



# Leader Board



Bulletin of Shipley and Baildon Scout Council – March 2001

## Editorial

This Newsletter is produced to convey (hopefully) useful information to adults in Scouting in Shipley and Baildon. It is sent directly to a leader in each section, in order to minimise distribution times. The frequency is dictated by the amount of information available. Most of the content is provided by members of the District Team, and I try to include references to potentially useful information in other Scouting publications, including the West Yorkshire Link, and the national Scouting Magazine. I would welcome feedback on whether or not it is useful, and any suggestions for extra features. However, extra features requires extra contributions from somebody!

Whilst this is aimed at adults working in Scouting, we had a previous newsletter 'Info', which was aimed at parents and friends. This fell by the wayside due to the lack of information targeted at parents. Again, it could be revived, given suitable content. In particular it would perhaps be useful to assist Groups in communicating the changes which are about to happen in Scouting.

Please send any feedback, suggestions or copy for inclusion to John Pilbin, 56 Hoyle Court Road, Baildon, BD17 6JP, or (preferably) by e-mail to the address on the last page.

*John*

## Criminal Record Checks

The Scout Association welcomes the Government announcement that checks from the new Criminal Records Bureau will be free for voluntary youth organisations. The checks will identify if adults volunteering to work closely with young people have a criminal conviction.

The Chief Executive expressed his thanks to Members of the Scout Movement throughout the UK who had joined with other concerned local voluntary organisations to brief their MPs about the damaging impact the charges would have had. This would have been particularly the case in areas of social deprivation and economic hardship.

## Sconce Interest Day - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Main events are being arranged and experts have been booked for the following:–

- Bird Watching - a short walk conducted by RSPB members,
- Archaeological Tour – a short talk & visit historical sites on Baildon Moor,
- Dry Stone Walling – a demonstration by Yorkshire dry stone walling association,
- Photographic Display – Sconce B.S. (Before Scouts).

Refreshments available. Children to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Colin if interested.

## Scout Information Centre @ Gilwell Park

CD Rom containing all Information Centre Factsheets £15. From mid March will contain details of the new Mountain authorisation scheme.

CD Rom containing new Scout logo and design guide < £10. Available early March.

Limited Edition prints from BP's water colours on landscapes and African Wildlife £99.

All available on 0845 300 18 18 or [info.centre@scout.org.uk](mailto:info.centre@scout.org.uk).

## Hillwalking - Important notice to all form M holders

HQ has recently announced new rules covering hillwalking. These will affect ALL holders of Form M.

The rules are very complex and will ultimately affect anyone intending to lead or supervise young people while hillwalking. The rules have not yet come into force but will be introduced gradually over the next three years. All holders of M forms are asked to keep an eye on changes and amendments which will be given the widest publicity using Scoutbase, and Scouting Magazine. Articles will also be published in Link and Leader Board.

The main changes are outlined below. At the moment no specific dates are known for the introduction of some of the changes.

- All existing authorisations for Hillwalking will expire on 31/12/2002. This is an HQ directive and overrules any expiry date the DC has put on your particular authorisation. Watch this space for how we are going to tackle the problem of getting authorisations renewed.
- In future all authorisations will be for specific terrain types. These have been designated as follows:
  1. Terrain Zero – Any area under 500m AND within 30 minutes of a road, habitation or public telephone box and no scrambling involved
  2. Terrain 1 – Any area above 500m and below 800m AND within 3 Hours of a road, habitation or a public telephone box and no scrambling involved
  3. Terrain 2 – Any area above 800m or has an element of scrambling or is more than 3 hours from a road, habitation or other means of summoning help.
- Summer and Winter have been defined and all authorisations will refer to Summer or Winter. In its most simple form Winter is defined as when snow and or ice are prevailing or forecast. Summer is defined as all other times. The effect of this is that to go out at any time of year in snow or ice, or when snow or ice is forecast, a winter authorisation **MUST** be held.
- No authorisation is required for Terrain Zero in Summer
- From 1/1/2004 authorisations for Terrain 1 will only be granted if the Leader has obtained an external qualification equivalent to the Walking Group Leader (WGL)
- From 1/1/2004 authorisations for Terrain 2 will only be granted if the Leader has obtained an external qualification equivalent to the ML Summer award
- No winter authorisations will be granted unless the applicant has extensive winter experience AND has at least the equivalent of the ML Summer award.

