

**Your Voice on Scouting in  
Nottinghamshire**

# **Bivouac**

## **BULLETIN**

**in brief**  
FEBRUARY / MARCH

## **Hucknall Engage's Mobile Resource Bus**

**O**N behalf of Hucknall Engage Limited, a company that looks after the charity works in Hucknall in 2006, they bought a minibus for use by the County Youth Service in their unattached youth work in Hucknall.

The bus, a Fiat Ducatti Eldis Mobile Home, is fitted out as a mobile youth resource unit with things like chairs, tables, sports equipment e.g. footballs parachute & rounders and games e.g. giant dominoes, giant Jenga, Connect 4, snakes and ladders, giant Twister, wooden dominoes.

The bus is available for hire by youth groups as an extra asset for camps in the summer or at weekends. For further information on costs, insurance etc, please contact me at the above address or by email at

[c.stickland1@ntlworld.com](mailto:c.stickland1@ntlworld.com)

or telephone

0115 953 0989 :: 0787 116 0274

## **The County website:**

[www.nottinghamshire-scouts.com](http://www.nottinghamshire-scouts.com)

*will be updated twice a month from now on. Please encourage ALL leaders to take a look at least once a month. There will be a Centenary Message from the County Commissioner as our first feature for 2007. The website will also be used as a first port of call for up-to-date information about the various Centenary Events.*

*I know there are loads of great events planned for our Centenary, so please let me know what you have planned so the Media Team can try to cover your event/activity.*

[media.manager@nottinghamshire-scouts.com](mailto:media.manager@nottinghamshire-scouts.com)

*Wishing you all the best for an amazing Centenary Year!*

**Matt Rooney**

ACC Media and Development  
Nottinghamshire Scouts

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## **Remembrance . . .**

On a sunny crisp November morning, Paul Kanikowski and myself from the 7<sup>th</sup> Nottingham took our place with 30 other Scout Leaders for the annual Remembrance Sunday parade past the Cenotaph on Whitehall, London.

Although the parade would not move off until about 11.20am we had to be there for 9.30, which meant a lot of standing about watching the veterans of our armed services assemble for their opportunity to salute their fallen comrades. Also the war widows and other representatives of many organisations like the Scouts were gathering

together for this act of remembrance.

Shortly before 11.00 the dignitaries assembled around the Cenotaph for the service of Remembrance, which we were able to see courtesy of a large screen on Whitehall for the marchers and spectators.

At 11.00 sharp a gun was fired on Horse Guards parade, close to where we were standing and an eerie silence fell over the massed crowd. Two minutes later a second shot rang out echoing around the buildings. This was followed by the service.

After the service the parade got underway led by the veterans with Cadets, Scouts,

Guides, Boys Brigade and other organisations bringing up the rear. As we approached the Cenotaph itself the order to 'eyes left' was given. Being so close to the monument and seeing all the poppy wreaths brought a lump to the throat.

The parade continued down Whitehall into Parliament Square and around to Horse Guards Parade where HRH the Duke of Kent took the salute.

As we stood around after the dismissal and talked to the other Scout Leaders and some of the veterans we all agreed it was an unforgettable experience. **Ken Eley**

## The time has come to start thinking about this year's Chiltern Challenge

It is now less than 100 days until this spectacular event happens again and already interest indicates that we will be welcoming more teams than in 2006 – which will make for a great weekend of activities, including day & night bases, night hike, camp fees / certificates / prizes etc new style orienteering activity, improved assault course, Saturday evening dinner / cooked breakfast Sunday.

**To make it easy to encourage Explorers and Scouts (13+) to**

**enter, we have produced a brochure and a letter template which you can give out which has all the details on it – just add the reply details relevant to your unit.**

**All the paperwork (health forms etc) are provided too, so it really does only take a few minutes to register your team(s) to enter the event.**

If you are involved with a Jamboree unit – why not suggest that some of the unit members could take

part to get to know each other before this year's big event!

For more details, to register or to download any of the paperwork, please visit our website – <http://www.chilternchallenge.co.uk> or email [info@chilternchallenge.co.uk](mailto:info@chilternchallenge.co.uk).

I look forward to welcoming you to Chiltern Challenge 2007 at Phasels Wood.

