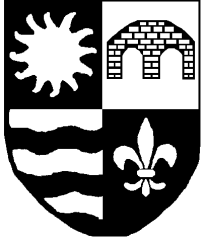


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Editorial

Welcome to the Easter Edition of News and Views. This will be the last edition of News and Views from the West Bridgford Scout District.

Congratulations to Chris Hammond on his appointment as the Chairman of the Rushcliffe Scout District.

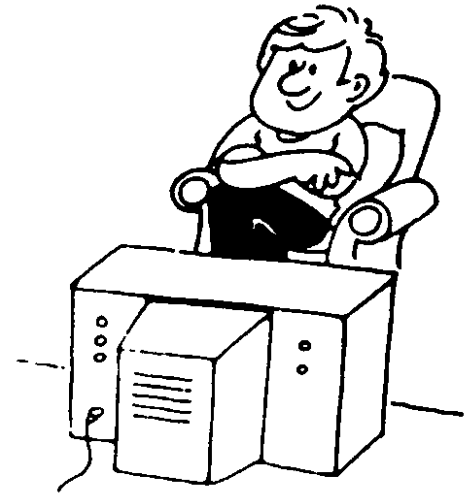
Sam Tebbutt has been recommended to receive a Thanks Badge in recognition of his time and effort on the Editorial Team, this will be presented to him at the tea party (as Alan Hubber calls it) at Friary Hall after the St. George's Day Parade has been dismissed.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to News and Views since I became Editor in 1998. Looking forward to seeing you on April 26th, and keep on trekking.

Your Editor Ron Berrington

From the Chair...

This will be my last editorial as Chairman of West Bridgford Scouts as we emerge from next month as Rushcliffe Scout District. The first meeting of the Scout Council has been held and I am pleased to inform you that I was appointed as your new Chairman and that the new District Executive is made up, in the majority, of the two old committees.



Jock, in addition to his Gang Show organization, has been busy appointing ADCs etc to complete his team and a new District directory will be published in the near future.

For this year, in view of the timescale, the St George's Day Parade remains in the same format as before and I look forward to seeing you all on the 26th April.

Lastly on behalf of the District I would like to thank all the members, both past and present, for their help, service and dedication over the years which made the West Bridgford District so successful and hope that we can continue that dedication with the new District.

Chris Hammond *District Chairman*

The D.C.'s Spot



IT TAKES TWO

Ron and his good friend have produced News and Views for a long while now.

News and Views serves as a communication to all out there, Yes, sometimes a few negative comments and sometimes some positive. How many times do we hear Communication is not good around District or County?.

News and Views is a small publication to a small District but is a vehicle for Communication.

Ask yourself When was the last time you contributed to it?. Two minutes to write something interesting, two minutes to write a camp report, two minutes to let us know just what you are doing, We can learn from your experience, share your Good News, help in bad times, but we need to know we are doing right in WB and soon RUSHCLIFFE.

I hope to review with the ADC team how we can best serve the new District, I have spoken to Ron and said hold fire after this edition and we together can see how we can improve the input and distribution to District. With Web Pages and the like maybe a District web Page?.. who knows?....BUT IT TAKES TWO.....What use are all these tools of this modern age if **a.**We don't contribute, **b.**We never read them, **c.**There are too many, **d.**We print just them for the sake of it.

Usually too many options. Sometimes just for the sake of it. Rushcliffe needs to select what's best, so we will think on as to how we best serve with valuable and helpful communication. Whatever we decide, IT WILL TAKE TWO....You for your input and someone like Ron to put it all together. Communication is Important....but not just for the sake of it.

Ron for now on behalf of WEST BRIDGFORD it's a great WELL DONE. Lets see what ideas Rushcliffe comes up with. It may take a Month or Two but I await your next Communication.

