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Hotliner EXPRESS

WELCOME TO A NEW KIND OF HOTLINER...

This is the first issue of a new way getting Hotliner out to you, the members of Clwyd Scouts.

Following lots of research we realised posting a full edition of Hotliner to all adult appointments wasn't cost effective. Lots told us they could get Hotliner online.

However, we were conscious that lots may not have time to download the latest issue, & there are some that don't have email.

So, we've reached a compromise - Hotliner Express! This short summary sheet will be posted out to every adult appointment, so there's still the link, with pointers to where you can find out more in depth information online. A full version of Hotliner will be available online at the same time as Hotliner Express comes out.

For those that don't have email, you can still choose to have the full version posted to you. **Just write to Hotliner, 55 Bradley Road, Wrexham, LL13 7TG or phone 07779 272340**



Jamboree Journal



Meet Gordon Richardson

“ I hope that by now it's not news that I have taken over from David Jones as Area Commissioner for Clwyd. With his District teams, David has successfully built up the Area to over 2,100 young people, circa 500 Leaders and Supporters, and a further 400 Occasional Helpers. This is going to be a difficult act to follow.”

Read more from Gordon, including his Q&A with Young Spokespersons at clwydscouts.org.uk/hotliner

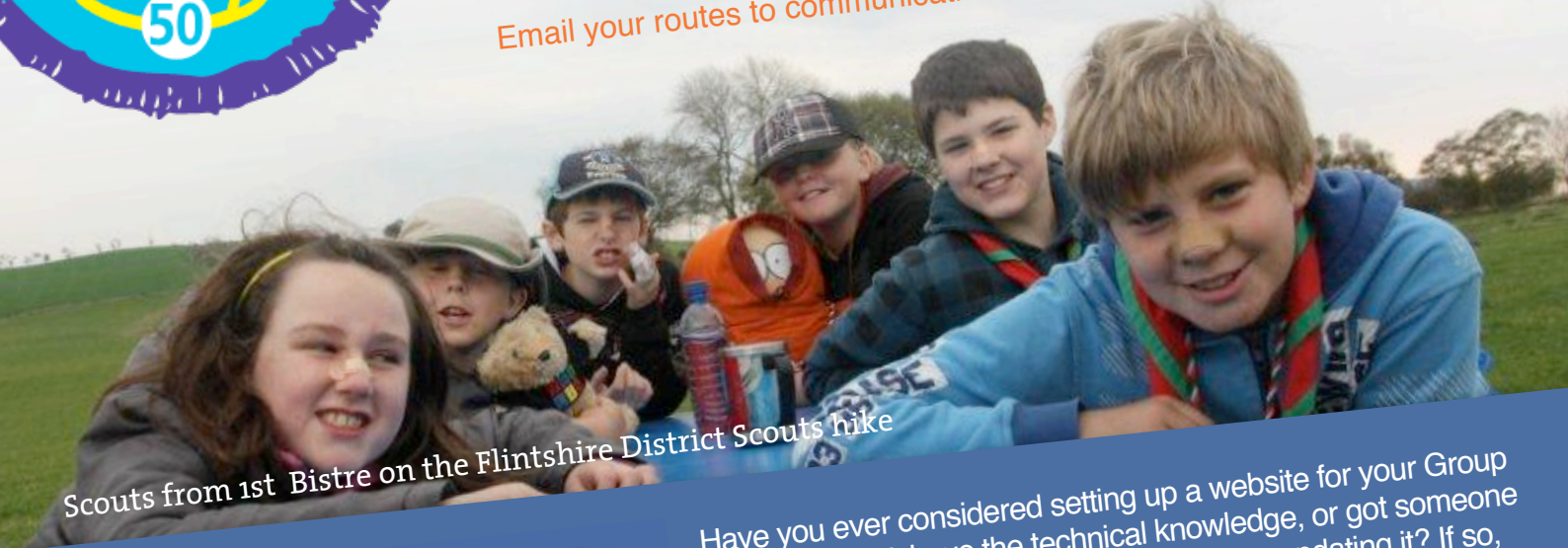


HIKES AWAY...

In the next edition of Hotliner, we're hoping to give you some ideas for Hikes Away for all Sections - but we need your help...

We want people to share with us where they take their Beavers on nature trails, Cubs & Scouts on hike, and Explorers & Network on expeditions.

Email your routes to communications@clwydscouts.org.uk



Scouts from 1st Bistre on the Flintshire District Scouts hike

facebook

Have you ever considered setting up a website for your Group but either didn't have the technical knowledge, or got someone else to set it up and then never got round to updating it? If so, Facebook could be the answer. Find out more at www.clwydscouts.org.uk/hotliner

AREA EXEC

There was a meeting of the Area Executive Committee on the 22nd November. Discussed at the meeting were the following topics: **Finance, Payment of membership fees for Area Appointments, XChange, Hotliner & Area Video Camera.** To read the full report, see www.clwydscouts.org.uk/areaexec

SCOUTS SPEAK UP!

