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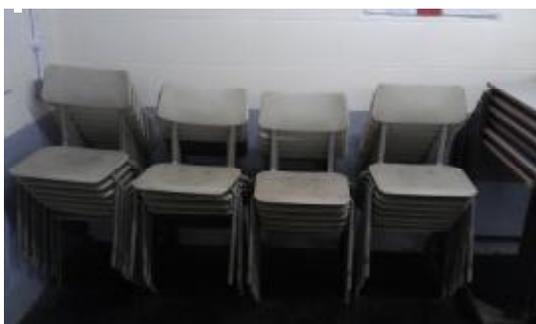


10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (2005 - 2015)



Offered free to any fellow Scouting colleagues or charitable organisations:-

- ♦ 27 grey chairs which stand 37cms high from floor to seat, suitable for adults or children.



They stack well in towers of 9, are well used but still have lots of life left in them.

Collection from 62nd Hut. Please ring Diane or Byron if interested.

Diane

Lessons in Life

1. Always choose life.
2. Forgive everyone everything.
3. What other people think of you is none of your business.....
4. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
5. However good or bad a situation is, it WILL change.
6. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
7. Believe in miracles.
8. God loves you because of who God is – not because of anything you have done or not done.
9. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
10. Growing old beats the alternative – dying young.

(To be concluded)

Did You Know?



Waterside Lodge



**Southport
County Borough Council**

Permission was given by the former Southport Borough Council to D.C Martin Braithwaite for Southport District Scouts to use the Arms of the Borough as a uniform badge. The Executive of the day decided to retain the Lancashire Red Rose, which we still use on our uniforms alongside the Merseyside County Badge.

The Waterside Lodge badge with which we are familiar 'borrows' parts of the Arms of the former Borough Council.

The ship is described heraldically as "*a Lymphad proper flags flying Gules*"

In heraldry, a "*Lymphad*" is a single masted ship propelled by oars. In addition to the mast and oars, the Lymphad has three flags and a basket. The word *Lymphad* comes from the Scottish Gaelic, meaning a long ship.

"Proper" means 'as found in nature' i.e. natural colours.

"Gules" is the heraldic word for red – hence 'Red flags'.

The basket would have been used for a lookout sailor, or in some ship for a fire as a warning or signal light.

The ship is pictured on two wavy lines representing the sea – which is repeated in our badge as the sea has such

a prominent place in the town and our activities – (the Marine Lake is enclosed and filled from the sea).

55TH SOUTHPORT BEAVER SCOUTS

2014 REPORT

During 2014 the 55th Southport Beaver Scouts have had many new experiences. We visited the Southport Mosque, to learn all about the Muslim religion, it was very interesting and we were made very welcome.

We took part in the district St Georges Day Parade, a big **well done** to Jonah, who very proudly carried the flag, for the Beaver section, also to Spencer and Rajan, who did an excellent job of being collectors, a big **thank you** to all the Beavers who took part in this very important parade, for Southport District Scouts.

Earlier this year many of our Beavers attended a district experiment day, where they performed experiments and had to note their findings. We also had a visit from the coastguard and Southport lifeboat team, who brought a quad bike and the rescue boat for the Beavers to go on, it was an amazing day, and the Beavers attained their experiment badge and also had a chance to join together with Beavers from other colonies.

Our colony joined up with Beavers from 14th St James Beavers, Birkdale, for a camp craft day, held at Scarisbrick campsite. The Beavers learnt to put up tents, light a fire and toasted marshmallow over it, learnt to tie knots used them for a pioneering project. During the day Scarisbrick Hall School, opened their doors to us to give a tour around the building and told us the history of their beautiful building. This day our Beavers achieved their camp craft and explore badges, whilst having lots of fun.

We took 12 Beavers to Wingdings, a bi-annual event run by Merseyside Scouts for all Beavers and Cubs. We had a fantastic day taking part in many activities including zip wires, laser quest and climbing walls amongst many other fun activities.

A trip to RAF Woodvale, organised by the Air Training Corps, achieved our Beavers their air activities badge, when they were told all about flying and different planes by the instructors and cadets.

We took part in the district water fun day, held at Waterside Lodge, the Beavers went on the bell boats, a speed boat ride over to the island to have a tour and toast marshmallows, and had a go at archery.

One of the new badges is disability awareness, so a lady from Guide Dogs for the Blind came in to talk to the Beavers and Cubs, on how having her beautiful guide dog, has improved her quality of life. Our Beavers then completed a sponsored silence, and raised a fabulous sum of £293.50, which we will be presenting to the Guide Dogs for the Blind. We have had a member of the astronomical society to talk about the stars and space. A big **thank you** to our Minister, Janet, who came to talk to the Beavers about different faiths. The end of the year saw us Carol singing at Lancaster Court, rest home, an amazing turnout of Beavers, who sang and behaved so brilliantly.

