



Wizzy Willesden News

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Welcome back to a new
exciting term.

Peter Duncan— The new leader of the Pack.

Actor and TV action man Peter Duncan was today officially appointed the new Chief Scout, taking on the challenge to lead the uk's largest co-educational youth charity, over 4000 Scouts aged 6-25 and adult volunteers attended the celebrations to commemorate this historic event. The festivities took place at the home of Scouting at Gilwell Park, The Scout Association's headquarters and international campsite in Chingford, North East London. The highlight of the day was Peter's investiture when he renewed his Scout promise, a

commitment made by all members of the Movement. During the ceremony Peter was presented with Baden-Powell's original Silver Wolf. This badge of office has been worn by every Chief Scout since Baden-Powell.

Peter said "The funny thing is, I've lived like a Scout all of my life—I just haven't realized it until now. Today I have seen activities which I have participated in over the years, and others I am keen to find out more about. Scouting offers so many opportunities for young people. I am proud to be part of it". Peter Duncan is

famous for his round the world expeditions, as well as presenting Blue Peter and Duncan Dares in the 1980's. He is delighted to be taking his role following in the steps of only eight others who have held the role of chief Scout since Baden Powell was declared the first Chief Scout.

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Mind altering facts !!

- Scouting in the UK has nearly reached 500,000 members plus 28 million members worldwide.

- Scouting is the largest co-educational youth Movement in the united Kingdom.

- In the last year 20,000 young people traveled abroad with

Scouts to visit over 80 countries around the world, including EL Salvador, Romania, Thailand and Zambia. In these countries they took part in a wide range of challenging and community based projects such as building clinics, Providing basic educa-

tion and climbing mountains.

- In 2007 the UK will host the world Scout Jamboree for 40,000 young people from almost every country in the world. This event has more participants than the Olympics & will be one to mark Scouting's centenary !

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Next Summer the UK will host Euro Jam— for 20,000 Scouts from across Europe.
- ◆ EuroJam Live! Can be found at www.eurojamlive.org

THE NEW DISTRICT ACTIVITIES FOR THE FORTH PART OF 2004!! **READ HERE FOR FURTHER DEATAILS.**

Scout Night Hike 2004



The Scout night hike this year is going to be held over the weekend of 2nd and third of October 2004,

The event this year is going to be held in and around the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside (although being that it is a night hike you won't be able to see much).

This year the event is going to be run by Nomad Explorer Scout unit. We would like to see as many Scouts taking

part in this event as possible to make it a success.

Everyone will meet at Phasels Wood Scout Campsite on the evening of the 2nd of October.

Where they will be split into teams and assigned a Leader to go with them (it is not a competition) so weather your scout troop is good at map reading or not it is a great way to get outside and to meet other Scouts. The route will be approx. 6 to 8 miles.

when you have successfully completed the route you can either camp at Phasels for the night and take part in the activity day on the Sunday or go home (anyone wishing to camp must let Peter B know ASAP so that he can allocate you a site) although cost for the site must be covered by the groups taking part.

PLEASE RING PETER B FOR AN APPLICATION FORM ASAP.

Christmas Social 2004 (Leaders) 7th of December

With a very large Willesden Scouting HO,HO,HO we would like to invite all of the Leaders to a Christmas social at the Small and Beautiful in Kilburn (Kilburn High Road).

Although last year the turn out to the event that the 14th Scout Group, run for us was only attended by a very small amount of Leaders we would still like to say Thank you very much for all of your ef-

forts and hope that you all would like to come this year's event as well.

The cost is going to be £15.00 per head. There will be a choice of traditional and Vegetarians and anyone who doesn't drink

Please contact **Simon Walsh** ASAP to book your places.

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Xmas social is going to be held at the Small and Beautiful in Kilburn.

Travel :

Kilburn Sta; Jubilee line, Kilburn Park Sta; Bakerloo line, 16,198,32 and various other buses.

Scouting Magazine

A note to all Leaders,

If you are a Leader or registered helper, from now on you should be receiving your future issues of scouting Magazine through the post, this will all start in September.

lems please get in touch and we will do something about it for you.

