

# Southport Scout News – No. 249. 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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## Unit 70 Jamboree Badge



The badge of the combined Unit for the 2015 Japan Jamboree – with members from four counties/districts including Southport is available at a cost of £2.00 from Amanda McCarter

Four North West Scout Counties are represented – and the North West corner of the Union Flag represents the catchment area.

Please support the Jamboree Troop in its fundraising – and enhance your own badge collection! For orders, please contact [Amanda McCarter](mailto:Amanda.McCarter@scouts.org.uk), and Amanda will 'drop them off'.

## **CUBS 100 BADGE**

In October, we kicked off the Centenary celebrations early with a competition for Cubs to design a badge that all members can wear throughout 2016. Out of over 7,000 entries, Amber, a Cub Scout from Nottingham (pictured above), created the winning design, which was chosen by Bear Grylls.



From: The District Commissioner (and C.C.)

Good afternoon All

I am sure you will join me and the County Commissioner in congratulating Paul on his new appointment. Paul will be with us until St. George's Day but will be undertaking county work in the meantime as he is a county scouter and is building towards his new role.

Please share with your teams and take note of the other appointments for any questions you may have.

Well done Paul!

*Chris Scott*  
District Commissioner

I am pleased to announce the following appointments for the following Sections:

**Mel Lott** has accepted my invitation to take up the role of Assistant County Commissioner for **Beaver Scouts**.

**Steve Ford** has accepted my invitation to take up the role of Assistant County Commissioner for **Cub Scouts**

**Paul Culshaw** has accepted my invitation to take up the role of Assistant County Commissioner for **Scouts**

Please join me in welcoming all three to their new roles.

*I wish to record my sincere thanks to **Steve Ford** who for the last year has led the 6-14 age groups with Section Support.*

*Steve's commitment and enthusiasm in this role is recognised and I am delighted Steve has agreed to continue to support the Cub Scout Section in our new structure that will further support our 2018 Vision here on Merseyside.*

*Alan*  
County Commissioner,

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## A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Have you ever noticed how much "signage" we have to encounter either as a motorist, cyclist and as a pedestrian on our roads and pavements. We tend to absorb this information automatically sometimes without even being aware. For example last week I was travelling along a motorway there was the sign indicating two lanes ahead were closed, speed limit 50 mph. Leaving the motorway two signs indicating two roundabouts and safety cameras. Journeying into town 30 mph. no left turn, no waiting, road works, traffic lights, crossing ahead etc.; etc.; I am sure that you are all experiencing the same thoughts as I do.

Then there are the famous logos that have been the product of design departments and the P.R. teams with which we are all familiar. Try to picture the logos of "His master Voice" "McDonalds" "Audi" as there are many more, you could probably name a lot of more of them.

Several years ago Scouting changed their logo to present a more modern image to young people, however what they will never change is the ethos that it represents.

You all deliver that great adventure to young people, you do it without even thinking, through dedication, humility, care, and concern that is a sign that you are doing your best for all.

*"May your God grant you strength, comfort and peace to you in your service to Scouting."*

**AARON**

### Lessons in Life

1. Your children get only one childhood.
2. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
3. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
4. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab our own back.
5. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
6. The best is yet to come.
7. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
8. Yield.
9. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

**2015 is officially the year of adventure!**

*Well... For Cubs anyway!*



The Scout Association has released activities for Cub Packs to do throughout the year from March to December! These activities are aimed at gearing us all up for the centenary of Cub Scouts in 2016! There are lots of things to do and they are already planned for you! Just download the session plan, get the resources and off you go!

Don't forget to involve your Beaver colonies in these activities too! Some of your groups Beavers will be Cubs in 2016 so these activities will be a great way to get your Beavers interested and enthused for Cubs! Here is the link to all the activity plans and to see the official 2016 celebration badge!

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=12,746>

Lots of exciting plans ahead! Let's make sure we are all geared up and excited for the centenary of Cub Scouts in 2016!

### Recruitment opportunities:

Three job opportunities at Gilwell:

International Programme Team Leader (Ref: 14/085)  
[international programme](#).

International Programme Team Leader (Ref: 14/085)  
[diversity and inclusion](#)

International Programme Team Leader (Ref: 14/085)  
[adults in scouting](#).

Details from: [info.centre@scouts.org.uk](mailto:info.centre@scouts.org.uk)

#### **The balloonist**

Caspar, 9, created and sold balloon animals, flowers and swords to raise money for the Ebola crisis appeal. Caspar, who attends 12th Darlington, learnt the art of balloon modelling when he was in hospital after contracting MRSA. His mum gave him a balloon modelling kit to pass almost two weeks on the ward. Caspar says: 'I thought maybe I could do balloon modeling to help the Ebola crisis and that it would be a good deed.'



Be Cool, Be Heard, Be Safe, Celebrate Safer Internet Day this week with Disney's Club Penguin activity packs to quickly guide young people through staying safe online.

