis Ball, Roberts Adams.

3rd Kirkby

Shannon Poxon

3rd Hucknall

Stephenie Devine, Adam Treece, Connor Walford.

Chief Scout's Gold Award

1st Huthwaite

Jake Mayer, Joshua Coleman, Matthew Bonser, Adam Sargeant.

2nd Hucknall

Richard Bacon, Steven Smith, Robert Wildgoose.

On Saturday 21st October, Chief Scout Peter Duncan, awarded Queen's Scout Award Certificates signed by Her Majesty, The Queen, to Leaders, Scout Network members and a member of the Scout Fellowship from Mansfield District.

Recipients were: Louise Tucker, Paul Unwin, Jonathan Holland, Adam Hawley, Will Tucker, David Ching, Andrew Holland, Andrew Cree.

Chief Scout, Peter Duncan, was elated that there were so many Queen Scout Award recipients from one District. He thoroughly enjoyed talking to this group of young people and listened to the various exploits of each one of them. *All eight took part in the first Explorer Belt Expedition to Brazil in 2004 by Mansfield District.*

County Mad 2007

County Mad is coming back for another year!



NOT only will Scouting be 100 years old in 2007, but County Mad will be celebrating 10 years of 'madness.' We have loads of new games and challenges for next year, so come and take on last years champions to see if you can win the Mad Trophy.

Last year's Mad event was won by:

- * **Discovery Explorer Scouts (Senior Section)**
- * **2nd Attenborough Guides (Junior Section)**

As in previous years the event will be held at Walesby Scout Camp Site in March. Yes, it will no doubt be cold, wet and snowing but without this fun weather it just wouldn't be County Mad!!

The date for your diaries is: Saturday 3rd March, However, the most important date is: 17th February as this is your final date for sending in your application forms.

The number of team entries has again been set at 60! As a warning to all you leaders who leave the forms till the last minute, we turned away a number of teams last year due to over subscription.

For teams who entered County Mad 2006, next year's forms will be posted out to you during October 2006. We will of course ensure that forms are available on the website and within the Scout / Guide head offices. If you are not sure what County Mad is, check out some of the Photos on the web site: www.countymad.co.uk

The 2007 County Mad badge has now been selected. We are pleased to announce that the winner is: 2nd Attenborough Guides. Thank you to all who entered, as the designs were great. As in previous years all participants and base helpers will receive a badge at the end of the event. *The Mad Mob*

It's new!

It's a Challenge!

It's free to enter!

Are you ready for it?

Complete one challenge activity per month throughout 2007.

You may wear an awarded badge on your uniform shirt with pride.

Obtain your Record Card from your ESL from late November.

500 CLUB

Over the years this has been a very successful fund raising initiative.

However in the last two years the number of members has decreased. Therefore the Nottinghamshire Scouts Business and Community Trust have made the decision to discontinue this fund raising activity.

Thank you for your valued support. If you pay by standing order, please remember to cancel this.

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Winter Walking Weekends

These weekends are intended for both Scouts and Explorer Scouts and are for mixed ability groups with walking in the higher parts of North Wales and the Lake District. The cost includes all food, accommodation and supervision

Winter Walking Weekends £30

23-25 March 2007

Hafford, North Wales

Power Boat Courses

Over the year we have been working hard to establish 6th Newark Sea Scout Centre at Farndon as an approved centre for RYA Power boat courses.

The following courses are all run at Farndon by the County Team.

Level One Power Boat

This is the real basic entry level for those with no experience at all in Power Boats, for Scouts over 12 yrs, it also qualifies as the power coxswain badge

Level One Power Boat £20

10 & 11 April (one day courses)

Level Two Power Boat

Ideally for those with powerboat experience, for Explorers & Adults, two day course at Farndon, Newark

Level Two Power Boat £50

21 & 22 Feb, 3 & 4 April

Safety Boat

This is the next level up and is appropriate for those providing safety boat cover for water activities with a power boat. Pre requisite level 2 power boat.

Safety Boat £50

14 & 15 April (two day course)

First Response

First Response first aid course, a very basic course that is only valid within the Scout & Guide movements, this is module 10 of the Adult Leader Training Scheme

First Response £10

14 January, 31 March, 15 September, 25 November, all at Linby 9.30am – 2.30pm

First Response Refreshers

A refresher course of 2 hours that will allow you to renew your existing first response within the 3 year period.