SCOUTING IN 2004 / 2005



If you experience any prob-



Unfortunately this year's Cub Knockout competition has had to be postponed until next Spring 2005. Please see here for more details nearer the time.

MUST READ SECTION

A WEEKEND OF CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES FOR SICK SQUID

I DON'T BELIEVE IT !!

Book a date in your 2005 Diary now for the

CHALFONT SUMMER SUPER SAVER

17TH TO 19TH OF JUNE 2005

- A Weekend of camping and unlimited activities for £6.00
- Open to all GLMW members and Middlesex Guides
- Warranted Leaders Free
- Day Visitors half price
- Activities available weekday evenings and Saturday and Sunday
- Free Disco for young people and pay bar for adults on Saturday evening.

More Details Later !!

An opportunity not to be missed!!

28th Willesden Scout Group - Grand Summer Fete

Since early in the year we have been collecting jumble, books, bric a brac and even growing all sorts of plants. What for I hear you ask ?

On Saturday 19th June the 28th Willesden had their annual summer fete. This year we had a variety of stalls and activities; including a coconut shy, organized sports for the children, plant stall, tuck shop, ice creams and rocket blasting. Many hands were

involved from early in the day to make the event a success. Our two fields looked bright and cheerful, with the many gazebos and bunting.

Fun was had by all and lots of money was raised for the group.

Karen Doyle
ACSL
28th Willesden



Travel News

YHA has a strong commitment to encouraging young people to be more independent through travel. It also has more than 220 youth Hostels, 50 Campsites in some of the most amazing locations in England and Wales. So if you're planning a trip to the big city or to escape to the wilds of the countryside have a look at what the YHA offer.

All sections of the Scout Association can apply for a free

group membership (value £14.00). The YHA has recently updated it's website and the new link to the application form is.

[Http://www.yhas.org.uk/stay_at_YHA/upload/scouts.pdf](http://www.yhas.org.uk/stay_at_YHA/upload/scouts.pdf)

And the link to a page for offers is.

[Http://www.yha.org.uk/stay_at_YHA/groups/scout_Association_and](http://www.yha.org.uk/stay_at_YHA/groups/scout_Association_and)

[_Girlguiding_uk.html](#)

Or phone customer services
0870 770 8868

FREE YHA MEMBERSHIP



District Explorer Scout Recruitment BBQ



After inviting all of the Explorer Scouts in the District and visiting all of the groups to invite Scouts over the age of Thirteen and a half to a "Celebrate the end of exams" Bar- Be- Que which happened at Nomads headquarters in Cricklewood, on the 30th of June. With a professional Dj in host the tunes where pumping all night, and on the menu was all the favorite Bar Be Que cuisine including chicken and lamb kebabs, burgers and sausages and various salads thanks goes to the members of

Nomad who prepared the food in advance and to the Leadership team that helped to do the cooking. Members of Nomad played host to the disappointingly small number of visitors which included two from the 34th and one from the 20th Scout Troops plus one or two extra visitors from Willesden who in addition to the members of Nomad enjoyed themselves very much. A display of Explorer Scouting photo's and equipment was laid on for the visitors and this was appreciated. Stuart (PR dept.)

Gilwell also had a great evening talking in depth with the explorer Scouts present and we look forward to hearing from him in the near future.

To all those who took helped, thank you. To all those who came along and made it such a good evening, thank you .

Peter Blundell DESC Willesden
Nomad ESL

5 a side Football

Saturday 10 of July a Five a side tournament was held at the Stemmer hall the 28th Headquarters. Leaders and helpers along with their cubs started to arrive about 10am and the weather was very good. We started to play football at around 11am we had played the first few matches before the rain started to come down. This seemed like a good time to have lunch. The rain was on and off all afternoon



cubs

but we managed to complete all of the matches. I would like to say a big thank you to Nick Blundell and to Marco a parent from the 28th for refereeing and timing the matches. Also thank you to the Leaders, Helpers and to the Parents for supporting their groups. On the day there were 32 Cub Scouts from four groups that entered into the five a side which gave them two teams each except the 23rd with

only two Cubs and they made up a team with the 37th.