Yours in Scouting,  
Chiltern Challenge 2007 Organisers  
[www.chilternchallenge.co.uk](http://www.chilternchallenge.co.uk)

### COUNTY OFFICE PRICES FROM FEBRUARY 1ST 2007

#### Duke of Edinburgh books

Gold £16.50

Silver & Bronze £11

#### Photocopying paper or card

**Black & white**

*A4 Single side*

**3p per sheet**

*A4 Double sided*

**5p per sheet**

*A3 Single side*

**4p per sheet**

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**6p per sheet**

**Colour**

*A4 Single side*

**10p per sheet**

*A4 Double sided*

**16p per sheet**

*A3 Single side*

**12p per sheet**

*A3 Double sided*

**18p per sheet**

*Investiture Certificates and Record cards for all sections*

**25p**

*Chief Scout certificates,*

*all sections* **28p**

*Plastic Woggles*

*all colours* **18p**

*Leather Woggles*

**£1**

*Cub Scout Badge Books*

**£1**

*Beaver Scout Badge Books*

**£1**

*Beaver Scout and Cub Scout Wall Charts*

**50p**

*County Badges*

**20p**

## Robin Hood are looking for new crew members

This year, we are looking for explorers aged 15-18 who would like to spend up to 6 weekends working on the site.

The crew receive full training and personal safety equipment, and get involved in the running and maintenance of the site. This allows them to gain not only their service section of DofE/Scout Awards, but also the Activity Centre assistant activity badge.

Robin Hood crew have gone on to gain Queens Scout awards, and also to become wardens of the site.

Anyone interested, or who has questions, can contact either me, on 07730 777423, or Adam Hawley ([hawley03@hotmail.com](mailto:hawley03@hotmail.com)) or 07919 094890

Please fill in the application form, and get it back to us as soon as possible. If you can't get the forms back before the first weekend, please let us know you are coming and bring the forms with you. Its also the PC form, so we need them back !

**Peter Whitlam**

ADC Camping - Mansfield

### Awards Awards Awards Awards Awards



*Chief Scout's Bronze Award*

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Attenborough Beavers** — Jonathan Keegan, Tom Walton, Elliot Connolly, Noah Duckworth, Jack Sycamore,

**2<sup>nd</sup> Warsop Beavers** — Jacob Johnson .

**1<sup>st</sup> Woodbeck Beavers** — Thomas Brogden.



*Chief Scout's Silver Award*

The following Cub Scouts have recently received their Chief Scout's Silver Award:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Attenborough** — Ben Trembling, Harry Hammond, Harry Wilkinson.

**1<sup>st</sup> Southwell** — Joshua Marriott.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Warsop** — Danny Gammond and Ellen Metheringham.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mansfield** — Conor Macis.

**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)**
- \* **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March, However, the most important date is: 17<sup>th</sup> 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, this year's forms will have been 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](http://www.countymad.co.uk)

The 2007 County Mad badge has now been selected. We are pleased to announce that the winner is: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**Can anyone help by supplying a few dozen good quality milk crates or similar for Crate climbing at Sherbrooke Camp Site. I can arrange local collection ring me on 01623 796595 or drop them off at Sherbrooke.**

**Steve Hind**

[steve@larchfarmscouts.org.uk](mailto:steve@larchfarmscouts.org.uk)

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**A**S you will have seen in our 2007 activities brochure we have lots on offer this year. As a County we aim to provide a whole range of diverse activities that will add to your programme. These range from Rock Climbing, Hill Walking, Mountain Biking to Canoeing and Sailing.

Why not have a go. All are reasonably priced and all are run by people skilled in that activity who have a passion about sharing their skills with others.

Surprise yourself. Take the plunge and have a go at a County Activity or two this year. All booking through the County Office these must be on a booking form with a deposit. Contact the office if you have not received your activities brochure for this year Tel 01159523617 or email [office@nottinghamshire-scouts.com](mailto:office@nottinghamshire-scouts.com)

## **First Aid Courses**

The following First Response courses are being run over the coming months 31<sup>st</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> September . These are short day courses from 9.30am – 2.30pm and is module 10 of the adult leader training scheme.

First Aid refreshers are being run on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> May. This is a two hour course that allows you to renew your first response within the three year period.

Basic adult First Aid Courses are 8 hours of first aid and are on 8<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> June and cost £12.

We are running an advanced first aid course of 16 hours duration on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March for those needing an advanced course to get a National Governing Body Certificate.

All these can be booked through the County Office.

