



From the County Commissioner:

Manchester South's Network members' had great success in placing a Scout neckerchief on an ITN News presenter at the Royal Wedding (and if you've not seen it you can view it on the County website, pictures and an article can also be seen in the May issue of County Life), the national campaign earlier this year to 'put a Necker/scarf on it' for Founder's day, and the number of occasions in Explorer Belt presentations that participants have referred to "the power of the Necker" demonstrate how iconic the Scout Necker is – such a strong image that will forever be associated with Scouting.

So to the word "woggle", recently I was at a camp where I was showing Scouts how to make a Turks Head woggle that the question arose where does the word woggle come from? I had to admit I didn't know. But I would find out! So here is the result of my research (should you ever get asked the same question!)

The Scout Necker began its day loosely knotted at the neck. This meant that it became creased very easily where it was tied. To get around this a few Scouts at Gilwell thought they'd begin experimenting with other ways to hold the two ends together. They had heard that the Americans had come up with the idea of using a ring or "boon doggle" made from bone, rope or wood through which the ends could be pulled. When one of the Scouts began making a Turks Head knot, they knew that they were on the right track. They made their knot out of thin sewing machine leather belting, and the woggle was born! Well almost, because then they had to come up with the name. Some say the word woggle comes from boon doggle. Others think it could be inspired by the sixteenth century word "waggle" meaning 'to move anything held or fixed at one end to and fro with quick short motions'. Either way it got its first fashion outing in the Scout in June 1923 in an article entitled "Wear a Scarf woggle". Therefore where some Scouts dared to woggle, others followed suit.

The County's best wishes go to all our Jamboree contingent members and leaders, together with all the volunteer staff from across the County who will be helping at the Jamboree, as well as to members from Groups, Units, and Districts who will be day visitors to the Jamboree. We look forward to hearing all about it on your return (perhaps at the County AGM at Linnet Clough at 7.30pm on September 28th).

Anyway, wherever you and your young people chose to woggle over the coming summer weeks I wish you all fun, exciting, challenging, and safe adventures.

Andrew Corrie

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PRODUCT RECALL

If you have purchased and PETZL GRIGRI2's this year then please be advised that there is a product recall on this product.

If you possess a GRIGRI 2 (D14 2O, D14 2G, D14 2B) with the first five digits of the serial number between 10326 and 11136 thanks to contact by email your local Petzl distributor with your complete postal address in order to initiate an exchange. For full information on the product recall please visit their website www.petzl.com/en/outdoor/recall-replacement-grigri-2.

Awards

Once again this month more leaders (and other adult support members) have been awarded long service awards, therefore please see below those who have 25 or more year's service. Although not listed congratulations should also go to those who have served 5, 10, 15 and 20 years.

Name	District	Years Service
David Gordon McCracken	Cheadle and District	40
Alex Joyce	Ladybrook Valley	30
Carol Ann Farrell	Manchester South	25
Roger Short	Manchester South	30
Stephen Dransfield	Tame Valley	30

Considering a Residential Experience?

Are you looking for somewhere local for a Pack holiday, Beaver sleep over or Scout activity?

Do you want a venue that provides first class indoor accommodation and secure outdoor facilities that can bring you a taste of the real countryside?

Try the Scout and Guide Residential Centre at the Abney Country Park, Cheadle. Look us up on our website at www.abneycentre.org.uk/, better still, pay us a visit; we would be delighted to show you around.

Our Centre offers a large activity/dining room, excellent kitchen facilities with all utensils, crockery and cutlery provided. First class toilet and showers including disabled provision. Bunk bed accommodation, plus leader's rooms and 3 acres of outdoor space which is exclusive to whoever uses the accommodation. This area is made up of mature woodland, wild scrub and mown grassland with a little brook snaking through the site.

