



May 2005

Cumbria Chat

Message from

IVOR HUGHES, County Commissioner

The summer is once again upon us, offering opportunity for outdoor activities and camping. There are many camps and events in Groups and Districts which give all members of the Scouting community in Cumbria a chance

CUMBRIA CHAT

This edition of Cumbria Chat is being prepared by Tricia H, our County Administrator, following the departure of Julia S, our previous Editor to travels abroad .. (last heard of in the USA!)

As a consequence we are looking for a new Editor, someone who is computer literate, and is prepared to produce 5 editions each year, and to ensure that they are sent by electronic means to every group in the County, and also a printed

If you are interested in taking on this challenge, please phone the County Commissioner for further discussion

Inside this issue:

- Ivor H, Co. Commissioner
- St. George's Day Awards
- Awareness Events: June 2005
- Annual General Meeting
- Beaver News
- Scout Signs
- Keyfund News
- Scouting in Cumbria 1907-2007
- Training: A Great Opportunity Getting Started

DIARY DATES

MEETINGS

05 May Executive Committee
21 June Finance Committee
28 June Facility Committee
11 July DC/Chm. Meeting
14 July Executive Committee
20 July County Team
22 Sept Annual General Meeting

EVENTS

02 May Scout Rally/G. Tower
15 May Getting Started (DHF)
22 May Cub Fun Day
12 June AT: Getting Started
18 June County Awareness Day
24 June AT: Nights Away (Wmere)
26 June AT: Outdoor Skills (Wmere)
29 July to 10 August EUROJAM
2005 Hylands Park

St. GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS

Each year the Scout Association makes awards to various Leaders and supporters of Scouting in the St. George's Day Awards. This year four Leaders from Cumbria have been recognised by the Chief Scout as recipients of the Silver Acorn, for their specially distinguished service over many years. They are :

IAN A

Scout Leader at 18th Carlisle, and previously Venture Scout Leader of Solway Venture Scout Unit. Ian served for several years on the National Venture Scout Board, and contributed to publications of the then Venture Scout programme. Ian also served a term as ACC (Scouts).

PETER H

Scout Group Leader at Dalston Scout Group for almost 25 years, Peter has served as a Scout Leader in Barrow and Carlisle, and was on the District Team for Inglewood District for several years.

JOAN M

Cub Scout Leader at Seaton Cubs, Workington since 1978, Joan is also the longest serving current District Commissioner in Cumbria. To these roles Joan added ACC (Cubs) in 2001, and serves on the Training Team. Joan's contribution to Cumbrian Scouting has been immense.

DAVE T

Cub Scout Leader in Whitehaven for many years, David was District Commissioner for Whitehaven for six years. David currently Chairman of the Facilities Sub Committee, and in that role oversaw the successful National Lottery bid for the establishment of an outdoor activities facility in West Cumbria based at our site at Ennerdale

To these four Leaders, and to their families who have allowed them so spend so much time on Scouting, wesay 'thank you' for all you have done over many years.

**AWARENESS EVENTS:
JUNE 2005**

As should have been discussed at you District Meetings, the County is seeking to raise the public profile of Scouting by District Meetings, the County is seeking g events in the public eye during the month of June. So far, the following have been planned:

BARROW

Activities round the Town Hall square. 18th June

DUDDON & HIGH

FURNESS:

District Camp 18th-19th June

EDEN

Activities at Methodist Hall, 18th June plus ascents of different peaks throughout June to equate to height of Everest.

REIVERS

Camp for flood victims who would not otherwise have a holiday 10th-12th June

WESTERN LAKES:

National Mobile Display Unit at Maritime Festival 24th June

Other districts are participating, but their events have not been finalised yet.

Please give these events your support, where possible, but more importantly, ensure that your non friends and colleagues are aware of them too.

and finally,

on behalf of all those who enjoyed the International Day at Newton Rigg in March, and the recent County Rally at Great Tower, a big 'thank you' to Claire W & Mike D and all their team members who worked long hours to make these events such a success



BSL SLEEPOVER CRAFT & PROGRAMME IDEAS DAY

Come and join the fun at either 13th Carlisle on Saturday 11th June ... or at Sedgwick Village Hall, Kendal On Sunday 12th June 10am - 4pm

Drop in and try out a craft, challenge, or a game and pick up some programme ideas and tips and take home an Ideas Booklet ... all for just £2 Let me know which venue you are coming to for directions. Don't forget to collect photos for the 2006 Beaver calendar and send them to your DC or me by July 2005.

Future date for your diary

COUNTY BEAVER FUN DAY

at Newton Rigg Campus: Sunday 11th June 2006

Come on .. who's game for a County Sleepover at Warcop Training Camp in the Spring of 2007?? Keep on Beavering!

Cerys M



SCOUT SIGNS

The idea for these signs came from the new Marketing man at Gilwell. So much excellent work is done in Scout Groups but much of it is behind closed doors, it would be great if we could show the public how strong Scouting is in our local area by displaying these outside every meeting venue.

The signs only cost £5.95 which covers postage and packaging, and they have a space for local contact details, so why not ask whoever owns your building if you can put a simple sign on the outside of the building to show where, and how, people can get involved in Scouting. I took one of these signs to the last Reivers District Meeting to show people what they looked like and the feedback was very positive.

