

# Liverpool South *Scouting News*

May 2017

Scouting numbers have increased in Merseyside with more girls, boys and adults seeking out everyday adventure. The total number of young people and adults who have joined Scouting has risen by nearly 3% per cent in the past year and membership figures have now reached nearly 9000 on Merseyside. Scouting continues to grow across the UK where there have been nine years of sustained growth. Record numbers of girls continue to join Scouting across Merseyside. A surge of more female Scouts have joined, an increase of 3% per cent on last year, who have signed up to the adventure based challenges of Scouting.

Here in Liverpool South our Census recorded an increase of 7.34% of under 18s and that was before the opening of Toxteth Salaam and only a couple of weeks after Riverside Group opened. We have since then also reopened the Scout Troop at the 9th Halewood. Female youth members are on the increase, not only in the newer sections which have opened but also in many of the longer established Groups. All this is brilliant news!

Scouting today has an ethos of inclusivity, diversity and equality. All Scout Groups must be open to boys and girls. No one can be excluded because of race, religion (or no religion), gender or sexuality. It is up to us all to make everyone feel welcome and to support and help each other.

## **Liverpool South District AGM—Wednesday 14th June 2017 at 8.15pm**

**6th Allerton HQ, Kettle Nook, Church Road, Garston, Liverpool L19 2LW**

**We are inviting nominations for Members to join the District Executive. So how about some of our younger adults helping to shape scouting in Liverpool South?**

### **Nominations for election to the District Executive Committee 2017-2018**

Members of Scout District Scout Council are invited to submit their nominations by

5pm Wednesday 7th June 2017

Nominee's Name: .....Signature: .....

Current appointment.....

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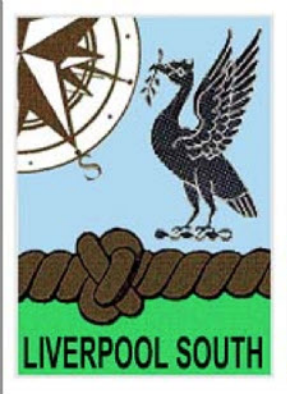
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**Complete and scan to: [scoutinglplsth@aol.com](mailto:scoutinglplsth@aol.com)**

We hope to see many of you at our AGM. Come along to celebrate what we have together achieved in Liverpool South and enjoy the opportunity to mix with other adults from across the District.

Thank you,

**Brenda Hope**  
**District Commissioner**



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# Scouting News



## *Editors Note*

Once again, thank you to everyone who has submitted articles for this newsletter. We would, however, like to hear from those Groups who have yet to send any items in for inclusion.

On a different note, to all the Scouts who camped at the Great Escape and were told they didn't qualify for the penguin badge, I think you were hard done by, Friday night on the Daffodil field was perishing!!!

Please send news items in by 14th September for publication at the end of the month to:-

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Allerton and 13<sup>th</sup> Allerton Beaver Scout Sleepover

Eight Beaver Scouts from 2<sup>nd</sup> Allerton and six Beaver Scouts from 13<sup>th</sup> Allerton joined together for a Sleepover on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at Clearview, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Allerton HQ. The event started with the Beaver Scouts helping to put up a marquee in the hall at Clearview to sleep in. The Beaver Scouts then enjoyed a walk around Sudley estate with a Scavenger Hunt and time spent at the play area. We were lucky to have a really sunny afternoon and evening. After dinner there was time for games outside, cooking marshmallows and a campfire before settling down in sleeping bags in the marquee.

The next morning after nearly eight hours sleep and a hearty breakfast the Beavers learnt about knots, putting up a hike tent and how to use matches safely. They made and fired bottle rockets before packing up their kit and helping to take down the marquee. Fourteen tired but happy Beaver Scouts earned their first Nights Away Badge and Camp Craft Badges.



**Jill Pope**

**Beaver Leader**





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## 25<sup>th</sup> Picton Cub Pack

2017 started with a visit to Old Swan Fire Station, Blue Watch made us feel very welcome. The highlight was Akela versus the fire hose, the hose won!