We are situated in a secluded corner of the Abney Country Park and, if you wish, you can use, explore and enjoy this very large public area. It has a selection of woodland, ponds and wetlands, cattle grazed meadows and the historic Abney Hall. By appointment the countryside rangers, based in the park, will provide accompanied walks, mini-beast hunts or pond dipping.

We are all taught not to believe everything we read so why not come and see for yourselves. We think you may just discover this hidden gem right on your doorstep which could be your easily reached venue for a great residential experience.

Ring Mark Brookes on 0161 485 6354 for a viewing, we think you will be pleasantly surprised and we so look forward to meeting you.

Very best wishes to you all from the Abney Centre Management Committee (and we are all Scouters or Guiders)

GME IST 2011



There are a number of members of the county going to Sweden next month as part of IST. If you would like to find out more about what they would be doing when they are out there or how to get a copy of their badge (pictured left) then please contact Jimbo on jimbo_rowen@hotmail.co.uk.

Of course there are also a number of young people going to the Jamboree, so make sure that you have one of their badges too. There is sure to be a member of one of the units somewhere near you so purchase a badge from them



News from the Clough

Join-in-Jamboree Thank You

Thank you to everyone who gave up so many hours over the weekend for Join-in-Jamboree. We are very proud of all the crew, especially the junior crew, who worked long hours with very little sleep to ensure that the site was clean and safe with around 2000 visitors on site on Saturday. Thank you to those who manned Gibb Lane on Friday, Saturday and Sunday ensuring that everyone got in and out (and had abuse from a few parents), those who stayed late on Sunday, cleaning buildings and paths, rolling the activity fields and making beds so that the site was ready for a residential visit starting at 9am on Monday. We really couldn't manage without all the volunteers who keep the site going.

Travelling to the Site

We know that many of you encourage car sharing when visiting the site but we noticed many of the cars coming to the site over the weekend contained one child. It was commented on by one of our neighbours, who asked could we remind Leaders about this. Can we also ask you to remind parents to drive slowly past the cottages on Gibb Lane as we have also had comments about this.

Summer Camps

As the Jamboree units set off for Sweden, it appears that many groups are having their Summer Camps. We have about 16 groups spending time with us over the summer holidays; they are from various spots across the UK.

Dates for the Diary

Campsite Services Badge Weekend

We are running a Campsite Services Badge weekend on 18th-20th November 2011. The cost is £15 per person and Scouts and Explorers will learn about maintaining the site, equipment and other requirements of the Campsite Services badge and Activity Centre Service badge.

Christmas Weekend

Christmas at the Clough will be held on the weekend of 9th-11th December. We will be holding Christmas parties, a Saturday night social and the Christmas by Candlelight carol service.

Linnet Clough can be contacted on 0161 427 1688 and linnetcloughcamp@aol.com

Wet Activity Day

Scouts from Ashton and Droylsden took part in their annual water activity day on the canal outside 413th Scout Headquarters during June. The Scouts from across the district took part in various activities on the water, and as was expected all got very wet.



Some Scouts had never been canoeing before, so instructors from the 413th Droylsden Scouts showed them how to canoe and what to do if they capsized (which they all did). Following the training the Scouts then had races in double canoes and single kayaks up and down the canal.

The winning team, 6th Ashton, took the trophy from the favourites (and last years winners) 3/12 Ashton by only a few points in the final dragon boat race. The 6th Ashton team of Jay, Daniel, James and Stacy were presented with the trophy which they will hold until next years water day and shields for their hard work to win the competition. Daniel said "I have had a great day canoeing and getting wet I would like to do more canoeing"

Join in Jamboree

After nearly a year of planning 2,022 members of the County ascended on Linnet Clough for what turned out to be a fantastic weekend of activities and fun. The site also hosted 800 campers for the weekend who were attending the event.

The event would not have been a success if it hadn't been for the hard work for a number of people including the sites service crew, Barbara, Rick, Mrs "J" and the cooking team (along with my husband Chris). Thanks also need to go to all the leaders and Jamboree Units who put on a wide variety of bases that kept everyone entertained.