20th with 10 Cubs

23rd with 2 Cubs

28th with 12 Cubs

37th with 8 Cubs

Watching the finals and the semi finals well what can I say the cub Scouts played excellent football and well done to the 37th Willesden for winning the 5 a side this year

Freda Watton

ADC Cub Scouts

Nomad visit the Peak District 3/4th of July



At the crack of dawn (06.00) four Nomads, who were still asleep and two leaders trying to stay awake left for a trip to Peak District. After breakfast was taken just outside Chesterfield at a way side caravan (best bacon butties anywhere) we arrived in Edale at 10.00 to be met with a strong wind blowing and tents collapsing and acting as sails around the campsite. After setting up our tents we set out for the first of our walks from the campsite. Reaching the summit of Mam

Tor the wind was so strong it was hard for even the strongest person to stand up. After huddling up for the traditional photograph we found a hollow and had lunch and continued along Rushup Edge, eventually returning to Edale via the railway stations tea shop for a well earned cup of tea (or what ever your into) then it was time to return to the campsite and the relative calm although we did notice that some more of the tents had flattened due the wind.

Next on the agenda was dinner. After the usual discussion on who was going to cook the dinner a great plate of Indian was presented before us. On this trip the Nomads thought that they would try out some of the new equipment that they just bought, so dinner took a little longer than normal. Sunday was more of the same as we prepared for Summer in the Lake District. A great weekend was had by all that took part.

Peter Blundell ESL Nomad

Medieval Funday / Top Six Competiton

Beavers, Cubs, Leaders, Helpers, Mums and Dads all together 102 people took part in the Medieval day at Gilwell park on the 20th of June. We left Scout House at 09.15 the weather was very good for us, lots of clouds but no rain. The camp site was full of people working and having fun. A wide variety of water games, climbing, handicraft and many more things to do. We arrived back at Scout House a

little late but the drivers where very good.

Everyone had a lovely day.

The venue was the 37th Scout Headquarters, the date was 26th of June. We started off the annual quest for the best six in the district at 10.30 in the morning testing them on their traditional Scouting skills.

Including:

Knots and lashings, Shelter building, Lighting fires, Map and compass, Promise and law.

We had 24 Cubs on the day plus 7 Leaders and 1 Explorer Scout.

1st was 37th with 203 Pts

2nd was 28th with 187 Pts

3rd was 20th/28th 174 Pts

4th was 28th/37th 166 Pts

Thank you very much for those who took part.

Freda Watton ADC Cubs

Willesden Scouts

Willesden District Scouts
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or if you are interested in
becoming a member of the
Association please contact

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Willesden District Scouts would just like to thank the Neasden Branch of McDonalds for giving us the refreshments for the Cub 5 A side football tournament, they were very well received by all of the young people that took part I hope that we can continue to work with in the future so that we both can benefit from the experience.

Nick Blundell

Development co-ordinator Willesden District Scouts.

2007 is just around the corner so it's never too early to start planning for the 100 years of Scouting.

Leadership Training

Welcome back to all of the new Leaders and to those that are still doing training.

From the middle of the month training will start again.

Sat 18th of Sept 11 Administration, 12 Providing a balanced programme, 15 Challenging Behavior.
(Section Leaders)

Sat 18th/19th of Sept 16 Nights away, 17 Activities outdoors, 18 Practical skills
(Section Leaders)

Sat 19th 21 Growing the movement (Mangers)

22 Section Support
(Mangers)

Sat 2nd of Oct 10 First aid
6 The changes in scouting
7 Valuing Scouting
8 Skills of Leadership
(Section Leaders)

Sun 3rd of Oct 5 Fundamentals of scouting
9 Working with Adults
10 First Aid
(Section Leaders)

Sat 13th of Nov 5 Fundamental values of Scouting
9 Working with adults
(Section Leaders)

Sun 14th Nov 6 The changes in Scouting
7 Valuing Diversity
8 Skills of leadership
(Section Leaders)
20 Administration (Mangers)
23 Safety for mangers
24 Managing Adults
(Mangers)

For further information don't forget to ask your training advisor. (TA)

Good Luck.

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