## **Winter Walking Weekends**

We are running two Winter Walking weekends, the first on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in North Wales and the second on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in the Lake District.

These are intended for Scouts, Explorers, Network members or Leaders wanting to gain more experience.

The cost is £30 to include all food, accommodation and supervision whilst on the hills.

Places are limited on both

weekends so book now to avoid being disappointed.

## **Cub Incident Hike**

The County are yet again running their popular incident hike at Hollygate Campsite, Cotgrave on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Teams of 4 - 6 cubs plus an adult face the challenge of finding their way and completing a variety of challenging obstacles.

## **D of E Training**

We are holding a training evening to help Leaders get to grips with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, aimed at Explorer Leaders and Network members who want to know more of how to run the scheme. Date is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at Linby and starting at 7.30pm, Book places with the County Office.

## **Mountain and BMX Biking**

We have two new activities for 2007. Mountain Biking is held in Derbyshire with a preparation evening more local. The dates are:

Scout Cyclist Badge, 9<sup>th</sup> May (evening), 19<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June (evening) and 30<sup>th</sup> June

Explorer Scout Mountain Biking 12<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July & 22<sup>nd</sup> September

BMX Biking is based at a course in Bulwell and are evening activity slots for up to 10 Scouts, Explorers or Network members. The cost is £4 which includes bikes and instruction.

More details on both of these activities can be found in the activity brochure or by contacting the County Office.

## **Green Field Camping Skills Day**

The first Green Field Camping skills day is being held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at Hollygate Campsite Cotgrave. The day is aimed at providing the skills to help gain a Green Field Nights Away Permit. We shall be digging toilets, fire and wet pits, looking at toilet and water provision, building fires, camp ovens, boilers and trying different woods. We will help with advice on hygiene at camp together with mixed camping, what extra we need to provide. A must if you want to start Green Field Camping.



Girlguiding UK

Celebrating 100 years of Scouting and incorporating the Gang Show Dinner

**A CELEBRATION DINNER**

**SATURDAY APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> 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.....

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Tel No.....

Address.....

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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)

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**Please indicate any dietary needs:**

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24th Nottingham (Cavendish) **BLACKWOODS SHOP**

Hucknall Road, Sherwood, Nottingham

Open every Wednesday evening 6-8p.m. during term time

Second Saturday in every month (except August) 10A.M.-3P.M.

Thursday and Friday evenings by appointment, telephone Richard

**07753822897**

or Jenny

**0115 9267830**

Full range of uniforms, record cards, paper work, certificates and woggles in stock.

*Camping equipment, books, etc. to order.*

*Come and see what we have, tell us what you would like us to stock.*

*Compare our prices.*

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*Dear Fellow Scouters,*

Once again we are organising the Four Inns Walk in March 2007 and would particularly welcome entrants from our adjoining Counties.

2007 is our Golden Jubilee year and we expect a good entry from the response we have had so far.

Details follow on Page Six. Would you please promote for us and distribute the information as you think fit. If you would like any further information or hard copies of the Information Booklet for distribution then please contact me and I will arrange.

Yours in Scouting  
David MacAlister  
Printing & Advertising Secretary  
Four Inns Walk Committee

e-mail:

[fourinns@derbyshirescouts.org](mailto:fourinns@derbyshirescouts.org)

website:

[www.fourinns.org.uk](http://www.fourinns.org.uk)

WALESBY



FOREST

Walesby Forest is pleased to offer groups the opportunity to plant trees within the site as a part of The Woodland Trust campaign – Trees will be available on site from mid February 2007 or alternatively groups can apply for a pack for themselves at

<http://www.treeforall.org.uk/AboutTreeForAll/HowWillWeDoIt/>



If you wish to include this activity in the programme for your day visit or as a part of your camp, please contact us at (tree planting may be possible up to April depending upon conditions): -

**Brake Road, Walesby, Newark Nottinghamshire NG22 9NG, England, United Kingdom**

Telephone: +44(0) 1623 860202

Facsimile: +44(0) 1623 836576

[www.walesbyforest.org.uk](http://www.walesbyforest.org.uk)

Email: [admin@walesbyforest.org.uk](mailto:admin@walesbyforest.org.uk)

WALESBY



FOREST

**SATURDAY 3rd MARCH**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

**COUNTY M.A.D. IS AN ANNUAL EVENT FOR SCOUTS AND GUIDES OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THEY PARTICIPATE IN MANY CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES TO GAIN POINTS AND BECOME M.A.D. CHAMPIONS.**