First Response Refreshers £10

29 January, 8 March, 14 May 7.30pm at Linby other dates depending upon demand

Basic First Aid

First Aid Course, this is a first aid basic course that gives you a certificate in first aid that can be used outside of the movement

Basic First Aid £12 including manual

8 April, 2 June, 28 October

Advanced 16 Hour First Aid

A first aid course for those wanting 16 hours of first aid, needed for terrain two authorisations, level 3 coach canoeing courses, and ML assessments

Advanced First Aid £30

10 & 11 February

Bookings Enquires for availability of

exact dates should be made by phone 0115 9523617 or email to

office@nottinghamshire-scouts.com.

Booking Forms **MUST** be sent to:-

County Resource Centre, Trinity House, Unit One, Robey Close, Linby, Nottinghamshire, NG15 8AA

An acknowledgement and receipt of the booking will be provided by return.

Four weeks prior to the activity joining instructions and health forms will be sent out to participants or group leaders as appropriate.

CHEAP TICKETS for Tussauds Attractions

Alton Towers Child (4-11 years) £14.00
Adult (12 yrs & over) £20.00

Thorpe Park Child (4-11 years) £13.25
Adult (12 yrs & over) £20.00

Chessington World of Adventure
Child (4-11 years) £14.75 Adult (12 yrs & over) £22.70

(1 FULL PAYING ADULT—1 CHILD GOES FREE)

Madame Tussauds Child (5-15 years)
off peak £10.25 peak £10.50

Adult (16 years & over) off peak £13.50 peak £14.00

Madame Tussauds/Planetarium/

Chamber Live Child (5-15 years) off peak £11.50 peak £12.00 Adult (16 years & over) off peak £15.00 peak £15.50

Warwick Castle Child (4-16 years)
£7.00 Adult (17 years & over) £11.30

London Eye Flight Child (5-15 years)
£6.50 Adult (16 years & over) £13.00 (Under 5 years are free but still have to add on to voucher. Disabled carer goes free—one per paying disabled guest)

London Eye Cruise Child (5-15 years)
£5.00 Adult (16 years & over) £10.00

(Under 5 years are free but still have to add on to voucher. Disabled carer goes free—one per paying disabled guest)

Ring 0115 952 3617 for more



Girlguiding UK

Celebrating 100 years of Scouting and incorporating the Gang Show Dinner

A CELEBRATION DINNER

SATURDAY APRIL 28th 2007

At The Crowne Plaza Hotel
Wollaton St., Nottingham.

7:15p.m for 7:30p.m.

A fun night out with a full meal, cabaret and dancing till 2:00a.m.

Featuring:

Our favourite comedy duo to make you laugh your socks off:

'NIGHT and DAY'

Then dancing the night away with local duo:

"N-COMPASS"

Seats £28 per head. (Over 18's only)

To book your seats, please complete the form below, attach cheque and mail to: 'DINNER' Scout HQ, Unit 1, Robey Close, Linby, Nottingham, NG15 8AA. THIS IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED (over 100 booked in already!) Dress code Lounge Suit.

Please PRINT clearly, tear off and return with cheque.

NAME.....

Tel No.....

Address.....

Please book (Total number of seats required) for the above event and I enclose a cheque for £ (Full amount).

Cheques made payable to: 'NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SCOUTS'

For seating purposes the names of my guests are (max 10 per table)

Please indicate any dietary needs:

5TH MANSFIELD SEA SCOUTS SPANISH ADVENTURE

5th Mansfield Sea Scouts have recently been on their second annual trip to Spain.

The group visited the tiny mountain village of Sella in the Costa Blanca. Although only 20 miles from Benidorm, we could have been in a different country, or indeed an earlier, more simple period in time. The village is reached by a winding mountain road, with the last few miles becoming quite precipitous. Our accommodation was La Hort de Gloria, a traditional farm terraced into the mountain side. Although still a working organic farm, growing olives, almonds and fruit, the accommodation is to a high standard. Some rooms are en suite, and there is even a swimming pool fed from a mountain spring. We were looked after by a local family, South African Jonathan Neal & his Spanish wife Violetta. Interaction with Jonathan, Violetta & their children gave the group a useful insight into Spanish culture, well away from the tourist centres. Helping out at the Hort de Gloria were the WWOOFERS (world wide opportunities on organic farms), these were a group of 3 gap year students working in return for their keep.