We had 12 cubs attend the second Science Jamboree. They designed a robotic camp gadget and then designed a cub camp and programmed a robot to manoeuvre around the various activities they had created. The second project was to build a hydroponic system as a team without instructions. Badges were awarded at the next badge night.

The pack joined with Picton 24<sup>th</sup> and SASU for a hike in Early March around Calderstones park where they saw the pom pom trees and yarn bombing then onto Allerton Golf Course route. A good hike completed by all even if the mud seem to be winning.



Mothers Day parade was once again well attended. The group took part in the service which was followed by tea, cakes and egg chicks. All proceeds going towards assisted dogs and the Dublin Jamboree in July.

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The pack have joined in with the District events such as the Pictwood Derby and the Five a side Football.



The visit to John Lennon Airport gave the cubs the opportunity to land a plane, virtually. The Friends of JLA ran the session introducing the cubs to the history of the airport, important aspects to flying, a tour of the airport, and Customs which were completed with the aid of a work book. This visit also completed the disability awareness badge when visiting the assisted areas. A visit from the police on duty at the airport and later special branch on a mission helped them succeed in the Air Activity 2 badge.

We have been fortunate to invest another leader to join the pack. This was felt appropriate due to the size of the pack although we encourage Occasional Helpers to participate in weekly events, camps hikes etc particularly outside of the hut.

We have 5 Cubs who have achieved their Gold award and the ceremony performed within the Mothers day parade service - some very proud Mothers in the Congregation. All five will join the Scouts after Easter. The pack had 4 new Beavers in January and another 4 due end of April.

The pack has been preparing for an early annual camp in April, for some a prep for Dublin later in the year. The theme of this camp is Team work with lots of outdoor activities. A good few pans of Spagetti Bolognese set them off for the weekend.

Akela

## *4th Allerton*

### **Rose to the occasion for Royal Naval Inspection**

THE SEA SCOUT troop has been congratulated on its retention of Royal Naval Affiliation following a three hour long visit and inspection by Captain of Royal Marines David Morris on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The troop's last Royal Naval inspection was in July 2014 and a majority of the membership had never faced RN inspection before but typically rose to the challenge. Troop members were delighted to converse with one of the RN's 'soldiers' a real life Royal Marine Commando who promised to open up new opportunities to them including trips on Liverpool based patrol craft *HMS Challenger* and support from the region's RN Youth Engagement Team based at *HMS Eaglet*.

#### **Decades of recognition**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Allerton has held Royal Naval Recognised status continually since 1970, a period of more than 45 years, and that followed earlier decades as Admiralty Recognised Unit No.6 between 1930-1950. To hold RN Recognition is a great honour and privilege and has been an important feature of 4<sup>th</sup> Allerton activity down the years, allowing participation in RN supported competitions, swimming and diving championships, football tournaments held at bases such as HMS Raleigh and HMS Bristol, occasional ship visits, Battle of the Atlantic commemorations etc.

Traditionally inspections by an RN Lt Cmdr have alternated between summer and winter dates allowing both afloat and indoor presentation and this year's was an indoor event using the church hall.

#### **Benefits too**

It should be stressed that the event is not a recruitment exercise but a means for the RN to show support for the sea scout branch of the Scout Association and its marine interest. There are 103 RN Recognised sea scouts troops in the UK, from Gibraltar to John O'Groats, the 'creme' of 400 sea scout troops the length and breadth of the British Isles. Badges and challenge awards gained by members attract financial support with the cash lodged in a central Sea Scout Fund and the 4<sup>th</sup> Allerton has benefitted from past help towards buying boats and lifejackets.

Capt Morris had asked to see a typical troop meeting and after conducting uniform inspection witnessed a programme of physical fitness and team building exercises, inter-patrol deck hockey and basketball competition and then the more serious subject of scout and sea scout training. He sat in on knotting groups, splicing, resuscitation, and survival kit preparation, while Sea Scout training demonstrated knowledge of anchorages, lifeline heaving, effects of wind tide and current, depth soundings and steering and safety rules.

The troop awaits its formal written report but a 'tick box' exercise conducted on the night, together with Capt Morris' address to troop members and parents present, indicated high expectations, just reward for some weeks of preparation.

