



THREE WISE MEN

I have been privileged over the past few weeks to hear three distinguished people talk very inspirationally about Scouting's values and the often unknown influence a volunteer Leader can have on a young person. First at the County Commissioners' Conference, World record holder Steve Cramm spoke of all the people who had encouraged, supported, and inspired him to achieve his potential. He acknowledged that many people with talent and ability didn't reach their potential because they were never given the opportunities, and that what Leaders do is enhance what youngsters achieve. One of his trainers once told him "today is not important but every day is"; he had puzzled over this but eventually realised that it meant he couldn't pinpoint one particular event, or one individual to which he could attribute his world record-breaking achievement but a combination of many people and situations.

Later that day our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls told us how important it was for us to help people realise their dreams, (for him it had been a childhood dream to climb Everest, which he achieved despite immense odds of near paralysis following a parachute accident) He attributed many of his successes to teamwork which is at its best when its firmly rooted in friendship too. He recalled being told by his Commanding Officer when he was selected to join the exclusive Special Forces that the difference between an ordinary and an extraordinary person was the "extra" '- going the extra mile, giving that bit extra, doing that bit extra. And finally at our County Conference, our vice President Peter Fahey (Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police) revealed that it was the positive guidance he had received from adults during his developing years that had stood him in such good stead in difficult moments, but that those who had helped him would never have realised the good influence and impact they had on him. I share these three with you as they were all eloquent and sincere endorsements of all that our Leaders do and I hope will help Leaders to feel valued, enhance their feeling of self-worth, and motivated to continue to work to provide quality Scouting for all the young people with whom it is our privilege to work.

Andrew Corrie COUNTY COMMISISIONER.



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site www.gmescouts.org.uk*

OCTOBER AWARDS FROM HQ

Yet again we have much pleasure in informing you that the Chief Scout has made the following awards within our County for the month of October. We have also been asked to convey the congratulations of the Chief Scout to all the recipients.

BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT

Paul Andrew Barnes, DSL / Appointments Secretary Stockport District

AWARD FOR MERIT

Mrs Dawn Mary Aitken, ACSL 1st Bramhall Ladybrook Valley
Mrs Claire Cheryl Nicoll, District Appointments Secretary Hyde And District
/ County Member
Geoffrey Phillip 'Geoff' Twiss, ASL 1st Bramhall, Ladybrook Valley

CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

Mrs Catherine Cox, ASL 2nd Cheadle, Cheadle And District



MATCHMAKING FOR BEAVERS



We are often asked by Beaver Leaders if they can book the Lynmouth Chalet for one night. Unfortunately we only accept weekend bookings for two nights. The way around this is for two colonies to book the weekend and stay one night each. The idea being that one group stays on Friday night does activities on Saturday and goes home that evening. The other group arrives on Saturday afternoon stays the night and does activities on Sunday before going home that evening.

However, we understand that it is not always easy to find a partner so we have decided to try a matchmaking service for Beaver colonies. You will need to be flexible as sometimes we might be offering a weekend at short notice. If you want to specify a certain weekend then we shall do our best to find you a partner but cannot guarantee anything.

The Lynmouth Chalet comes with the use of the Cub field for your own games and we also have a number of suitable activities that you can book such as the low ropes course, beaver trail and giant games.

If you want to register your colony for the matchmaking service to begin in January 2010 then contact Linnet Clough with details of the group, a contact name, number and an email address if at all possible

Contact Linnet Clough on 0161 427 1688 or email us at linnetcloughcamp@aol.com

CHIEF SCOUT'S GOLD AWARD



Congratulations to the 40 Scouts from six Districts in our County who were presented with their Chief Scout's Gold Award Certificates by Ken Blakeman, Chairman, Kinder Mountain Rescue Team, at a special ceremony at Linnet Clough Scout Camp & Activity Centre on the 19th October 2009.

