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St. Georges Day Awards

Please join me in congratulating the following Scouters on receiving St George's Day Awards this year.

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN



Ian Howard Butler, Cub Scout Leader,
61st Southport (Holy Trinity) Sea Scouts,
District Scout Active Support Member,
Southport

SILVER ACORN



Janet Elizabeth Drittler, Explorer Scout
Leader, Southport

*Well done all and thank you for your hard
work and dedication.*

Alan Seeley
County Commissioner
Merseyside County Scout Council

'Speaking Up'

*Scouts from 1st Southport Lockhart Troop attended
the County 'Speaking Up' event in Liverpool.*



Council Chamber: Liverpool Town Hall

*The young people discussed what they wanted
to focus on before going to the Town Hall Council
Chamber to ask open questions to the Youth
Commissioner, Lord Mayor of Liverpool and others.*



Busy Discussion Group!

*The topics included environment, mental health,
employment, tuition fees, Scout uniforms and how to
improve the image of Scouting.*

Mark Furness

Penguins sighted on the Marine Lake

Two penguins have been sighted swimming in the Marine Lake. They appear to be lost and Scout Members using the Marine Lake are asked to take extra care when on the water.

A spokesperson from **Southport Penguin Preservation Society (SPPS)** asks for any donations of tinned fish, sardines, mackerel and salmon etc. to be made available to enable the birds to build up strength for their long swim home.

Southport Penguin Preservation Society (SPPS) are also requesting members of the general public to **"Adopt a Penguin"** for the coming months. Forms are available from the caravan of the SPPS situated on Marine Drive and should be completed and returned by **1st April**.

Roy Smith



Happy Beavers at the Sleepover in February



Dorothy Anderson receives her Beaver Leader's Wood Badge and 25 Years' Service Awards

We recently have been given a new badge system. As we introduce the new schemes, it may be appropriate to reflect on B-P's view of badges. – Ed.

A MESSAGE FROM BADEN POWELL APRIL 1910

AN UNDERSTANDING OF BADGES FOR THE LEADER...

We have recently approved a number of badges for efficiency, which is hoped will serve as encouragement to scouts and qualify themselves as useful men, whether at home or in a colony. While these were under consideration, there reached us a complaint that in certain centres the difficulty of passing the test for any of the badges was becoming so great that what had been an attractive measure for the boys was now fast becoming another 'examination bugbear'. This, I am afraid, is due to faults in the application of the idea. These badges are merely intended as an encouragement to a boy to take up a hobby or occupation and to make some sort of progress in it: they are a sign to an outsider that he had done so; they are not intended to signify that he is a master in the craft which he is tested in.

Therefore, the examiners should not aim too high a standard, especially in the first badge.

Some are inclined to insist that their Scouts should be first-rate before they can get a badge. That is very right, in theory; you get a few boys pretty proficient in this way but our object is to get all the boys interested, and every boy started on one or two hobbies, so that he may eventually find that which suits him the best and which may offer him a career for life.

The Scoutmaster who uses discretion in putting his boys at an easy fence or two to begin with will find them jumping with confidence and keenness, whereas if he gives them an upstanding stone wall to begin with, it makes them shy of leaping at all.

(The language is not that currently used – but the intention is clear! – Brian)

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground." -Anonymous.

"Look after your body. It's the only place you've got to live!" - Kelly (Dietician)

"It's not the years in your life that count, but the life in your years." – Abraham Lincoln

"Whatever you do, big or small, do it right our don't do it at all."