Jock DC (almost)

A Message from Sam Tebbutt

To assist the ADC Team in their decision regarding the website, I am very happy to continue with my role as your Website Provider which as you may know my company Wida Group Ltd provide completely free of charge. As a matter of interest my company has been running for 10 years and has designed and developed over 1000 websites throughout the UK and now into Europe.

I do agree that to keep the Scouts interested we must move with the times making the website fully interactive. The following amendments to the website can be made should you choose to continue:-

- Re-Brand of the website to reflect Rushcliffe
- Members Area (Information stored, password protected areas)
- Video integration (Ability to upload videos to the website)
- Updateable Picture Galleries (Scouts can upload their own images via the Web)
- Links Pages to scouting movements across the Globe
- Full content managed system 24/7 access
- Unlimited email setup and configuration
- Free telephone support on the website and via email and remote control software
- Fundraising facility, offering "Ad Banners" to the business community
- E-Commerce system (Selling Online Site) allow you to sell over the Internet
- Updateable Calendars on the website
- Downloadable online "News & Views"
- Monthly E-Newsletter that can be sent out securely to all scouts

This is a state of the art system and if you decide to go this way you will not be disappointed. If on the other hand you have another provider in mind rest assured I will support and help in any way I can.

Best regards

Sam Tebbutt
Managing Director
www.widagroup.com

THE MEMORIAL AREA AT STONEPIT WOOD

With the money given to the Campsite, in thanksgiving for the life of John Beresford, the site team have been working over the winter to set aside an area as a memorial to all the West Bridgford Scouts who are no longer with us.

The site looks onto the big Oak in the North West corner of the wood and has been surrounded by hawthorn. A mixture of trees has been planted inside. The work continues and more undergrowth will be cleared and a seat installed so that this place may become:-

A place of remembrance.

A place for rejoicing.

A place of rest.

A place for reflection.

A place of joy.

A place for dreams.

A place of peace.

A place for nature.

A place of solitude.

A place for friends.

A place; your place.

Dave Howard.



The Scout Fellowship

WEST BRIDGFORD SCOUT FELLOWSHIP MARCH 2009

This year has started off full of commitments. We started this year with an evening with Brenda who presented “Odd facts from the past” covering things like the origins of Nylon, Eagle Comics etc. February saw five of us at Newark, for the County Founders Day service where we acted as stewards, this Sunday was them quickly followed by our Wednesday meeting which took the form of our AGM. David Howard reported on John Beresford’s charity collection for Children with Renal difficulties and a cheque for £100 has been sent off.

The following Officers were elected:

President: Mr. B.C.Baines

Chairmen: Mr. G. Hasnip

Gen Sec: Mrs. B. Taylor

Social Sec: Mrs. J. Baines

Treasurer: Mrs. M. Nurse

David Howard reported that the Memorial Wood at Stonepit was now being planted. This special part is in memory of past Leaders who have Gone Home. An Acer has been planted for John Beresford, and other trees and shrubs are in the process of being planted but all the trees etc. will be for all leaders and no plaques will be erected.

A record of Long Service Awards to Fellowship members has been started by me and up to now a total of 480 years has been marked in this way. What an achievement.

Another achievement to mark was the Golden Wedding of Trevor and Hazel Turney, well done to two people who have given so much to Scouting and Guiding in this District.

The Fellowship asked me to put on record our thanks to Ron and his team for all they have done and continue to do to produce our News & Views.

We shall be on tea duty at the extraordinary AGM in March and then our long awaited visit to the Gang Show on March 25th brings our spring adventures to a close.

I found this and thought it would be an appropriate way to end my piece.

A thought from Cardinal Mercier (who ever he was)

In order to unite with one another

We must love one another

In order to love one another

We must know one another

In order to know one another

Brenda

Smiles

Although your smiles go many miles,
you need not lose their track.

So smile away,

and every day

You'll meet them coming back

Three Queen's Scouts for West Bridgford



West Bridgford has gained three more Queen's Scouts!