During 2014, 13 of our Beavers achieved their Chief Scout Bronze award. We would like all our Beavers to achieve their Chief Scout's Bronze award, which is the highest badge a Beaver can attain, before they leave us to go to Cubs.

We head into 2015 with a full colony of 24 Beavers, and lots of fun and new experiences planned.

Thank you to Kate, Donna and Ben for all their help running our Beaver meetings. The parents for all their commitment and the enthusiasm of our Beavers, and to the church for providing the means for us to run our colony, we look forward to having lots of fun, in the forthcoming year and hope our Beavers have many new experiences and make many new friends.

Mariella Davidson

Beaver Scout Leader

Thanks for the news item and "Well Done" to the 55th Beavers and to Mariella and her team on a very full year of good, exciting and varied activities – and on producing such a full Report for parents and sponsors. Many Thanks for allowing the District to share the Report through the District Newsletter. Brian - Ed

Has anyone else got news to report? We would love to hear from you - and it's a splendid way of sharing news of successful programmes. There must be something happening 'out there'! - Ed.

- The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust

- ◆ A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Community Fire Stations Designated as Safe Havens

11 February 2015

Safe Havens have been introduced to all community fire stations in Sefton to help protect people when they are at their most vulnerable.

Community fire stations across Sefton have been designated as Safe Havens for members of the public who feel threatened, intimidated or at risk.

The signs have also been installed at Crosby, Formby and Southport community fire stations.

Safe Havens are easily identified by an illuminated sign on the stations that can be seen at night. If firefighters are not at the station, people can still call for assistance for an emergency situation by using the yellow emergency phone box located at the front of the buildings, positioned below the Safe Haven signs.

They will also provide people with the opportunity to report hate crime or domestic violence should they feel that this action is appropriate.

MF&RS Deputy Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan said: "The Safe Havens have proven to be successful at our community fire stations in other parts of Merseyside and thanks to support from partners they are now running across Sefton available to help people in their times of need.

"We want people to know fire stations are there as a place of safety, where they can go if they are feeling vulnerable, at risk or are feeling under threat from harm.

"As welcoming and friendly places in the heart of the community, fire stations are ideal locations for the Safe Havens. Firefighters are also experienced in helping people in traumatic times and the initiative will help us to serve the public when they need us most."

New and Old Badges (notes)

Obsolete badges are **not returnable** to Scout Shops and there is a risk of Group and District accounts being forced to absorb losses if badges are not used up!

Sue Abbott will not be in a position to supply the new Badges before September. The new badges are anticipated to be available at Waterside Lodge from 1st September 2015.

If leaders wish to advertise badge 'swops' or sales – feel free to send information to be published in the newsletter.



Founder's Day - Let's Celebrate!

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was born in London on 22nd February 1857, as founder of the Scout Movement he dedicated his life to Scouting and died at the age of 83 in January 1941. The first World Scout Jamboree took place at Olympia, London in 1920 and the iconic "[Scouting for Boys](#)" was first published in 1908 in six fortnightly parts.

To celebrate Founder's Day we are giving away a free downloadable Baden-Powell font with every order placed at worldscoutshops.com until 28th Feb 2015.

Also, we are currently running a prize giveaway competition for a Baden-Powell t-shirt on our Facebook page, this giveaway competition ends at **midnight on the 22nd Feb 2015**, visit our [page](#) for more details.

Visit our [Baden-Powell](#) range. [Click here](#) for more information on Baden-Powell.

New and Old Badges

The introduction of a new badge scheme this year has created an unwelcome problem for many leaders and for the District Badge Secretary at Waterside Lodge.

Sue Abbott, District Badge Secretary, keeps a good supply of badges of most varieties at Waterside so that badge requests from leaders can be swiftly met. If Sue does not hold enough of a particular badge requested, then our contract with the Sheffield Scout Shop ensures that badges usually are obtained within one week.

The abolition of quite a number of popular badges has meant that there is a risk of surplus stocks being held after the changeover date in September. This may result in financial loss in a District account which is operated with the smallest possible profit margin. Groups face similar potential losses. New badges will be required to fulfil the demands of the new system – at considerable initial cost.

Many leaders hold a supply of popular badges to ensure that badges earned may be quickly awarded. They face the same difficulty as the District.

It has been suggested that groups may wish to concentrate for the next few months on 'shortly to become obsolete' badges to use badge stocks before they are discontinued. It will help Sue Abbott if this is done to reduce the stocks held and to keep the District account solvent – and **leaders may wish to exchange badges**

where one holds a supply and another group can utilise it.