Adam D

*New large corporate Scout signs are now available. These signs can be easily fitted to the outside of your Group HQ or the building where Scouting takes place. The signs are 5mm thick, 800mm x 600mm size, white on purple lightweight PVC. The signs come in two designs, either landscape or portrait. There is a space for local contact details to be added so that any young person or adult wanting to join is now just one phone call away. The cost is £5.95 which includes delivery. **Act now while stocks last** The signs can be ordered on line by clicking on this link <http://www.sbuk.org.uk/info.centre/catalog.php?cat=180> The codes are SIGNPORT For portrate and SIGNLAND for landscape Contact C Foster on 020 8433 7210 for large scale orders or multiple signs or special orders. If you do not have Internet access please ring 0845 300 18 18*

KEYFUND

The past year has seen some significant changes in both the structure of Keyfund as well as the importance Keyfund plays within youth work in Cumbria and the "Every Child Matters" paper.

Once seen as just a funding mechanism for young people aged between 11&25 years, Keyfund is now recognised as a credible personal and social development process for young people and invaluable too for workers.

A programme that 'also' offers the opportunity for young people to do the 'OCN Accredited Keyfund Skills Programme' (OCN stands for Open College Network).

Scout Leaders who are Keyfund trained are encouraged to explore the possibilities that Keyfund offers, with support available in the delivery of Keyfund throughout the year. It is a concern that with 935 young people participating in Keyfund in Cumbria over the past year only 12 were Scouts.

Keyfund offers ongoing support throughout the year, if currently trained Leaders would like me to organise a 'Keyfund Refresher Workshop' then do get in touch.

Scout Leaders who have not trained as Keyfund Facilitators and would like to find out more about what Keyfund can offer and find out the next available training day can also contact me via: 07900 484452

Keyfund, c/o Connexions Cumbria
124 Highgate, Kendal LA9 4HE

D Bagshaw
Keyfund/YAA Coordinator



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

As you know the **21st WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE** will take place in the UK in 2007 from 27th July to 8th August in Scouting's Centenary year

We are seeking a Warranted adult to be the Leader of the Cumbrian team who will attend the Jamboree.

You will assist with the selection of the Explorer Scouts who will form the contingent. Then in conjunction with Leaders from other counties, you will be responsible for the coordination and training, and will be involved with the fund raising. Of course you will then lead the Cumbrian team when 40,000 members of the Movement from all over the world converge on Essex.

If you are interested then please contact our County Commissioner



GETTING STARTED

Since September 2004 there have been six opportunities for Leaders, Sectional Assistants and Supporters to attend the One day Getting Started courses

Now just two courses are available before the summer.

They are on **SUNDAY 15 MAY** in Cartmel and on **SUNDAY 12 JUNE** in Workington From **FRIDAY 24 JUNE** to **SUNDAY 26 JUNE** we shall be running a weekend course for Nights Away, Practical Skills and Activities Outdoors. This is designed for Leaders from all sections.

For more information Please **Training Registrar Jean S** or Training@CumbriaScouts.org.UK



GIFT AID - Have you got Yours?

GIFT AID is a reimbursement of tax on money donated to charity, and is paid at the rate of 28p on each pound donated. Under current rules, if a taxpayer pays the Annual Membership Fee, and the weekly Subscription for Scout Membership, the Scout Group can claim back tax as **GIFT AID**. The process is quite simple, and can generate significant sums.

In Cumbria we have 79 Scout Groups. Of these only 25 groups have claimed Gift Aid in the last year.

Assuming Membership fees are about £20 annually, and Subs are £1 per week for 40 weeks per year, the average Scout member pays £60 per year. Gift Aid at 28p per £1 would generate £16.80p. If there are 20 members in the Scout Group, this would generate £336 for Group. 9 Groups in Cumbria

Funds. If all 49 Groups in Cumbria who have not claimed Gift Aid did so, this would give over £16,000 to groups in Cumbria!



SCOUTING IN C 1907-2007

Roy Mc is still interested in the history of Scouting in Cumbria 1907-2007 and is trying to spread the word outside Scouting circles and would ask anyone involved in Churches, Schools, Clubs in Institutes for any memories they might have.

Post or Email information to Roy C/O County offices, Kendal or Admin@CumbriaScouts.org.UK

Cumbria County Scout Council,
County Office
c/o Connexions Cumbria
124 Highgate
Kendal
LA9 4HE

Tel: 01539 792 886
Fax: 01539 733 316

Email:
Admin@CumbriaScouts.org.UK



Note from the Temporary Editor

Thank you for the contributions from ...

Ivor H

Adam D

Cerys M

Tim K

D Bagshar (Connexions)

... please send more.

I will be temporary editor for the Chat until a permanent person can be found who can take over this role.

The next edition will be for July 2005 please have any items, dates of forthcoming events or training, you would like including in the next issue sent to myself before the end of July. Thank You.

Tricia

CumbriaChat@CumbriaScouts.org.UK

Don't forget to let me know if you would like your edition of CumbriaChat by e-mail



Cumbria Scouts

Scouting in the English Lake District

CumbriaScouts.org.UK