Explorers and Scouts making the trip were; James Lowe, Edwin Lowe, Chris Stockton, Mat Fearne and Ben Williamson. Leading were; Trev & Cheryl Lowe, Mat Singleton & Neil Hallam.

The trip is primarily aimed at the Explorers, but we did take two Guides with us; Louisa Fearne, a member of St Johns Guides, who helps with our Beaver Colony. Helping with instruction was Jo Suter a Guide leader from Surrey who is a good friend of our group, and

accomplished climber. During the four day trip the Scouts built on skills learned during their Scouting careers. They spent two days rock climbing on the local limestone cliffs, developing their skills to a very high standard including the beginnings of lead climbing on bolted sport climbs.

A full day was spent on a 20 KM sea kayak expedition to Benidorm Island, a wildlife sanctuary out in the Mediterranean. Our guide for this trip was our host Jonathan Neal. We were in excellent hands as Jonathan is the current Spanish national champion at sea kayak racing.

The Scouts also walked up the local mountain of Puig Campagna, which at 1410 M high, towers over the coastline of Benidorm.

Both years trips were very successful, and of tremendous benefit to the Scouts personal development. We have firm plans to return again next autumn.

The trip entailed two days out of school, but all the schools recognised the educational & developmental benefits, and allowed the trip as part of the curriculum.

Flights are into Alicante which is served by many of the budget operators, and Sella is about 50 minutes drive from the airport.

We would thoroughly recommend a visit to any group, but would ask you to only take Scouts who will not let you down. These are our friends, and we want to keep going back.

You can view Jonathan's web site at www.aqua-ventura.com

Details on WWOOFING can be found at www.woof.org

17th December 2006

NEW AREA ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

At Walesby Forest Scout Campsite

All Groups are welcome to take part.

There will be prizes for individual entries and team prizes for the winning group in each category. A team will consist of 4 entries, but you are welcome to bring more.

Categories: Cubs, Brownies Primary schools, (recommend compete in pairs as one entry) Scouts, Guides, Years 7-9 Secondary (can compete in pairs as one entry) Explorers, Network, Senior Section Guides, Years 10-13 Secondary.

The event will start at 11.30am. Why not make a day of it and book other activities on the site for after lunch.

All courses will be designed to enable relative beginners to take part.

The latest orienteering electronic timing systems will be used.

There will be opportunities to take the team to practise at local club events before the competition. Check out the Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club web site for details. www.noc-uk.org

Cost £2.50 per person, includes Walesby day fee, full colour map for the competition and hire of electronic timing device.

Entry forms available downloaded from: www.noc-uk.org

Entries and fees must be paid by 1st December.

More details contact:

Pauline Olivant (DCSL West Bridgford) tel 0115 9872083.

[email p.olivant@btinternet.com](mailto:p.olivant@btinternet.com)



24th Nottingham (Cavendish)

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ideal location for every occasion from a
small group camp to a major event.

With locations such as Newstead Abbey,
Sherwood Forest and Rufford Park close by
there are plenty of things to do outdoors. The
Making it! Centre, Tales of Robin Hood and
White Post Farm Park provide great attrac-
tions for fun days out.

Robin Hood Campsite provides a range of
indoor accommodation for all groups, each
sleeping from seven to 24. We have five
main wooded camping areas and all the fac-
ilities you would expect to make your stay
as enjoyable as possible.

If you are planning a group camp the
whole site is available for your exclusive
use, at great rates.