These proposed rules are obviously very stringent and there has been some opposition to them. The HQ activities team responsible for their introduction are well aware that they will be unpopular but are unrepentant. These rules WILL come into force and it is "highly unlikely" that they will be diluted by much. I will be happy to discuss what I know with anyone who wants further information and expect to have more information by the next issue.

*Chris*

## Scout Indoor Cooking Competition

Eight teams competed on Saturday 17th February at Sconce in the annual Scout Indoor cooking competition.

It was an extremely close contest which resulted in the awarding of first equal places to Howard & Robert from the 11th and to Jonathan & Mark from the 3rd. The winners can now go on to represent the District in the County competition next month.

In third place were Jonny & Joe from the 6th and in fourth place Chris & Stephen also from the sixth. Many thanks to our brave judge Linda who sampled everything.

*Paul*

## District All Leaders Meeting – Highlights

### Swimming Gala

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ Shipley Baths. Doors open 6:30pm, Please don't block the entrance! Events start 6:45pm. Teams £8. Spectators £1. **N.B.** We need the trophies back!

### Programme Review

Every Group has received 1 or 2 leaflets to share between everyone. If you do not get to see one in the next couple of weeks, contact Linda.

From 1<sup>st</sup> February, Flexible Age Ranges take effect, managed by the Group rather than the District. Section Leaders should consult with each other to discuss the maturity and individual needs of a member moving from one section to another smoothly. Please be aware that the minimum age for a Beaver Scout is still 6 years. **i.e. No child may become a Beaver Scout before their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.** However a Cub Scout may move to the Scout Troop at any appropriate time between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you need clarification, contact Linda.

The new **uniforms** will be launched in Spring during Fashion Week! And will be available to buy mid-summer. There is a **3 year** transition period, so please don't pressure anyone to buy a new uniform immediately – there will be time enough when the current ones are too small!

### ADC(Adult Training)

With the resignation of Sue Fielding, I am replacing this post with an Administrator. Starting Out courses will be run by the County. Dates in the Bradford area include: 25/2 Bingley; 13/5 Keighley; 16/9 Wharfedale; 25/11 Shipley & Baildon.

### Spring Fayre

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April @ Shipley Library. Groups will **not** be charged for stalls. Therefore, all the income from a stall will be profit for your Group. Please notify Norma if your Group requires a stall or two. The District Team will be outside trying ! to generate interest. Could **everyone** in the District please help with this event in **uniform**, to make a good impression.

### District AGM

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March @ St Hugh's Church, Coach Road for 8pm start. If anyone would like to join the District Executive or one of its Sub Committees (which cover Appointments, Finance and Sconce) please speak to Linda.

This year, after the AGM, David Griffin will be showing a film of last year's Millenium Camp. Please come and join us. Will District Team members please send reports to Granville asap.

### St George's Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 6:45pm for 7pm service for approximately 1 hour. Any volunteers for Laws, Promises or Prayers to Linda?

### Activities

- Membership has been renewed at Reva reservoir. Contact Martin Grimshaw.
- Camping Permits and Advice available through David Pickup.
- Archery available through Andrew Middlemass.

### Beaver Section

- No response for County Quiz.
- Julie Coles offered to organise a day trip to Sundowners.
- The new badge scheme to be introduced in 2002 received favourable comments.
- Various District events were discussed.

### Cub Section

- Cubantics Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July - £6 entry + £6 coach fare. 9am departure from Shipley Market, leaving Ripon 5pm. 1 coach is booked for Packs who have shown interest.
- Kath Howarth offered to organise a Bowling competition.
- There is a need for help at the District Camp – offers to Linda please.

*Linda*

## Mountain Biking

Unfortunately I was one of those people who had to work between Christmas and the New Year. However, business was slack, so I arranged to have the Thursday off and go for a ride.

Early Thursday morning I looked out of the window to find snow falling and everywhere nicely covered in the white stuff. I dressed quickly, had breakfast then rang Nick Bentley (District Auditor) and asked if he was up for a ride. It was barely light when I left home, but the winter weather looked nicely set for the day. The main road was covered in snow due to the small amount of post Christmas traffic and the snowy side roads added a bit of fun to the start of the ride. I met Nick and after a quick discussion we set off in the general direction of Denholme. Rather gingerly we descended a steepish, snow-covered road and turned into the grounds of a local school. We made our way across the school grounds and entered Cottingley heading for March Cote Farm. We passed through the farmyard and ascended a rough track for about 500m. Now we had gained a bit of height the snow was falling quite heavily, and after covering about a mile of



