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**BEST WISHES FOR A
VERY HAPPY NEW
YEAR AND A
PROSPEROUS 2015 TO
ALL MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES.**



Here is an exciting International opportunity in 2015, that Merseyside Scouts Global Team are offering to all Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Network, S.A.S. and all Adult Members.

'Amsterdam Adventure'

25th July 2015

County International Challenge

Open to all Scouts, Explorers, Network, Leaders and S.A.S.

To find out more and or register your Unit's interest, please click the link below

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(highlight the underlined piece, press and hold on Ctrl – then click on highlight)

or email the required information to

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Registration forms will be available in January and

Amsterdam Adventure - 25th July 2015 Factsheet

- We aim to get as many Scouts, Explorers, Network, S.A.S. members and Leaders in Amsterdam on the same day for a fantastic gathering.
- The event is planned for the 25th July 2015 although Leaders can go for longer if they wish to use it as part of a longer holiday with their units.
- Our aim is to have over 100 members from the County with their Leaders in Amsterdam at the same time!!
- The event gives every participant the chance to discover Amsterdam.
- This is a non selection event and we hope many unit Leaders will take their unit abroad for the first time.
- Leaders (or Permit holders) will register their group between December 2014 and February 2015.
- There will be an event fee per person. This will cover the production and mailing of information to Units as well as a badge for participants.
- Upon registration Units will receive a comprehensive event booklet, with information about forms, how to get to Amsterdam, where to stay, what to do whilst there and details about the gathering. It will also include a section on fundraising ideas.
- There will be event mailings at regular intervals following registration.
- Each group leader will be responsible for their unit's finance, travel and accommodation arrangements.
- All number ratios for international trips must be adhered to – as per P.O.R.
- All licence requirements for International trips must be adhered to – as per P.O.R.
- **There will be a County team in Amsterdam to support Leaders whilst there.**

- The County is also organising **trainings in May / June 2015**, to help Leaders plan and make arrangements – details to follow.

Hexamine Cookers

Hi all.

I hope you had a great festive season and are looking forward to 2015.

I have been given 20 + Hexamine solid fuel cookers. I'm sure some of you would be able to make use of them with your Scouts to have some fun cooking outdoors. If anybody wants some of them please get in touch at doccymorton@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at Waterside Lodge this year.

Doccy Morton
WLASU Manager

Every new year people make resolutions to change aspects of themselves they believe are negative. A majority of people revert back to how they were before and feel like failures. This year I challenge you to a new resolution. I challenge you to just be yourself. " - [Aisha Elderwyn](#)

Warning

A local priest and a pastor stood by the side of the road holding up a sign that said, 'The End is near! Turn yourself around now - before it's too late!'

They held up the sign as a car approached. "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" yelled the driver as he sped by.

A moment later, from around the curve, they heard a big splash.

"Do you think," said the priest, "we should just put up a sign that says 'bridge down' instead?"

Lessons in Life

1. Life isn't fair – but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.

Please also remember that Leaders will need to follow the Visits Abroad Process details available from your ACC International.

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9. Save for your retirement starting with your first paycheck.

10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

- *To be continued.*

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Southport Visiter Saturday 21st November 1908

The 1st Southport Troop have a few vacancies for big boys to become Patrol Leaders and Corporals – Apply at headquarters.

1st Birkdale Troop

Before boys can attend camp next year they must put in the following drills to qualify: - Twelve Recruit Drills, Nine Parades, Three Church Parades. All drills commence and date from 30th November. This will be strictly adhered to.

District Newsletter

2015 brings the 10th Anniversary of the Southport District Scout Newsletter. The first edition was introduced:- "**From the District Chairman:-**

"It has become clear to me that communication within the District is not as effective as it might be. In an effort to redress the situation this first of an occasional series of 'briefings' is circulated to Group Contacts. Please make it available to all leaders and members of Group Committees. Please feel free to raise matters covered here with me at home or through the District H.Q. at Waterside Lodge. Reaction to this briefing would be welcome." **Brian Robinson 12th February 2005**

Since 2005 the newsletter has gone through several evolutions and some difficulties. To some extent it has been overtaken by new technology. But I like to think there still is a place for it in the District. It has become more of a general "Scouting interest" circulation for members with some "occasional pieces" by Groups or the District Team. There is room for it amongst the mass of available social media. (10 years ago we didn't have near universal emails and the electronic gadgetry we have today!)

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