We have an experienced team who can
help you plan to get the best out of Robin
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*For further information please contact the
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Robin Hood Campsite, Ricketts Lane, Blidworth,
Nottinghamshire NG21 0NF

www.robinhoodcampsite.co.uk

info@robinhoodcampsite.co.uk

17th N.E.S.S.T. Challenge Walk

20th – 21st January 2007

Special Celebration Route Planned

Open to all: Leaders, Scouts, Guides, Cubs
and Beavers

Walks to suit all ages and abilities

Route to start and finish at

Walesby Forest

Entry forms available on our website

www.nesst.co.uk

Or telephone Alistair Bow 0115 9244 555

Organized by Nottinghamshire Emergency
Scout Support Team

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER AT WHITE POST FARM FOR SCOUTS AND GUIDES

Are you looking for a
great place to visit with
your group during the
evening? Then look no
further! The White Post
Farm Centre in
Farnsfield is offering you
the chance to have a
special **Christmas**
evening visit when the
general public have gone
home. For just **£4.50** per
person your group can
visit between **5.30pm**
and 8.30pm, MON-FRI
from Nov. 25th until
Dec. 22nd 2006

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

You will be taken
around the Farm by one
of our experienced
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attractions will be open
including our go-kart
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and baby animal holding.
Join in with our **Nativity**
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enjoy a special visit to
Santa Claus. If you
require it we can open
the Burger Barn for hot
and cold drinks and cold
snacks.

For further information
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Sandra on 01623 882977

Alternatively visit on
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day for **£5** per person –

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[www.
whitepostfarmcentre.
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QUAD BIKES

WE would like to offer the Scouting organi-
sation our Junior 4x4 and Children's Quad
Bike events which are fantastic for kids!

The children's quad bikes are suitable for
6-16 year olds and can be run in any location
providing the grounds are suitable; prefera-
bly flat grass with an area of about 60 ft x 80
ft. The bikes run inside an inflatable arena
and are 50cc which can be restricted to walk-
ing pace, they also have a remote cut off
switch and a rear lanyard for additional
safety.

Junior 4x4 takes place at our Quarry site
just north of Doncaster. Juniors need to be
physically able to control the vehicle, i.e.
reach the pedals (around 4ft 6 inches) to take
part. The session starts with a safety briefing
and progresses to steering / starting / stop-
ping control on a large flat area. Once these
simple controls have been mastered it's out
onto course to drive increasingly challenging
terrain. A British Off Road Driving Associa-
tion (BORDA) accredited instructor is by
their side at all times and can take control if
need be.

Prices are dependant on the length of time
required, number of children and for kids
quads the location. We believe in flexibility
and can usually accommodate most budgets.

I have attached details of the above activi-
ties and should you require any further info I
would be delighted to forward it to you. We
have public liability to 2 million pounds, all
activities are risk assessed, all instructors
hold relevant qualifications and are first aid
trained to at least the 4 day first aid at work
level.

Corporate Pursuits

PO BOX 639, Rotherham S60 9BS.
Telephone: 0845 390 0845

2007 Walesby World Experience

Day visitors Join in the Centennial
Celebrations

Open to Scout and Guide Associations

Some activities will be provided

Walesby Forest, Brake Road, Walesby,
Newark,

Nottinghamshire NG22 9NG

Tel: +44 (0)1623 836576

Email:

2007experience@walesbyforest.org.uk

Day Pass £10

Sun 29th/mon 30th/ Tues 31st July

Thurs 2nd/ Fri 3rd August 10am – 8pm

Sunrise Day Pass £15

Wednesday 1st August

Includes continental breakfast 7am – 8pm

Telephone bookings only 01623 860202

Rufford Explorers Conquer Mount Snowdon.

On Sunday 5th November Rufford Explorers and Leaders, climbed Mount Snowdon.

At the start it was cold but nice weather. We were warm wearing several layers. As we started to climb up the Pyg track it got so windy that one of the members got blow over! At the top it was even windier and extremely cloudy. After several photographs and a short break on the summit, the group slowly began to descend the mountain ending the walk in the dark.

I found the hike up Snowdon to be quite scary as I got vertigo and nearly fell off the edge! It didn't put me off though and would like to do it again sometime as the experience was great! *Aaron.*

I enjoyed this route as it was different to what I had done before. *Emily.*

Memorable incidents such as nearly being blown of the summit and sitting in sheep poo. *Stefan.*

Just a little stroll in the park. *Graham.*

It was great fun. *Adam.*

We were lucky for the first time since I started Explorers (a year ago) it didn't rain on a camp!!! *Katie.*

I now work for FIRECREST UK Ltd a fire safety firm at Ollerton, Notts.