**activity resources**



[Leaders' Notes](#) [PDF] [Cub Scouts Activity Pack](#) [PDF]



[Cub Scouts It Starts With You Rules Poster](#) [PDF]

**The creative leader**

Dawn Carter, Scout Leader at 1st Bishop's Stortford, came up with a fantastic idea to bring out her Scouts' business acumen. She explains: 'I loaned 39 young people in my Group £1 each and asked them to turn it into more money. Over eight weeks they made an amazing £1,300 for Grove Cottage, the local Mencap centre. I wanted to give them a bit of a challenge and bring out their creativity. Some of them bought baking ingredients and made cakes to sell. Others clubbed together to buy cleaning products and washed cars.'

The days are getting longer and the warmer months are just around the corner, so why not use OS getamap to plan day trips and short breaks to areas you've never explored before? From walks through vibrant cities to mountain biking in the majestic countryside, it puts the country's best experiences at your fingertips.

Once you've decided where to go, create a route and use the 'features' menu to find accommodation, historical buildings, *Good Pub Guide* pubs and places to visit while you're there. Then print off as many OS maps as you like or export the route to a GPS.

Until Sunday 8 March you can **buy or renew** a full year subscription for just **£15.99!** To get it now, [add it to your basket here](#) and use the code **GAMF** at the checkout.

**Southport Scouts '100 Club'**

Hi Everyone

We have 37 members this month so the prize money for February will be £37.

The draw will take place on the 24th by a cub from the 48th.

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Congratulations this month goes to A McCarter member number 10.....Mum of a beaver at the 1st. She won £37

Good luck to everyone for next month.

**John, Dorothy, Kath & Norah**

The Mini Bus Support Team

Southport District Scouts is a registered charity.....number 521672  
100 Club registration number 018800

**The fundraiser**

Brynja, an Explorer Scout from St Andrews, raised funds for the Movember Foundation in memory of her grandfather who died from prostate cancer. Being unable to grow a moustache herself for the charity event, she came up with the brilliant idea of baking 'tash-on-a-stick' cookies to raise money. She says: 'The last three years have been difficult with my grandfather's illness, but going to Scouts gave me a focus. Being a Scout has also developed me and given me the confidence to take my 'tash-on- a-stick' cookie idea forward. Find out more at [facebook.com/tashonastick](https://facebook.com/tashonastick) and [uk.movember.com/mospace/5636641](https://uk.movember.com/mospace/5636641).

## Martin Braithwaite

### Former D.C leaving Southport

On the 5 February 2015 the 58<sup>th</sup> Southport said "*bon voyage*" to Martin Braithwaite who has left Southport and moved to Nant-y-Moel, South Wales.

In front of the Cubs, Scouts, parents and friends of the 58th Martin was presented with a pair of engraved wine glasses and a book titled 'A History of Scouting in 100 objects' which had been signed by all the current members of the group, and friends present on the evening.



Martin's association with the 58<sup>th</sup> goes back some forty years to when he was asked to look after a group of the older scouts who had formed a Venture Scout Unit before he went to university.

Returning after university he re-joined the group first becoming Akela at the 58<sup>th</sup> St Teresa's Cub Pack then starting a second Pack at Holy Family called Wolves in the early 1980's. This pack was started to overcome the problem of 25 boys in a class of 30 children all wanting to join Cubs at the same time. Once this problem was past Martin left to concentrate on his career and family.



Martin was coaxed back in the late 1990's - this time to become AGSL, then GSL. In 2001 he left the group once again this time to become DC for Southport District. Martin always took an interest in the group wanting to know what was going on how were numbers etc and re-joined the group again in 2008 as GSL. With his guidance we have refurbished our HQ and as he leaves us this time with a thriving Scout Troop of 19 members we wish him well and have assured him he will be welcomed back whenever he is in the area.

### *John Simpson*

I had the privilege of serving the District as Martin's nominated District Chairman. It was a period of my Scouting life which was stimulating and satisfying. Martin and I met regularly to review progress and plans for the District and both he and I derived pleasure and benefit from the co-operation. I consider that our joint activity was beneficial to the District in many ways.

As well as his Group and District services, Martin served as a lay Chaplain in the County Chaplaincy team and in Southport. His religion was important to him and he lived it in his modest service.

Martin's tenure as D.C. covered the early years of operating Waterside Lodge as the District Headquarters and Activity Centre. The period involved a deal of 'finding our way' - experimenting in our operation with what 'worked' so was continued, and what didn't so was quietly 'dropped'. Inevitably in a volunteer-run operation there was comment and criticism at some of the decisions made and some of these became more personal than was justified.

Martin was one of the more successful of Southport D.C.s of recent years and his service to the District should be remembered with gratitude and pride. I am pleased to count Martin as a valued friend and effective colleague. I am proud to have worked with him and wish him, Anne-Marie and his family good fortune in their new home and in the future.

*Brian Robinson* – Ed.

### **The world cyclist**

Assistant Scout Leader Reece Gledhill, 23, has set out on a massive challenge – cycling across the globe. He'll be on the road for 10 months, raising money for The Scout Association and children's charity UNICEF. Reece says: 'The hardest thing is going to be eating enough food. I've got high metabolism anyway but I'm going to need 6–7,000 calories a day!' Reece's trip is solo but people are welcome to join him for parts of the ride. Find out more at [worldwidecycle.org](http://worldwidecycle.org) and [facebook.com/worldwidecycle](https://www.facebook.com/worldwidecycle).