**WE NEED LEADERS FROM ALL SECTIONS TO HELP WITH RUNNING BASES.**

**IF YOU CAN SPARE US YOUR TIME - ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE ENTERING A TEAM - THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH ON**

[admin@countymad.co.uk](mailto:admin@countymad.co.uk)

**PLEASE ASK ALL YOUR SECTION LEADERS IF THEY CAN HELP - IT IS ALL APPRECIATED!!!**

**DINNER AND REFRESHMENTS ARE INCLUDED!!!**

**PK - EVENT CHAIR**

# Active Kids 2007

**R**egister now as a Group, District or County for Active Kids 2007. Log on to the Sainsbury's website or phone 0870 350 0404 to apply for a welcome pack, including your catalogue and accompanying free Scout resources, which are packed with lots of programme ideas.

## Free resources for all Sections

At the heart of the Active Kids campaign is the aim to support schools in the effort to inspire young people to be more active. With this in mind, the campaign places a huge emphasis on encouraging children of all ages and abilities to get active in the form of free inspirational equipment, kit and experiences.

## How does the Active Kids campaign work?

All you have to do is collect vouchers that you can then redeem against the equipment and resources in the Active Kids catalogue. There is a specific section for Scouts, containing camping equipment, outdoor games and lots of exciting activity ideas. You earn one Active Kids voucher for every £10 spent at any main Sainsbury's store, including groceries online at

[www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk)

or at Sainsbury's petrol stations. The campaign will also see one voucher earned for every £5 spent at local stores.

We have also produced a free activity pack for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and one specially tailored to Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts. Packed with great ideas, the resources are designed to complement your weekly programme. You will find activity ideas linked to a number of Scouting badges, such as the Fitness Challenge and Healthy Eating Badge.

If you have any queries regarding Active Kids and The Scout Association, especially to check your membership numbers, please email

[active.kids@scout.org.uk](mailto:active.kids@scout.org.uk)

Sainsbury's Active Kids launched in 2005, in the face of the continued national debate surrounding childhood obesity and the Government push to increase physical activity among children of school age.

## Home Hospitality for Japanese Scouts

As you already know in 2007 Scouting will celebrate its Centenary with a programme of events and activities in the UK and worldwide. The world will come to the UK for the 21st World Scout Jamboree, the highlight of the World Scouting calendar. This is being held at Highlands Park near Chelmsford in Essex and will be attended by about 40,000 participants.

Home Hospitality (or 'HoHo') is a positive and inspiring programme where international Scouts – **in our case 80 Scouts & their leaders from Japan**, are hosted in local communities, enabling them to experience life in the UK in a way that no tourist would be able to. HoHo is the ultimate cultural crossover that offers a great opportunity to make new friends from around the world, and to gain a truly international experience without even leaving your home! In Nottinghamshire HoHo will last for 4 days, and will take place after the Jamboree (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2007) The type of hosting we are proposing for our Japanese guests is the 'traditional' Hospitality, where two or three Scouts live with a family in their home. It is important to remember that HoHo does not need to be an expensive, elaborate affair - we simply want our guests to enjoy their time in the UK and learn a little about our culture. There will be 2 or 3 events organized by the County for the young people during their stay with us.

If you would like to find out more about HoHo please contact me :-

[Roger.whibley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Roger.whibley@tiscali.co.uk)  
or 01636 812236  
(evenings & weekends)

*Roger Whibley*

# Camp Fire Leader's Basic Course

We ran our last Course in October 2006; unfortunately we were not able to accommodate all applicants who wished to join us. As a result, we are offering a course in May – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at Sherbrooke Scout Camp, Calverton.

The Course itself is 'hands on' and is designed to explore the basic principals of planning a Camp Fire, Choosing - Teaching & Leading Songs, Building a Camp Fire and more.