Sarah Hudson, Sarah Vojvodic and Offie Burton received their Awards from the County Commissioner at a special Joint Christmas Meeting of WBESU and WB Scout Network in December...

along with Ross Farrar (already a Queen's Scout) they were also presented with their Gold DofE Awards

All four are now entitled, as Queen's Scouts, to attend the Annual St George's Day Service at Windsor Castle in the presence of a member of the royal family

Congratulations to all four, it's truly what they would have wanted!

Explorer Annual Awards Night

December 22nd and the Annual Awards night for West Bridgford Explorers saw two Diamond Chief Scouts Awards and two Platinum Chief Scout's Awards presented.

Well done to Rachel Vojvodic and Helen 'Melon' Eagle
on their

Diamond Chief Scout Awards and Silver DofE

and

Laura Marsh and Rachel Vojvodic

on their

Platinum Chief Scout Awards and Bronze DofE

As always the night included a number of other awards voted on by the explorers such as Chaff of the year (Kellie) and Gumbo of the year (Rhys).

Our special award for achievement and contribution during the year the Iain Rogers Memorial Shield went to Joseph - well done!

Special merit (aka runners up) to Kellie, Rhys and Phil all of whom have impressed the leaders this year.

WE ARE STILL OPEN

A Field Maple has been planted by the hedge on the southern field boundary in memory of John Beresford and a memorial area made. (See separate article)



During February and March we suffered a series of attacks by vandals. Extensive damage was done to the concrete garage, the toilet block and interior of the Storm Hut. Your campsite team have worked hard to make the buildings safe and the site tidier.

We are open for both overnight camps and day or part day use. The cost of the site for all users is now:-

For a day or part day is £5 per group (not per person).

Overnight camps are 20p per person per night with a minimum of £10.

For further information contact:- Dave Howard, 38 Waddington Drive, West Bridgford, Nottingham. NG2 7GX. 'phone (0115) 9232824. email 'david.howard100@virgin.net'

The staff are looking forward to meeting old friends and to welcoming new ones. If you haven't visited the site come and take a look. The more it is used the less likely we are to get vandalised.

Dave Howard
(Campsite Bookings)

Thoughts about the NESST Hike 2009,
from Cub Scouts at 9th West Bridgford (Holy Spirit)

The Cub Hike

At first we had to get our kit checked. We got given a word search to fill in from the checkpoint onwards. Then we started doing the walk, on the first part we saw bits of leaves dens and ashes and was quite muddy.

We got out of the forest and got to a road and then we went back in the forest again and started getting muddy again. We got to this field flood and most of our shoes got wet and they were tired. Then we reached the checkpoint where we got food and drink but they ran out of hot chocolate so we had to have hot orange. We got out our word search and started looking for the words on the hike.

Then it started getting dark and our shoes were turning brown and we had to get a torch out. We finally got to the Robin Hood statue.

Sebastian Channell, aged 9

The Cub Hike

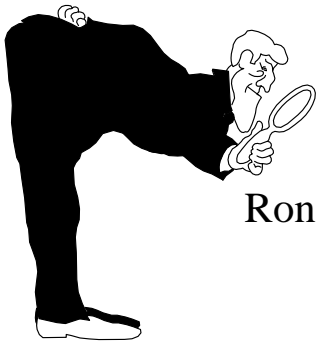
We went through a camp site to the kit check and ordered our food. When we ordered our food we went to the hike we went through the forest. We saw lots of dens and ashes from a fire. When we got out the forest we went down a little lane, and that led to some fields. As we were at the fields we saw that it was water logged so we went from a patch of grass to another. As we got out of the

water logged part we found ourselves at the checkpoint. I had a hot dog and some tea then we went into the village.

As we were in the village we found different words for the word search. It was getting dark and Hathi was ahead of most of the cubs. Near the end I was getting very tired and my leg was aching but finally I had my fish and chips. It was the best hike ever!

Alex McConachie, aged 9

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