Although the day was to allow everyone to benefit from the Jamboree experience the opportunity was also used to help the beavers celebrate their silver jubilee. The events that they had were all based on the silver theme and included mining for silver, making silverback gorillas, silver birch trees, knights, racing cars from Silverstone and outer space.

The event also allowed the Chief Commissioner for England (Tim Kidd) and Chris Harris (Regional Commissioner) to come along and meet those attending and talk to people about what they enjoyed about Scouting and also how they were enjoying the event itself. I'm sure that many of the Scouts and Explorers told them how great the Zorbing was as it proved very popular.



There was also an area where the young people could meet Vikings (Living History area), a bird of prey display, tropical Inc and also an ABBA tribute band. Final thanks should also go to our 3 sponsors who also joined us on the day, LEGO, Discovery Centre and Woggle Shop.



If you enjoyed the day / weekend and would like to do something as a County next year to celebrate Queens' Diamond Jubilee and / or the Olympics either let your ADC /DC know , or e-mail me direct so we can collate ideas together. All suggestions welcome, let us know your thoughts it's your County, I'd particularly like to know what our Younger members would like to do!

Claire Jarvis.



National Notice Board

- **Badge Changes** – please note that as of June 2011 some of the badge requirements have been amended or updated for all of the sections. This includes the staged activity badges that span the 4 lower sections. For more information visit the scout website on the following addresses for the different sectional changes:
 - https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/Noticeboard/070611/Badge%20changes_Beavers.pdf
 - https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/Noticeboard/070611/Badge%20changes_Cubs.pdf
 - https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/Noticeboard/070611/Badge%20changes_Scouts.pdf
 - https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/Noticeboard/070611/Badge%20changes_Explorers.pdf
 - https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/Noticeboard/070611/Badge%20changes_Staged.pdf
 - https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/Noticeboard/070611/Badge%20changes_flexibility.pdf
- **Factsheet Updates** – The Association have made changes to a number of factsheets in the last couple of months. They have deleted FS120621 – SA Swimming Pools (from Safety in Scouting). They have also updated the following:
 - FS120004 – Shooting
 - FS120100 – Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme
 - FS120104 – AAPS – Approved Assessors
 - FS120451 – Caving
 - FS120603 – Water Safety Incorporating Life Jackets & Buoyancy Aids
 - FS120620 – Swimming
 - FS120623 – Class 3 waters
 - FS120663 – Snorkelling
 - FS320600 – The Scout Association Trust Corporation
 - FS321004 – Criminal Record Checks
- **Editors Wanted** – Are any of your Young People budding journalists? If so then Scouting Magazine are looking for another set of young people to take the reigns. Please register interest via Email on scouting.magazine@scouts.org.uk.
- **Do you YouScout?** – Many of you will be aware of Facebook and MySpace but have you ever heard of YouScout? If not then I will try and give you a brief lowdown. The site is designed for 14-25 year olds to get their opinion on Scouting Matters by getting members to answer simple questionnaires. If you know any Explorers, Young Leaders or Network members that may want to have their voice heard then get them to contact the Association on citizen@scout.org.uk for more information

Message from the editor.....Andrea Dolan (Original)

I remember myself how I felt this time 4 years ago, excited to be taking part in the Centenary WSJ at Hylands Park in Essex, it was an amazing experience and I am sure that all Scouts, Leaders and IST attending Sweden this summer will also have the time of your lives! I wish you all who are travelling for summer camps, days out, weekends away in the name of scouting a great time as well.

As many of you know Mike Dolan our ACC Communications (and my brother) got married during May, on the right is a picture of Mike with his bride Andrea (yes there are now two of us). I'm sure that you will join us in wishing them both a happy life together.

I'm afraid that this is the last issue of County Life this Scouting year however fear not we will be back in September for the start of the new term. Please send all of your summer camping news / activities etc to

countylife@gmescouts.org.uk

or inclusion by the 27th of August

Andrea