The Course: -

Starts at 20.00hrs on a Friday evening and ends at about 16.30hrs on Sunday, and the Course Fee is £32.00. As with previous Courses, we can only accommodate 24 participants. If you are interested in joining us for a great weekend please contact Dave Bagshaw for an

Application Form

1 Hall Croft

Beeston

Nottingham NG9 1EL

Tel: 0115 877 0062

Mob: 07951 839498

[Email: cfl@davebagshaw.com](mailto:cfl@davebagshaw.com)

## 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](mailto:2007experience@walesbyforest.org.uk)

**Day Pass £10**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>/Mon 30<sup>th</sup>/ Tues 31<sup>st</sup> July

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10am – 8pm

**Sunrise Day Pass £15**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Includes continental breakfast 7am – 8pm

*Telephone bookings only 01623 860202*



Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

2007

THE  
FOUR  
INNS

WALK

A challenging competitive walk organised by the Derbyshire Scout Association. The walk is for teams of three or four a distance of approx 72 km over some of the roughest moorland terrain in England - the Peak District. Times for completion of the walk can vary from under eight hours to over 20!

The 2007 walk, which celebrates our Golden Jubilee, is open to all walkers who feel up to the challenge. Now is the time to take up that challenge - and/or perhaps walk down "memory lane" from all those years ago!

#### THE ROUTE:

Holmbridge (near Holmfirth), Black Hill, Bleaklow, Snake Pass, Kinder, Edale, Chapel, Cat & Fiddle, Buxton.

#### THE TROPHIES & ELIGIBILITIES:

- President's Trophy  
Fastest non Scout team
- Four Inns Cup\*  
Fastest Scout team
- Eric Thompson  
Fastest Mixed team (open)
- Kim Gale Trophy\*  
Fastest Novice Scout team
- George Keeling  
Fastest Novice team (non Scout)
- The Innsman  
Fastest team who's combined age exceeds 160 years (for a team of 4) or 120 years (for a team of 3) - (open)
- Freda Thompson\*  
Fastest Scout team - members under 25
- Derbyshire Plate\*  
Fastest Scout team from outside Derbyshire
- Falcon Trophy  
Fastest all female team (open)

*\*Membership of the Scout Association is a prerequisite for these trophies*

*Information Booklet and Booking Form:*  
Mr T. P. Rogers, 'Penylan' Monyash Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1 FG, with a stamped addressed envelope or by e-mail:

[fouriinns@derbyshirescouts.org](mailto:fouriinns@derbyshirescouts.org)

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

If you are not able to form a group of sufficient size for Expeditions/ Explorations this year you might like to consider joining an Open Group. Below is a selection of Open Expeditions/Explorations on foot, by canoe and horse riding

#### OPEN CANOE EXPEDITION

Suitable for Silver or Gold participants who cannot form a team of their own. On the River Wye from 11 - 18 July 2007. All participants must be competent paddlers and have completed all of the training as specified in the Awards Paddle Ventures document. They also need to have done a practice on water. Details from Midlands Regional Office 0121 359 5900 or email

[midlands@theaward.org](mailto:midlands@theaward.org)

#### OPEN GOLD EXPEDITION

Organised by the Peak Expedition Panel from 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July for an Exploration or 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July for Expeditions providing an opportunity for completing a qualifying or full-scale practice expedition. There will be a range of expeditions on offer including opportunities to concentrate on either exploring or more traditional journeying. Please send an A5 size stamped addressed envelope for further details to: Peak Expedition Panel Co-coordinator, Peak National Park Centre, Losehill Hall, Castleton, Derbyshire S33 8WB (01433 620373) email: [alanfjones@tranearth.freemove.co.uk](mailto:alanfjones@tranearth.freemove.co.uk) www.peakpanel.u-net.com or www.losehill.org.uk

#### OPEN GOLD HORSE RIDING EXPEDITION

Summer 2007 (dates to be confirmed) Brecon Beacons, Wales. Contact the East Regional Award Office for further details: 01908 576322 or email:

[east@theaward.org](mailto:east@theaward.org)

#### OPEN GOLD EXPEDITION/ EXPLORATION

The Boy's Brigade/Girl's Brigade are organising an Open Gold Expedition/Exploration on Dartmoor during 18 - 24 August 2007. Based at Broadleas Camping and Training Centre, Haytor, Devon

and staffed by qualified supervisors and assessors this will be an excellent opportunity to link in with other individuals and groups to complete a qualifying or full practice journey. The cost is £85 and it is open to participants from any organisation or group. Details: Dave Mayo Tel: 01543 271182 or email:

[dave\\_mayo@btinternet.com](mailto:dave_mayo@btinternet.com)

See other expedition opportunities on [www.theaward.org/opportunities](http://www.theaward.org/opportunities)