More.....

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## *4th Allerton*

### **Disarray produced a good result**

**PLANS** for the sea scouts' annual cycle ride were thrown into disarray by the Liverpool Half Marathon .....when thousands of runners occupied Otterspool Promenade.

The Promenade route was to have been the opening section of a Garston to West Kirkby and return route via the Mersey Ferry; so at the last moment there was a change of plan, with scout cyclists diverted to Widnes and Spike Island. However the substitution proved a great success with brilliant spring sunshine warming a party of 10, joined by a number of Dads to help with road safety on the 26 mile route.

Leaving Allerton URC car park at 8.30am on a Sunday morning the party went via Greenhill Road, Garston Park, Garston Village, Blackburne Street, Garston Shore Rd through to the new Estuary Business Park, and then Dunlop Road, arriving at Hale village in 50 minutes.

After a 'breather' the party pedalled on to join the Trans-Pennine Trail and Cycle Route 62 to Pickerings Pasture then onwards to Spike Island and Catalyst Museum for Sunday 'brunch'. The party was also able to enjoy good views of the new Widnes-Runcorn Bridge with its series of spans now nearing completion before starting out on the return trip with a welcome break at *The Childe of Hale* for lemonades,..... and home for 2pm in time for Sunday lunch!

All boys passed the Cyclist Badge .....and the Dads? They're asking for further similar trips.



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In January we honed our winter skills with an evening of ice skating. This was a great laugh as Networkers showed off their skills, which included 'falling with style' and 'bum skating' to name a few. It'd be safe to say we need a lot more practice before entering the next winter Olympics.

February saw several of our Network members camping out at Tawd Vale in sub-zero temperatures to help out with maintenance of the camp site. Amongst many other jobs we worked on improving the drainage of the site by installing new pipework around the camp center. Check out some of our handy work next time you're at Tawd.



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March's activity took over twenty of our Networkers and LUSAGO (Liverpool University Scout and Guide Organisation) members to The Laughter House in the city center for a night of stand up comedy. This was a brilliant night, and left many with achy jaws from hours of solid laughter.



Back into camping season now, and six Networkers spent the bank holiday weekend camping at Great Tower in the Lake District for The National Network Gathering. We joined Altside Network and other district Networks from around the country for one of the best national Network events of the year.

Want to get involved in Network...then get in touch...

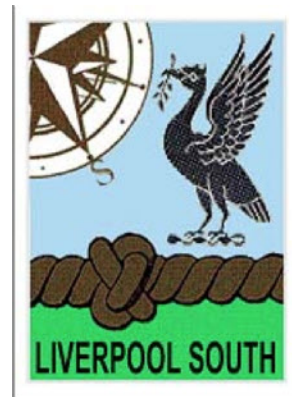
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## Group News



### News From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Allerton

Our Scouts spent a very wet and windy weekend away staying in a bunkhouse at Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite near Chorley on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> March. On the Saturday they went up Winter Hill which lived up to its name! A risk assessment in the poor visibility and hail meant that they turned back without reaching the summit. As a training exercise it was good experience as was cooking sausages on Trangia stoves the next morning in the rain.

Our Cubs are looking forward to a one night training camp at our HQ and a weekend camp away in the coming months and our older Beaver Scouts have recently enjoyed a Sleepover in our HQ.

We are making preparations for our annual Clearview Carnival which will be on 24<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00pm until 9.00pm. We are taking bookings for live bands and singers and hope to have a lively programme of events with a bar, stall and activities throughout the afternoon and early evening. Please join us! For more information visit [www.facebook.com/CLEARVIEWCARNIVAL](http://www.facebook.com/CLEARVIEWCARNIVAL)

## District News

### Adult Skills Training Day

A number of requests have made for an adult skills day to be held within the District and so therefore the Scout Active Support Unit have agreed to do this.

The course will be aimed primarily at Leaders new to Scouting but will also be open to any Leaders who would like to brush up on their basic Skills.

The course will be held over a day at one of our local Scout H.Q.'S on the 16th September 2017

Any Leader wishing to attend please contact Gordon Scott at:—

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