We're looking for gobby 14 year olds to join the Clwyd Scouts Media Team!! If you know of any suitable Explorer Scouts, let us know and we'll send them on a HQ run course in Mid Wales in February which will teach them how to be a Young Spokesperson. Email communications@clwydscouts.org.uk or phone 07779 272340

HOTLINER+

To get news out to you in the 4 months between editions of Hotliner & Hotliner Express, an email bulletin called Hotliner+ has been started. If you're not getting it, check out www.clwydscouts.org.uk/hotliner

XChange II

XChange - the Clwyd adults weekend - was a big success despite low numbers.

There was a chance to have a go at the activities, with canoeing, climbing, shooting, archery, pioneering and backwoods cooking on offer. Chance to learn new skills and best of all, chance to let their hair down, have an amazing barbecue, have a chat round the campfire, and have a laugh.

Does that sound good? Well, if you missed it, then you've got the chance to join in next summer when XChange returns.

Put the date in your diary now - 7th/8th July 2012.

Last summer 24 Explorer Scouts and 3 Leaders from Clwyd became part of the Mad Fluffy Dragons World Scout Jamboree Unit. Explorer Scout Sion Davies wrote all about it, and here's extracts from that excellent account...

"When we arrived at Manchester Airport the only thing you could see was Scouts! When I was walking around the airport in my uniform, I felt very proud, honoured and privileged to be part of something so special."

"When we finally arrived (at the Jamboree site), all you could see was a huge wave of Scouts! I felt so proud to be a part of this!"

"In the Jamboree, you met hundreds of new

people every day. You met people in activities queues and some were your next door neighbours! With most of them, you become good friends. One of the hardest things at the end of the Jamboree was saying goodbye to your new friends."

The Jamboree has made me realize how big the Scout movement is and also what a privilege and honour it is to be a Scout!

I will definitely apply to become an IST member in Japan in 2015!

Read more of Sion's report at www.clwydscouts.org.uk/hotliner

I went to the Jamboree!

Two amazing Cubs Scouts!



Cub Scouts Henry Knew, from 6th Wrexham, and Nathan Chesters, from Saltney Ferry, have been given prestigious awards for bravery in the face of illness.

Henry was struck down with glossopharyngeal neuralgia - a condition which causes severe pain in the tongue, throat, ear, and tonsils, while Nathan had what appeared to be a headache, but was later rushed into hospital. A blood clot was found on his brain, and he lost total consciousness. For two months he was kept alive on machines at Alder Hey hospital.

Both Cubs have got much better and are now actively participating again in their respective Scout Groups.

You can read much more about both these two amazing Cubs in the latest full edition of Hotliner which is online now.



AREA

6-8 JAN Frostbite tour, 8 FEB Area Team, 13 FEB Area Exec, 24-25 MAR DC/GSL Conference, 17 APR Area Exec, 22 APR Wxm St George's Lunch; 22 APR Flints St George's Day

BEAVERS

6 JAN Wxm BSLs, 25 FEB Wxm St David's Festival, 3-4 MAR Wxm Sleepover, 3 MAR Flints Activity Afternoon, 24 MAR Wxm Spring Hike, 28 APR Wxm Drayton Manor & Flints Tweenies Camp

CUBS

21 JAN Flints campfire, 22 FEB Wxm CSLs, 25 FEB Wxm St David's Festival & Flints Creative Challenge, 11 MAR Wxm 6-a-side, 28 MAR Wxm Drayton Manor & Flints Tweenies camp

SCOUTS

10 JAN Wxm SLs, 17-19 FEB Wxm Frost Camp, 13 MAR Wxm SLs, 23 MAR Flints quiz, 21 or 22 APR Wxm St G Great Orme, 24 APR Flints 7-a-side

EXPLORERS

10 JAN Wxm YL Mod H, 28 JAN Flints Night Hike, 4-5 FEB Scouts Speak Up, 14 FEB Wxm YL Mod A, 4 MAR Flints Monopoly Run, 13 MAR Wxm YL Mod TBA, 21 or 22 APR Wxm St G Great Orme, 29 APR Flints Orienteering

NETWORK

6-9 APR National Network Gathering

TRAINING

12 JAN Mod 1 S&A, 19 JAN Mod 3 S&A, 18 FEB Mod 1 Wxm, 25 FEB Mod 3 Wxm, 3 MAR Mod 9 & 14 Wxm, 4 MAR Mod 5, 7 & 12 Wxm, 4 MAR Safeguarding Flints, 18 APR Mod 1 Wxm, 25 APR Mod 3 Wxm



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