#### GOLD RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

#### CONSERVATION

Yorkshire Dales Expedition Panel in association with The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, English Nature & the National Trust 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August. A week based in the Yorkshire Dales and working with these organisations to promote active conservation and environmental awareness in the National Park. Based at Husband's Barn providing excellent accommodation, food and transport. Self-catering, participants will take turns in supporting the preparation of food for themselves and others using the facility. Cost £90. Details: Liz Hansen, 10 Kendal Avenue, SHIPLEY, West Yorkshire BD18 4DU Tel: 01274 594690 email:

[ydropengold@btinternet.com](mailto:ydropengold@btinternet.com)

#### AWARDS GAINED

*Congratulations to:*

#### BRONZE

**Richard Hanford**  
34<sup>th</sup> Nottingham  
**Declan Stock**  
34<sup>th</sup> Nottingham  
**Emily Mawer**  
Mansfield ESU

#### SILVER

**Suzana Stokes**  
34<sup>th</sup> Nottingham  
**James McNiven Young**  
34<sup>th</sup> Nottingham

*For further information on any of the above please contact:*

**David B Henson, County D of E Award Adviser,**  
[ca.dofe@nottinghamshire-scouts.com](mailto:ca.dofe@nottinghamshire-scouts.com)  
or contact the CRC for my address/ telephone number

## Founders Day service 25th February Southwell Minster

**T**HIS special County Founders Day service will be held at Southwell Minster on Sunday 25th February starting at 3pm.

This is open to all members of the Movement especially Adults, with flag parties representing the different sections in the Movement. The Bishop of Sherwood will be present, as will local dignitaries.

Invitations for tickets were circulated in December 2006; if you have not received an invite then contact the office on 01159523617 or email: [office@nottinghamshire-scouts.com](mailto:office@nottinghamshire-scouts.com)

Tickets are available to any member of the Movement plus families etc. Why not come along to this our first 2007 Activity and celebrate Founders Day together.

## County Centenary Camp 25th—28th May

**O**UR main celebration during 2007 is the County Camp at Walesby Forest Camp site on 25th – 28th May 2007. This is the first time in living memory that Nottinghamshire Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network have all had the chance to camp together, with Beaver Scouts coming for one day of the camp, to celebrate their 21st

Birthday in style.

This weekend camp will count as a Celebration activity and will therefore qualify for the Centenary Camp Badge.

The activities on offer will include, Archery, Climbing Walls, Air Rifle Shooting, Canoeing, Raft Building, Crate Stacking, Swimming, bouncy castles, inflatable zones, crystal maze, circus skills, crafts,

discos, and many more!

It will be a buzzing weekend of fun for all. The cost is £15 for 3 nights camp fees and all activities. All leaders camping will have to pay the camp fee; staff will be charged £7.50 to cover the site fees.

The camp will be arranged in District sub Camps with each Group camping as a group.

## Rates Relief for Scout Groups

**S**COUT GROUPS who own their own premises receive relief from National Non-Domestic Rates as they are a Registered Charity.

This is claimed by Mandatory/ Discretionary Relief under Section 43, 45 and 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

Most local authorities will send Scout Groups who own premises, a form to be completed and returned by 30<sup>th</sup> January each year in order to obtain entitlement to relief. However from this year, they also require the following supporting documentation to be included with the application:-

- Copy of the Notice of Registration under the Charities Act 1960.
- Copy of the memorandum and Articles/Rules of the Association

(These will be returned after the application has been processed).

- Copies of the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheets for the last two years.

Where a Scout Group is registered independently with the Charity Commission they can supply a photocopy of their Registration Certificate. Groups who are not so registered will need to apply to their Scout District for a copy of the District Registration Certificate, as they are covered as the Registered Charity by the Scout District.

Copies of the Articles/Rules of the Association can be taken from the relative Chapters of P.O.R. but there is no need to send a complete copy of P.O.R. Alternatively the Resource Centre at Gilwell will be

pleased to supply copies of the relative parts of P.O.R. upon request.

Gedling Borough Council say that although they have not requested these supporting documents in the past, it will be an annual requirement in the future. I am sure much the same will be applied by other local authorities in the County.

Scout Groups are therefore advised to ensure they have these documents readily available.

Whilst it would appear to be a lot of unnecessary bureaucracy I am afraid we have no option but to comply in order to receive this relief.

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