



BLACKPOOL DISTRICT BEAVER SCOUT COUNCIL
20th JANUARY 2004 8pm

ATTENDANCE. 4th/21st Dena Foster, 6th Joanne Hanslip, 8th Eileen Hagan, 11th Sue Cumming, Kris Pendergest, Steve Phillips, Tracy Phillips, 13th/16th Louise Hagan, Ann Edwards, 23rd Kate Benson, 24th Rita Barrow, 41st Ted Cooper, 51st John Sanderson, 1st BP Lesley Meddings, 1st N Ann Clayton, Chair Chris Reekie, DC Steve Williamson, LTM Carolyn Kirkham, Promotion & Publicity Phillip Mather, ADC BS Pat Edwards.

APOLOGIES Helen Bennett 44th, Pat Spink 37th, DBSL Irene Wheatley, Sandra Butler 3rd, Mark Walmsley 11th, Jean Sanderson 51st, Jane Platt 1st N, Jackie Leeming 13th/16th.

INTRODUCTIONS – Ann Edwards Session Assistant/carer 13th/16th.

WARRANTS – Ann Edwards 13th/16th

WOODBeads – Congratulations to Eileen Hagan 8th Blackpool.

MINUTE'S - Taken as read

TRAINING - Issue 14 Training newsletter issued at council.

For leaders requiring Getting Started Modules 1 – 8 and not wishing to travel out of the district, you will need to contact Carolyn as there is a course being held on 6th March 2004 at 5th Blackpool HQ. Don't miss out.

Beaver Essentials held at Waddecar 19-20/06/04 or 20-21/11/04

Scouting Essentials held at Waddecar 28-29/02/04.

Kate & Martin Benson, Dena Foster have completed their training and awaiting their woodbeads. 3 more leaders with just their final project to do. Well Done to All.

COURSES AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST – Woodsmoke 2004 issued at council.

There are some excellent courses and activities on offer by contacting County Office Tel.

01995 61336 or email waddecar@westlancashirescouts.org.uk or send a SAE to West

Lancs Scout office, Wood top, Goosnargh, Preston, PR3 2EU

March 14th or September 12th, Get Crafty (for leaders) held at Waddecar

April 4th Beaver Scout Outdoor Challenge Day, Waddecar

April 17th or 23rd October, Basic First Aid, Red Cross, Preston

October 30th Group Award Environment Badge for all your group at Waddecar

PERSONAL TRAINING ADVISERS

We are still looking for experienced leaders to take on the role of Personal Training Advisers, which will be to support and validate leaders training through to woodbeads.

To support you in this role there is a 1-day course at 1st Bispham HQ 21st February 10am – 2.30pm (Module 25) contact Pat if interested. Thank you to Sandra Butler, Sue

Cumming, Eileen Hagan & Chris Reekie who have already volunteered. The district team will also be taking on this role until we can get enough PTA's. As we get into PTA's the more experienced leaders we have helping others through training the less work it will be for all involved.

NIGHTS AWAY

From September 1st 2004 all leaders running residential experiences, i.e. Beaver Sleepovers will require a Nights Away Permit as part of the Associations Authorisation Scheme. Leaders who have held successful Sleepovers can apply for fast tracking for a permit. Leaders holding their first sleepovers will be assessed by a Nights Away Assessor.

TREASURERS REPORT - £*.****

PROMOTION & PUBLICITY

Exposure since last meeting – Display boards in Britannia Building Society. With forthcoming media, Promotional and Marketing at Land Registry, Hounds Hill with Asda & Tesco to confirm.

Meeting with Dominos Pizza who is sponsoring meals for the Scout car races.

Interviews with the Evening Gazette and The Citizen by the DC.

ADC Beaver Scouts Challenge Photo shoot of Rotary Shoebox Appeal.

Interviews to be arranged with Radio Wave & Radio Lancs to promote scouting.

UK volunteers week 1st – 7th June. Promotional stand in Hounds Hill sat. 5th.

DC'S REPORT

Scout Car Races 3.7.04. The Scout car races are to be held in Blackpool this year. We need as much help as possible. In previous years there has been about 90 people involved in various capacities, cooking, marshalling, security and anything and everything to make the event go smoothly. Some sponsorship has been obtained from Domino pizzas and Jordan Formula 1 racing team. Blackpool groups will be entering 2 cars maybe 4. If you feel you can help in any way Fri – Sun morning, anything from an hour or two to the whole weekend contact Steve Williamson.

County Development Day 1st Feb. This is to pool ideas as to the best way forward for the development of county/districts. Will be attended by DC, GSL's, ADC's & District Teams.