The Chief Scout's Gold Award is the highest award for Scouts in the Scout Section and all those who gain it have demonstrated considerable commitment and leadership skills. Let us hope we see all these young people taking on further challenges in Explorer Scouts and going on to gain their Queen's Scout Award in the next few years.

Goyt District

Ryan Nolan 1st Marple (Cobden)

Ladybrook Valley District

Oliver Henshaw 1st Bramhall
 Matthew Danby 1st Bramhall
 Benjamin Wilkinson 1st Bramhall
 James Cameron 4th Bramhall (St Michael's)
 Charles Waters 4th Bramhall (St Michael's)
 Jamie Sowter 4th Bramhall (St Michael's)
 Laurence Lees 4th Bramhall (St Michael's)
 Jamie Swindells 4th Bramhall (St Michael's)
 Alexander Crispin 4th Bramhall (St Michael's)
 Robert Skelton 4th Bramhall (St Michael's)
 Jack Rushton 2nd Bramhall
 David Barber 2nd Bramhall
 Ryan Leeming 2nd Bramhall
 Dominic Keogh 2nd Bramhall
 Thomas Callan 2nd Bramhall
 Christopher Gratton 2nd Bramhall
 Simon Highfield 2nd Bramhall
 Yafaa Chaudhary 2nd Bramhall
 Jack Walton 2nd Bramhall

Tameside South District

Benjamin Charlton 5th Hyde

Cheadle District

Martin Ayre 2nd Heald Green
 Nicholas Yan Czubin 2nd Heald Green
 Chris Bryan 2nd Heald Green
 Tim Mayall 2nd Heald Green
 Alex Drayton 2nd Heald Green

Stockport District

Robert Jefferies 1st Heaton Norris
 Christopher McCloskey 1st Heaton Norris
 Zachariah Copeland 1st Offerton
 Joseph Taylor 1st Offerton
 Matthew Kemp 1st Offerton
 Lee Sykes 1st Offerton
 Andrew Butler 21st Stockport
 Kern Cowell 21st Stockport
 Ben Bennett 13th Stockport
 Adam Hodgkinson 13th Stockport
 Adam Barnes 13th Stockport
 Joe Seggie 13th Stockport

Glossop District

Sam Lambrick 1st Dinting

Tameside South District

Christian Hodson 5th Hyde



Scout Section Winter Weekend

Camp 2010 ~ Linnet Clough 22nd to 24th January 2010

For all Scouts who wish to show how good at camping they really are. Will it be freezing cold or muddy? Perhaps a chance to gain your Polar Bear badge if the temperature overnight dips below freezing! or we may re-introduce the Hippo award!

Lots of activities for you to have a go at, plus a visit to the Sports hall and swimming pool on the Saturday evening. **DON'T FORGET** your **SWIMMING Togs!!!**

Further details including the booking form and parent consent form (air rifle shooting) are available from the County web site: <http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/> I would be very grateful if any leaders / instructors wish to help, please let me know before the event.

Everyone says how much they enjoy it each year, so why not give your Scouts the chance to join us?

John Dawson / Tel: 07726 170875 / e-mail: programme@gmescouts.org.uk



EXPLORER Scout Section WINTER CAMP 2010 ~ Linnet Clough 29th to 31st January 2010

Shake off the Christmas excesses and get the New Year off to a good start by taking part in the County's first Winter Camp for the EXPLORER Scout Section.

The format will be similar to the Scout Winter Weekend and include a trip to the Sports hall and swimming pool on the Saturday evening.

Further details including the booking form and parent consent form (air rifle shooting) are available from the County web site: <http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/> Hope to see you there! If you would like further information, please give me a ring on 07726 170875

I would be very grateful if any leaders / instructors wish to help, please let me know before the event.

