



# District Bulletin Board

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**Pontefract & Castleford District**

Issue 2 - November 2006

## DC's Comments

This November we honour some of our colleagues with deserved awards a total of 115 years service to scouting not counting the 41 years by Tom who receives the Silver acorn. A remarkable achievement when we are led to believe the average time of a warrant is about 2-3 years.

As you can see from this and previous bulletins 2006 has been a very active and successful year. None of this would have been possible without the time and effort of all leaders and adult support, so may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your unselfish commitment to scouting.

Next year promises to be an exciting centenary year so lets make it one to remember.

## Diary Dates

*Scouts Winter Camp*      *January*

*Gang Show*      *20-23 Feb*

*Founders Day Service*      *22nd Feb*

*5-a-side Football*      *March*

*St Georges Day - Leeds*      *22nd April*

*Centenary Camp*      *25-28 May*

*Sunrise Nostell Priory*      *1st Aug*

*Swimming Gala*      *October*

## District Camp - Bradley Woods 23rd - 25th June 2006



This year the District held our 1st District Camp at Bradley woods. 156 members took part and 3 programs ran over the weekend - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with the Explorers and Scout Fellowship assisting to run them. Thankyou to all the help from the leaders in making our 1st district camp successful.



Next year, as a District, we will be going to the County Centenary camp.

Details have already been circulated to you GSL's / Scouter in Charge - make sure you find out about it !!!



## Gang Show

20th - 23rd February at the New College  
Tickets £5 Adults £3.50 Children & OAP's

## Founders Day Service - York Minster 22nd February 2007

70 tickets have been allocated to our district for those members who would like to attend the Founders day service at York Minster. Please contact Darrell for ticket requests by 12th January.

## Are you CRB checked ?

If you are over 18 years old and involved with the youth sections, you must be CRB cleared in scouting. Please complete a CRB form and submit to Brenda Graham, District Secretary.

## District Telephone Directory

Please get any directory amendments to Andy Weissenborn by 18th December.

## County Web Site

Why are your group details not included on the County Website?  
Send your information to Andy Weissenborn asap

## Pontefract & Castleford Scout Fellowship

The Scout Fellowship have just had an excellent weekend at Kettlewell. A good time was had by all even though getting caught out by the rain !!!



Please contact Candy Owen on 01977 703112 or via email at [cowen@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:cowen@wakefield.gov.uk) for a full copy of the programme.

- December:** Christmas Market
- January:** Festive Meal at Kings Croft
- March:** Visit to Beamish Museum
- June:** Mystery Tour
- July:** BBQ

## Bulletin Submissions

Please send / email any information for the District Bulletin to Andy Weissenborn email: [andy.weissenborn@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.weissenborn@btinternet.com)

## Group News

### France 2007 Expedition

1st Pontefract Scouts still have some vacancies for their France 2007 expedition. More information can be found on 1st Pontefract's web site.

### Amateur Radio Licence Foundation Course

Dates: Mid January 2007

Venue: 1st Pontefract Scout Centre

Cost: Scouts & Explorers £30,  
Adult Leaders or CRB checked adults £40

This course is run over several weeks on Saturday afternoons 13:00 to 15:00. The fee covers tuition, foundation licence course book, one year's membership to IPSC Radio Club and the Ofcom examination.

The course is aimed at the total novice; most of the work is classroom work with some practical work using the Scout centres equipment. You will be expected to study at home in between your classes and there's no guarantee of passing but you will be given plenty of support on the way.

### Archery for Scouts

Venue: 1st Pontefract Scout Centre

Cost: Yearly Membership £15 + 50p range fee when you attend

Section: Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Explorers, Network & Leaders

1st Pontefract Scouts runs an Archery Club on alternative Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 during the school term. The centre has all the equipment and runs an Archery league where you will be taught how to use a bow the different types of archery. All leaders are either GNAS (Grand National Archery Society), or meet POR rules and regulations.

### Shooting for Scouts

Venue: 1st Pontefract Scout Centre

Cost: Yearly Membership £15 + 50p range fee when you attend

Section: Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Explorers and Network.

1st Pontefract Scouts runs an Air Rifle & Pistol Club on alternative Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 during school terms. Parents must sign a parental consent form before they can take part in this activity. You will be shown how to use an Air Rifle in a safe & friendly environment. The centre has it's own equipment, the use of personal equipment is by prior permission only. All leaders are NSRA (National Small Bore Rifle Association) trained.

### District Explorers—Dragon Vandango ESU

Our Explorers have now re-located to 1st Pontefract's Headquarters at Cooke Hall, usual day and time, Sunday 19:30 — 21:00 subject to the explorer program.

For Further information please contact Dave Allsopp on 07944 562395

### Ten Pin Bowling

Neil Wadey has qualified as a ten pin bowling instructor and is able to verify the skill / physical recreation for Duke of Edinburgh awards. Please contact Neil if your group would like any instruction.

## The District Team

DC	- Darrell Giles
DDC	- Andy Weissenborn
ADC Beavers	- Julie Williamson
ADC Cubs	- Tim Johnson
ADC Scouts	- Sarah Atkinson
DESC (Explorers)	- Adrian Barraclough
ADC Activities	- John Fisher
ADC Fellowship	- David Owen
LTM (Training)	- Jonathan Wadey

Welcome to both Tim and Adrian who have now joined the District Team.

Tim can be contacted on 01977 730188 or via email at [timjohnson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:timjohnson@blueyonder.co.uk)

Adrian can be contacted on 01977 559770 or via email at [adrianbarraclough@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:adrianbarraclough@tiscali.co.uk)

## Awards & Recognitions

Silver Acorn	Tom Peacock
25 years	Jackie Prince
15 years	Andy Weissenborn Alan Oakes-Hepplestone Stephen Golding
10 years	Christopher Wadey Su Hemmings
5 years	Christopher Smart Jennifer Noakes James Todd Richard Hirst Bevil Edwards

### Does your Executive Committee need any support or guidance?

If your exec needs any support please contact Neil Wadey, our District Chairman on 01977 676906 or via email at [neilmwadey@hotmail.com](mailto:neilmwadey@hotmail.com)



Preparation is well on the way for our Scouts, Explorers and Leaders who are attending the Jamboree. The District have supported each member with a £100 donation towards the cost of the Jamboree. Total costs including training camps will be in the region of £1,200 each. If you haven't bought your Central Yorkshire Jamboree badge yet to support our fundraising please contact one of the participants. Cost £1.50