Dc Challenge – Around Spring/Summer time all sections will be issued a challenge to find buried treasure. There will be a set of clues to the treasure. Once you find it you will take the treasure out and put something back in and sign a notebook. Beavers would hunt for the treasure locally with cubs a bit further with scouts further still and explorers further still. Sections will need to work together at some point. It will cover the whole year. Prizes will be awarded. For Beavers this will count for the Explore Badge and elements of the Outdoor Challenge. Full instructions will be given when challenge begins.

Group Reviews – Steve has started group reviews – dates will be given to you from GSL's

Newspaper – There is a newspaper issued by Blackpool Borough Council every 2 months, the centre pages are used for youth items, there are spaces for photos and interesting items regarding the youth in Blackpool and district. If you are doing anything interesting contact DC or Phillip Mather. Permission should be obtained from parents if children are on photos to be published.

EXECUTIVE REPORT – 8.1.04

Blackpool Explorers Birthday Bash will be held over the weekend of 1-3. 10.04 at Tower Woods. All young leaders are invited, this will allow YL's to experience what extra opportunities are available to them within the district in one weekend. The cost will be

approx. £20-£30 and includes everything, meals and transport. Contact Scot Munday birthdaybash@dsl.pipex.com

Young Leaders. There is no space on the census form to account for young leaders. If connected to your group you will need to pass on insurance fee to the Explorer Section. **If your warrant is due for renewal** reviews are at the end of March, when you will need to complete the form for the CRB check.

Gang Show has been assessed and awarded red knecker status for the next 5 years. This year's show will run from 8.11.04.

ADC SHOEBOX CHALLENGE – INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Fantastic response with 250 shoeboxes filled with all colonies in the District taking part along with cubs and scouts from the 13th/16th and the 45th. Pat, Ann & Pat visited all 22 International evenings between 10th Nov. – 3rd Dec. and what wonderful evenings they were. Along with the Beavers we were feed kebabs, Turkish delight, polish peasoup, Russian stew, apple dumplings (yummy). Beaver Scouts visited Turkey, Poland, Belarus, Moldavia and Romania. We saw colonies in national costume, a Beaver Scouts collection of Russian dolls, BS colouring flags and learning facts of their chosen country. Many games were played and stories told. But the highlight of all these evenings was seeing the thought and caring from our BS's as they packed their shoeboxes, some sending Christmas cards to the unknown children & families. Many, Many thanks to all for 'Thinking of Others' especially all leaders for taking part.

LEADERS XMAS NIGHT OUT FRIDAY 5TH 2003

Very enjoyable evening with 28 leaders getting in the festive spirit with an excellent meal at Brewsters. Yeodon Way.

DISTRICT OUTING TO BLACKPOOL TOWER & PANTO SUNDAY 7TH DEC 2003

Excellent day out, with some very exhausted Beaver Scouts & Leaders. Pinocchio panto was brilliant. Prices have been sent for the Christmas Circus 2004. The show will run from 27th Nov – 2nd Jan. For early booking before the end of March pay a £20 deposit and you will receive 1 in 10 admission places free. Full payment due four weeks prior to the date of visit. Cost £8 per person. Children's Christmas Party £10 per person. Call Group Sales Team at Blackpool Live on 292019.

SEALIFE CENTRE SUNDAY JANUARY 2004 £3.25 PER PERSON

On arrival hand in attendance numbers with usual breakdown of children & adults to Pat or Ann then make your way to the pay desk.

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION 28TH FEBRUARY 2004

Ample car parking.

10 games and craft bases on the theme of Friendship with a speaker from the rotary club. BS's will be eligible for the Friendship Challenge badge.

Colonies attending 3rd, 4th/21st, 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th/16th, 23rd, 24th, 37th, 41st, 44th, 51st, 1st N
If you would like to attend and not yet returned your form Contact Pat asap

DISTRICT FOUNDERS DAY SERVICE

This is to be held on Sunday 22nd February 3pm. Service approx. ¾ hour.

EVENING GAZETTE COMPETITION 27TH MARCH

6 Beaver Scouts & 1 Leader. The beavers will be working on an A1 piece of card with pre-drawn picture making a mosaic type picture.

All that is needed is a variety of coloured papers, gummed, shiny, black marker pen and scissors. All eligible for creativity badge.

Colonies entered 3rd, 4th/21st, 5th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th/16th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 37th, 41st, 45th, 51st, 1st N. Return application form to Pat asap if you would like to attend.

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE – will be held on Sunday April 25th.

OUTDOOR CHALLENGE & FUN SPORTS 22ND MAY

ALAN BARNES COMPETITION JUNE 20th

Full information will be given at March council on both of these events.

NEW ACC BEAVER SCOUTS

Gill Sharman has retired as ACC Beaver Scouts and her position as been filled by Pauline Taylor, who a lot of you will know from Leader Training Courses.

