



News

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Read All About It...

This is the first issue of the brand new news letter for everyone in Scouting within Wigan District it's [The Wigan Pier](#).

If any one has anything that they would like to put in or would like to see in [The Wigan Pier](#) please let your friendly Deputy District Commissioner Know. (Contact details below).

Nights Away

Is your Nights Away Permit in date? If not you need to have it renewed before you plan a nights away experience. If you do not have a valid nights away permit you are not allowed to lead a night's away experience or sign an Event Passport.

To renew your permit down load and fill in the application from www.scoutbase.org.uk and send to Stephen Morrell at the email address below.

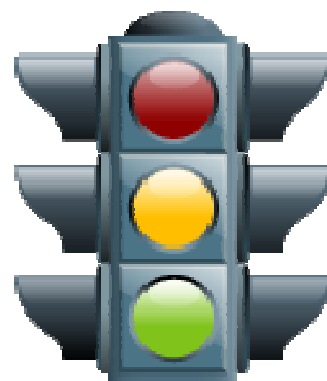


The District Development Day

Many thanks to all the Groups, Leaders and Helpers that attended the District Development Day on Saturday 13th March.

There were representatives from:

- District Team
- District Executive
- County Team
- 3rd Wigan
- 5th Wigan
- 8th Wigan
- 15th Wigan
- 16th Wigan
- 1st Abram
- 3rd Hindley
- 1st Standish
- Explorer Scout Section



With help from the Regional Development Service. Those who attended looked at many areas of their Group and rated the Red, Amber or Green. From this the Groups produced a development plan for their Group. The District Team are now looking at the out comes from the Groups and their own Red, Amber or Green and using them to construct a District Development Plan.

If your Group did not attend the Development Day the District Team will be in touch soon so that we can go through the same process with your Group.

We will keep you up dated as to how we are all getting on with our plans. If you have some good idea you would like to share please let us know.

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The Scout Association

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Census 2010

This years Census was not a good one for the District. We were the only district in the county to loose members! Over all we were down by 26 on the 2009 number.

Wigan District Total

2009 = 1123

-26

2010 = 1097



2009 - 284

-26

2010 - 258



2009 - 315

+8

2010 - 323



2009 - 233

-18

2010 - 215



2009 - 70

+4

2010 - 74



2009 - 221

+6

2010 - 227

As you can see by the Sectional numbers it does not make very good reading. If you have any thoughts please pass them on to any member of the District Team.

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Awards

The Chief Scout has awarded the following in the Annual St. George's Day Awards

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN

In recognition of further specially distinguished service

John Davies - GSL 1st Hindley
Ken Ince - GSL 1st Golborne
Joyce Kendrick - ADC (BS)



SILVER ACORN

In recognition specially distinguished service

Andy Connellan - ACC (Scouts) GMW
Margaret Davies - ADC Wigan



Many congratulations to all who have received awards this St Georges Day

If you have anyone within your Group who you think deserves an award and meet the criteria which is found at www.scoutbase.org.uk please pass their details on to the District Commissioner.

District AGM

The District AGM will take place on Monday 7th June at 7.30pm at the District Headquarters.
If you want to have your say you need to be there!

If you would like to stand for election to the District Executive Committee please contact the District Sectary.

County AGM

The County AGM will take place on:

Wednesday 15 September 2010 at 7.30 pm prompt
Eccles Masonic Hall
Elm Bank, Half Edge Lane
Manchester
M30 9BA

Same again if you want to have your say you need to be there.

E-Mails



Do you have an E-mail address that is not in the District Directory? If so then please send it to Heather Baker at heather@wiganscouts.org.uk as we would like to email a copy of The Wigan Pier instead of posting them to you. District updates can also be sent to you quicker and more often.



22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011 UNITED KINGDOM

Two Young People from the District have been selected to be a part of the County's Jamboree Unit at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. They are:

- Matthew Bennett from Springfield ESU
- Rachael Picton From 8th Wigan

Mathew and Rachael both attended a Selection Event at Middlewood Scout Camp Site on 20th and 21st February. They where selected from over 120 other young people from across the county. So well done to them both. If you would like to know more about the Jamboree and UK Contingent then please see www.ukcontingent.org.uk

There are also three leaders from Wigan District attending the Jamboree they are:

- Alison Morrell Who is part of the Unit Leadership Team
- Heather Baker Who is part of the UK Contingent Support Team.
- Stephen Morrell Who is part of the International Service Team.

St Georges Day Dinner

See you all at the Bellingham Hotel at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th April for the St Georges Day Dinner. The Beer is on the DC..... Full report in the next issue!

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Programmes Online

Some ideas that can be found on Programmes Online

Section; Cubs and Beavers

Activity name: Bottle gardens

Short description: A growing activity for a small indoor space

Equipment:

Jars or wide necked bottles
Small stones or pebbles
Compost
Paper to curl round into a funnel
Lid or Clingfilm
Small indoor plants or cuttings

Duration: From 20 minutes to 30 minutes

Numbers:  **SMALL GROUPS**

Location:  **INDOOR**

Instructions:

First find your bottle – an old jar shaped bottle with a lid and a wide opening just like an old fashioned sweet jar is ideal and if it's made of clear plastic too that's even better (if you can't get one then you can use a large soft drinks bottle, just cut round it about ¾ of the way up so that you can lift the top part off for ease of access)

Drop into it some washed pebbles or stones for drainage

Now cover these with a layer of compost (it's easier to limit spillages if you make a paper funnel to help direct the compost into the bottle).

Now plant some small houseplants into the compost and pop the top back on or cover with Clingfilm if you haven't got a top

Additional Information:

Tell the Cub Scouts that the plants shouldn't need much in the way of watering because the top will keep the atmosphere humid and the compost moist. If it gets cloudy, take the top off to allow the moisture to evaporate and watch out to see if the plants need watering later.

Programme zone(s): Global

Method(s): Make things

Themes

Try new things

Young Leaders



The Young Leaders' Scheme is just one of the exciting programme elements in the Explorer Scout section. All leaders in the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Section who are between the ages of 14 and 18 must be members of a Young Leaders Unit. They are Explorer Scouts who choose to devote a large proportion of their time in Scouting to service in another section.

The Young Leaders' Scheme helps Explorer Scouts to develop and grow as individuals. It allows them to make a valuable contribution to their community and give service to others. The scheme also helps them fulfill the service elements of their awards

We have set up a Young leader Unit within Wigan. The Unit will be delivering both the Young Leader Training Modules as well as a range of activities for the Young leaders to take part in. All of the training and activities will count towards the awards with in the Explorer Scout Section.

Module A Badge as seen above is awarded after the completion of **Module A - Prepare for Take Off** of the Young Leaders' Scheme. This Module is the only compulsory Module and **MUST** be completed by ALL Young Leaders within 3 months of signing up to the Young Leaders' Scheme.

Other Modules include

Module A	Prepare for Take Off
Module B	Taking the Lead!
Module C	That's the way to do it!
Module D	Kids behaving badly!
Module E	Game on!
Module F	Special people
Module G	Programme plans
Module H	Programme plans plus
Module I	What did they say?
Module J	Badges and Awards
Module K	First Aid Master Class

For more information about Young Leaders please see www.scoutbase.org.uk for more information about the Wigan District Young leader Unit please contact the Young Unit Leader Steve Baker steve@ashtonscouts.org.uk or phone 01942 722501 or 07941 522766.

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