I have been told by the director of the company that he will be very generous to Scout Groups etc who wish to purchase any fire safety equipment. This includes extinguishers, signs etc. We also do yearly servicing of extinguishers, fit fire alarms, and can do official fire risk assessments. The extinguishers etc could be as much as 40% off list price.

We have a catalogue which also includes safety footwear and clothing. Should any Scouters need any further information they can visit <http://www.fire-crest.com> or ring me on 01623 861331
Trevor Pinder



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME



EXPEDITIONS

It may seem a bit early to be thinking of planning for Award Expeditions in the Spring & Summer of 2007 but one of the biggest problems with organising ventures is to book dates when everyone is available. 2007 is likely to be even more difficult than usual since so many events are planned for Scouting's Centenary year. Now is the time to sit down and decide on dates for your practice and qualifying expeditions. You would also be well advised to approach your assessors to get the dates in their diaries.

What are the different types of expeditions?

Most expeditions are on foot but if you have a group of cyclists why not try this as an alternative. Canoeing/rowing is also popular with Sea Scout Units.

Where should expeditions be held?

Bronze Award: For those in the North of the county Sherwood Forest is popular with camping at Walesby and in the South Bradgate Park in Leicestershire using Johns Lee Wood or Oaks in Charnwood as the camp site.

Silver Award: The White Peak of Derbyshire is the most favoured.

Gold Award: This has to be held in one of the designated Wild Country areas – see Award Handbook

Instructors can be Unit Leaders who have experience of planning and undertaking expeditions in the appropriate area and who have the necessary authorisation. For the areas mentioned above for Bronze & Silver most is in Terrain zero (below 500m) so not needing authorisation but experience of the area is still required.

Assessors can be approved by the District for Bronze & Silver but **must** have the approval of the County D of E Advisor for Gold.

Programme Planning Many Units with experience of running D of E Expeditions spend 4 or 5 evenings during the winter months instructing on the various aspects of navigation, timings and safety/first aid etc. Time spent on this can pay dividends in ensuring that practice ventures go well. If you would like help with planning a suitable programme of instruction please contact the County D of E Advisor.

Unable to form an expedition team? If you won't have enough participants to form a team please contact me and I will put you in touch with others in a similar situation.

AWARDS GAINED—*Congratulations to:*

BRONZE

*Ian Thompson, Mansfield ESU, Mansfield
Chris Anderson, Daniel Bolstridge, Ryan McElhone, Daniel Pope, Craig Spencer, Gemini ESU, Central.*

SILVER

Lynsey Flatters, Ian Johnson, Katie Morrell, Eleanor Prout, Christopher Kirby, Keyworth ESU, SE Notts. Daniel Atkinson, Mansfield ESU, Mansfield.

GOLD

Sarah Hennell, 34th Nottm ESU, City. Adam Bird, Jason Mills, Newark ESU, Newark. Kimberley Auckland, Emily Dexter, 2nd Ranskill ESU, Retford

For further information on any of the above please contact:

**David B Henson, County D of E Award Adviser,
ca.dofe@nottinghamshire-scouts.com
or contact County Resource Centre for address/
telephone number**

KIDZQUADZ

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Junior 4x4

OUR junior 4x4 driving is suitable for children aged around eight and over or around 4'7" in height. As long as the youngsters can physically control the vehicle, *i.e. touch the pedals they can take part.*

After a safety briefing given by one of our instructors the kids get to drive a full sized legendary Land Rover defender over our site with natural and man made obstacles.

The instructor is in the passenger seat at all times to ensure that the youngsters are driving safely and are in control.

After establishing steering control and basic use of the throttle on flat open terrain the kids go out onto more rutted ground. Small camel humps will then be tried and as confidence increases so does the size of the hills, dips, drops, ruts and water !

At the end of the driving time our instructor will take the kids on a 'scare' ride over some of the more hair raising obstacles.

The driving lasts for two – three hours depending on the size of the group with personal driving time and includes a scare ride with one of our BORDA accredited instructors.

The cost for a group of up to 10 children would be £350.00 plus VAT, this includes two vehicles – one vehicle would be £250.00 plus VAT

We have full public liability insurance and our instructors are first aid trained, accredited by BORDA (British Off Road Driving Association) and are CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checked.

For further details or to make a booking simply call our friendly helpful staff on
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