HQ PROGRAMME REVIEW SURVEY

Thank you to colonies that responded so quickly to the survey issued by Gill Sharman. Those returned held some valuable information, there are still a number outstanding, which are needed to send to HQ before 30th January. Please return to Pat ASAP. Or fill out on-line at www.surveystack.com/scouts this is your chance to say what you think of the programme and resources.

COLONY REVIEWS

Please contact Pat with a choice of a couple of dates that would suit you. Not Monday or Wednesday at present. patedwards2@blueyonder.co.uk

USE YOUR LOAF – FREE KIT FOR YOUR GROUP

Kingsmill the bakery group is operating a “Free Kit for Clubs” initiative. It wants to encourage as many Scout Groups as possible to get involved with the scheme by collecting tokens for free sports and activities equipment. When you visit www.kingsmillkitforclubs.com or call 0870 60 60 090 and register your Group, you will automatically be credited with 50 bonus tokens to get you started. You will also receive a registration pack, containing token collection box, posters and leaflets to help communicate the scheme.

SCOUTS GO GREEN

This is the Associations National Programme Initiative 2004 to help raise environmental awareness in Scouting. There is a full colour resource “Scouts go Green” with over 40 pages of project ideas to support teams of Leaders and young people working towards the Environment Group Award. To order a copy contact the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818 or order online. The cost is £4.00 + £1 p&p. For more information visit www.scoutbase.org.uk

POLICY ORGANISATION AND RULES (POR)

POR has undergone some major amendments to support the arrival of the new Adult Training Scheme. The new CD-ROM, containing the updated version and other items of support material, has gone out to GSLs. To view on-line visit <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/por/index.htm>

NEW BEAVER LOGO'S

There are 10 new beaver logos, useful for brightening up newsletters, certificates etc. Log on to <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/clipart/mascots/index.htm>

IT STAGED ACTIVITY BADGE

The sponsors of this badge the British Computer Society are running a competition asking members to send in the computer art posters that are produced as part of the badge requirements. Those poster which show 'How IT is used in Scouting' will be looked on most favourably and a £50 PC World gift voucher will be awarded for the best Beaver, Cub and Scout entry. The closing date for entries in Friday 30th January. Send poster with name, age and address to teena.antoniou@scout.org.uk or by post to The Fundraising and Sponsorship Department, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, London, E4 7QW.

THE CHILDREN'S MARATHON CHALLENGE 2004 FOR CHILDREN WITH LEUKAEMIA

All materials are free, including Mr. Men/Little Miss Stick'emon. Your section gets to keep up to half of the total amount raised. For a complete information pack tel: Pippa or Selena on Tel: 020 7404 0808.

NEW BAKER ROSS BOOK NOW OUT Lots of craft equipment including Valentines Day, Mother Day & Easter. For a copy ring 0870241 1867 to view www.bakerross.co.uk

CHIEF SCOUT BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations to Beaver Scouts from 24TH, 23rd & 3rd Blackpool.

AROUND THE COLONIES

45th Group bowling evening

11th Police visitor

1st N Visit by a Scottish Piper

1st N & 37th Sleepover planned for February 27th

8th Attending Cinderella panto

8th Visitor giving a demonstration and talk on Zimbabwe

11th Visitor - Zimbabwe talk

3rd visitor arranged from the Post Office

13/16th arranging a visit to the Lifeboat station

41st Ted wants it announced that he enjoyed his night at the Cub Leaders Bowling and was voted 'Super Bowler of the Evening' Pat also enjoyed the evening as for a change was not voted worse bowler of the evening.

41st, 44th Thanks have been sent from council to Steve Wenman & Jackie Barnsley for all their valued work in Beaver Scouting as they leave us due to work commitments.

45th Get Well wishes sent from council to Arlene. If anyone would like to send her a card to cheer her up the address is with pat.

Chair – Chris Reekie thanked council for the card & flowers and all who sent cards during her recent illness.

AOB

Eileen has had visitors to her colony to talk about Zimbabwe. If anyone else would like the talk contact Eileen and she will pass your details on.

Marton Methodist Players are staging Cinderella on 18th – 21st February 7.30pm at Marton Methodist Church, Midgeland rd. Children £2 Adults £4. This would make a good half-term visit for your colony. Contact Joyce or Pat to book seats.

This month's booklet – Scouting Magazine Programmes on a Plate
Night Time, Pigs, Caterpillars.

Council was followed by a very enjoyable Cheese & wine spread. Thank you to Irene for supplying and Ann for organising.

No February council meeting

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY
16TH MARCH 2004**

**7.30 BAR
FOR 8PM MEETING**

**PLEASE INVITE OTHER LEADERS, AND
HELPERS**

**'CARD MAKING DEMONSTRATION'
EMBOSSING
IRIS FOLDING
TEA BAG FOLDING
PARCHMENT CRAFT
AND MORE**