road, we headed down a narrow technical single track with lots of boulders hidden under the snow. We turned left into Wilsden, then right and climbed a steep hill that took us up onto Wilsden Hill. We were both glad we had previously fitted new tyres with the amount of snow now on the ground. A contouring line took us to a narrow country lane and we descended this to Hallas Bridge. The steep climb out of the bottom proved a non-starter in terms of riding it, but a few minutes uphill push saw us at the top and time for the first coffee stop. People were now starting to appear - no doubt hoping to walk off their excess Christmas food! The route from here took us through Cullingworth and onto a stepped and rutted bridleway that saw us off the bike and pushing a few times but eventually we reached the Five Flags Hotel. Unfortunately, neither the view nor the smell is the best hereabouts in that we passed the local rubbish tip on the way. Having said that the snow covered countryside was indeed spectacular. We were now at the high point of the route and the depth of snow was quite considerable, especially the narrow deeply rutted track, which led us downwards towards Flappit. This section incurred much dabbling of feet and the occasional endo. A short ride along a snow covered road brought us to the top of the moors overlooking Haworth. Turning right we followed a bumpy single track and descended to Cross Roads. Dodging traffic we dashed across the main Keighley to Halifax road and began a long measured climb towards Harden Moor. This road had been gritted so every time a vehicle passed by (usually a 4x4 at speed) we got splattered with slushy snow. Eventually we reached the summit x-roads and turned off road again. This area is very popular with people flying model aircraft but today we were the only ones around. After crossing the moor we navigated a couple of fields and followed a track between old gritstone walls to a point high above St. Ives. By now we had got used to cycling on snow and our speed had started to increase on the descents so the next section of bridleway saw us hacking along with the odd rear wheel slide to up the interest factor. We turned quickly into St. Ives estate and, after manoeuvring around walkers, steadily descended towards the Twines near Bingley. We skidded rather alarmingly through the trees hoping to stop before reaching the main road! We then crossed the road and nipped down to Beckfoot and onto Cottingley Bridge, crossed the main Shipley to Keighley road, and rode onto the Leeds and Liverpool canal towpath. A quick bash along here, through the woods and cemetery, and a few minutes later were back in time for lunch.



This is a route I often do for training and is about 15 miles in length. There are several steep ascents and in general the route is one of ups and downs. If you don't mind hills then give this one a go – the views are good and there are plenty of places for refreshments along the way.

*Granville Haigh*

## Dates for your Diaries

DATES	DAY	EVENT DETAILS	Contact
Mar 01	Thu	District Team	
Mar 03	Sat	District Swimming Gala @ Shipley Baths	
Mar 09-11	W/E	County Hill Safety Course @ Halton Gill	WY Link
Mar 15	Thu	District AGM @ St John's Scout Hut	
Mar 16-18	W/E	County Pioneering Camp	WY Link
Mar 23-25	W/E	Scout Rock Climber Badge @ Sconce	Brendan
Mar 24-25	W/E	Brow Hike	WY Link
Mar 24-31	Week	Scout Job Week	
Mar 25	Sun	Mountain Bike Outing	Paul
Apr 05	Thu	District Team	
Apr 07	Sat	Calderdale Hike (27 or 37 miles)	WY Link
Apr 26	Thu	St George's Day Parade Evening @ St Peter's	6.45 for 7
Apr 28	Sat	District Spring Fayre	
Apr 29	Sun	Sconce Interest Day	Colin
May 03	Thu	District Team	
May 04-05	Fri-Sat	Curley Hill Challenge (Rombalds Rendezvous)	
May 06	Sun	Ilkley Moor Baht' at Walk	
May 05-07	Sa-Mo	Cub Challenge Camp @ Sconce	
May 12-13	W/E	Fellsman Hike	WY Link
May 13	Sun	Starting Out Course @ Keighley	Linda
Jun 07	Thu	District Team	
Jun 08-10	W/E	District Scout Camp @ Sconce	
Jun 22-24	W/E	Scout Pioneer Badge @ Sconce	Brendan
Jun 30 or Jul 01	Sat Sun	Cubantics 1 day @ Ripon Race Course	
???	???	Scout Caver Badge – Taster Sessions	Paul
Sep 16	Sun	Great Yorkshire Ryder Mountain Bike Challenge	
Sep 16	Sun	Starting Out Course @ Wharfedale	Linda
Nov 25	Sun	Starting Out Course @ Shipley & Baildon	Linda
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Mar 14-16	Th-Sa	County Gang Show	WY Link

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*John*

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