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2010 Programme

Greater Manchester East Scout County



Date	Event / Activity	Location	Who for
22-24 Jan 2010	County Scout Winter Camp	Linnet Clough	Scouts
29-31 Jan 2010	County Explorer Winter Camp	Linnet Clough	Explorer Scouts
5-7 Feb 2010	World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) Sweden 2011 Contingent Weekend	Linnet Clough	Scouts / Explorer Scouts
12-14 Feb 2010	Campsite Services Badge	Linnet Clough	Scouts
13-19 Feb 2010	Ski France	France	Scouts / Explorer Scouts / Network
20 March 2010	Scout Proficiency Badge Day	Linnet Clough	Scouts
9-11 April 2010	Explorer Challenge Hike	TBA	Explorer Scouts
16-18 April 2010	WSJ Sweden 2011 Contingent Weekend	Linnet Clough	Scouts / Explorer Scouts
17 April 2010	Explorer & Network Reception	TBA	Explorer Scouts / Network
21 April 2010	Chief Scout's Gold Award Reception	TBA	Scouts
22 May 2010	Join-In-Japan Activity Day	Linnet Clough	All Sections
28-31 May 2010	Activity Fest	Linnet Clough	Scouts
3 July 2010	National Scout Car Championships	TBA	Scouts
9-11 July 2010	Survival Skills Camp	Boarfold campsite	Scouts
July – August 2010	GME County Explorer Scout Expedition to Japan	Japan	Explorer Scouts
12 Sept 2010	City Quest	Manchester	Scouts
17-19 Sept 2010	Bush Craft Weekend	TBA	Explorer Scouts
25 Sept 2010	County Conference & AGM	TBA	All
26 Sept 2010	ZAP Day	Linnet Clough	Scouts
1-3 Oct 2010	Troop Leadership Weekend	Linnet Clough	Scouts
13 Oct 2010	Chief Scout's Gold Award Reception	TBA	Scouts
15-17 Oct 2010	Technology Camp	Linnet Clough	Scouts
12-14 Nov 2010	Campsite Services Badge	Linnet Clough	Scouts
19 Nov 2010	Explorer Quiz	TBA	Explorer Scouts
10-12 Dec 2010	Christmas Weekend	Linnet Clough	Beavers / Cubs



The 2009 Technology Camp was a great success and weather was good for a change too.

Here are some statistics:

There have been 7 previous Technology Camps

Attending camp; Staff; Dedicated 39 , Plus leaders from attending groups 11 , Total 50
 Scouts 183, Leaders 61, Service team 12.
 Total on camp over whole period 305.

Activity badges gained;	Total Awarded	169
	IT stage 1,	45
	IT stage 2,	44
	IT stage 3,	4
	IT stage 4,	0
	IT stage 5,	4
	Communicator (radio)	29
	Electronics	32
	Photographer	11

Electronics Construction;	Completed Kits	173
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Radio Station	Unique stations contacted	160
	Contacts made	170
	Countries contacted	17
	Scout stations worked	39

Competitions;	Arcade Games;	Champions 250th Manchester
	Radio Orienteering;	Teams taking part 32 Teams completing course 7
	Joint first place	1st Chelford (Ralph Leigh et al) 88th Manchester (Lumberjacks)
	Second place	306th Manchester (Hatchers)
	3rd Place 1st	Chelford (Grassmen)
	Robot Racer team challenge;	
	First place	1st Sefton team wardo's
	Second place	Bramhall air scouts
	Third place	2nd Heald Green
	Flight simulators;	Successful take off and landings 67

LINNET CLOUGH

SCOUT CAMP AND ACTIVITY CENTRE



500 CLUB

The aim of the County 500 Club is to raise money to support future developments at Linnet Clough and to give members the chance to win a monthly prize. The membership fee is £2 per month. 50% of all membership fees are given as the prize fund and there are two winners each month. For further details and to download an application form please see the downloads section on www.gmescouts.org.uk alternatively contact Linnet Clough.

2010

If you want to book a weekend in either the Barn Complex or Lynmouth Chalet in 2010 then you need to act quickly as both are booking up rapidly.

SITE SERVICES BADGE 2010

We are holding a Campsite Services badge weekend on 12-14th February 2010. The cost will be £15 per person. If you have any Scouts who are interested please let us know.

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

LINNET CLOUGH SERVICE CREW NEEDS YOU



Linnet Clough Service Crew is looking for new service crew members. Junior Crew aged 14-18 and Senior Crew over 18s.

Come and join our team and have fun putting something back into your local campsite.

Contact: linnetcloughcamp@aol.com or telephone Carl on 0161 427 1688 for more information.





CHRISTMAS AT THE CLOUGH



Christmas Party Weekend

We are holding our Cub and Beaver Christmas parties this year on 12th & 13th December 2009.

The cost is £5.50 per person and includes food, games and a present from Father Christmas.

Christmas Social

This is on Saturday 12th December and starts at 7.30pm. The cost is £5 per person and includes a hot pot supper. Come and join us for a fun evening!

Christmas Carol Service

The Carol Service is on Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm. This is free of charge but a ticket is required.

Contact us for a Christmas event booking form to make sure that you don't miss out.

Contact Linnet Clough on 0161 427 1688 or email us at linnetcloughcamp@aol.com



RAFT RACE 2009

The first annual Tame Valley Scouts raft race took part on 26th September 2009. 4 teams took part. A team made of 2nd Stalybridge, 7th Stalybridge and Senior Section of the Girl Guides won the day. The weather held out as well and everyone enjoyed themselves. The teamwork award went to Rory from 2nd Stalybridge.



There will be a County Raft Race to be held at Linnet Clough Camp Site involving teams from all the Districts in Greater Manchester East. The event will be held on the weekend of the 11th to 13th June next year.

We hope to be able to bring you more details soon, so keep reading County Life and looking at the web site.

Yours in Scouting

Graeme Stafford

Developing Leader Training

Around 24 adult leaders attended a weekend training course at Linnet Clough recently, the course covered 5 modules ranging from 'Managing Challenging Behaviour' to 'Fun and Games' (AKA - Administration!)

The leaders all seemed to enjoy the experience and even found time to get some fresh air out on the cube!

The County training team are hoping to set the dates for more modules during 2010 soon, these will be published in County Life and on the County website.



CARDBOARD OVENS

Andrea Dolan from the 308th Manchester Scouts (and the new editor of County Life!) really enjoyed an article on Cardboard ovens in a recent issue of 'Scouting Magazine' and she decided to would give it a go.... could cardboard boxes really work as ovens?

The challenge was on! Andrea takes up the story...

We spent one week actually making the ovens after getting boxes from our local Co-op and ASDA. ASDA were also kind enough to donate all the tin foil we needed to wrap around the boxes to make them fire proof (the lady I spoke to happened to be married to Scout Leader, we are everywhere)

Our GSL Steve is a welder (very handy) so he sorted out grills trays for us, and after an evening of wrapping and preparing, inserting tent pegs and thinking, "will this really work?" We were good to go.

We dug trench fires to just fit each size of oven and lit fires using wood and charcoal. Meanwhile another group were busily (and a bit messily) preparing the pizzas to be cooked in the ovens.

Once the fires had settled down to a suitable glow we tentively put our ovens over the top and started to cook the pizzas, apart form a few char-grilled bases and a minor case of incineration the pizzas turned out very well and very tasty as the pictures show. The whole activity was really good fun and turned out to be a great success. Looking forward to running it as a base on our Christmas Camp.

Yours in Scouting

Andrea Dolan

Scout Leader - 308th Manchester Scouts



Message from the Editor

Yet again I'd like to thank all those who have contributed to this months 'County Life',

Please continue to send in your pieces for inclusion and remember to distribute copies to all those who don't have easy access to computers etc.

Next month will be our Christmas issue so if you have any parties or trips planned please let us know and we'll try to give you all a mention.

Next month will be my last edition as editor so I'd like to finish with a bumper issue, please help me to make it my best yet! Thanks for reading, Nick Steciuk

