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Waterside Lodge - Staff Appointment

At its meeting on 31st March the Board of Waterside Lodge Southport Ltd reviewed its appointment process for an additional post of Part Time Administrator.

Following advertisement through this Newsletter and wider publicity a very satisfactory number of applications was received. Each application was fully considered by board members both individually and collectively and a short list of qualified candidates was prepared.

Short listed candidates were interviewed in the week commencing 23rd March and a recommendation made. The members of the interview panel wished it to be known that all the interviewed candidates were of very good quality and all could have fulfilled the role.

The full board considered their interview panel's report and recommendation.

We now are pleased to announce that **Janet Drittler**, an Explorer Scout Leader in the District, has been offered the post and has accepted. Janet will commence shared duties on 29th April.

The Board expresses its gratitude to those candidates who offered themselves for consideration but who were not successful on this occasion.

Note:

The appointment is for a Part Time Administrator.

Though we always need more water activities instructors, this post was not created to fulfil that requirement.

23rd April St George's Day



The Cubs' Year of Adventure is officially underway.

With the Cubs' 100 birthday celebrations taking place in 2016, we're using 2015 as a warm up to the biggest year in Cubs history.

Exhilaration and challenge

Between March and December 2015 we're encouraging Cub Packs across the UK to get involved in adventurous activities each month. The Year of Adventure is all about giving Cub Scouts the opportunity to enjoy the exhilaration and challenge of adventurous activities; we've put together a [fantastic resource](#) of exciting ideas to keep you and your Cubs adventuring until 2016. The resource will also be landing on doorsteps with your April/May Scouting magazine.

The activities in the resource can be done at your regular meeting places, local campsites, Scout Activity Centres, or by going on outings to local places of interest. It is very important that the young people have the opportunity to choose some of the activities they would like to do. With that in mind, we challenge you to run at least two activities with an adventurous theme a month.

Find out more

You can find more activity ideas and adventurous inspiration at scouts.org.uk/cubs100.



'Programme: In Focus'

What is it? Programme: In Focus, Merseyside's Programme Support Event

Who should come? All adults involved in running a Section who'd like to meet others, have some fun and get some programme support

When is it? Saturday 18th July 2015

Where is it? Merchant Taylors' Girls School, Crosby

How much is it? Free

The Scout Association is delighted to announce that Chief Scout and international Adventurer Bear Grylls has been reappointed as UK Chief Scout.

Bear will now occupy the role until 2018, and will be able to use the next four years to thank the 100,000 adult volunteers who work so hard to deliver every day adventure to almost half a million young people across the UK. Bear will continue to encourage more adults to join TSA as volunteers, and help the movement to grow and diversify even further.

'I am so proud that the largest youth movement on the planet has asked me to continue in my role as UK Chief Scout. Between now and 2018, I plan to do all that I possibly can to help the Movement continue to grow, become more reflective of the communities in which it works and change the lives of even more young people. In addition I really want to give young people a powerful voice at the very heart of the movement so they can actively help shape and develop the future of the movement for the next 100 years,' said Bear.

New opportunities

Wayne Bulpitt, The Scout Association's UK Chief Commissioner, said: 'We are delighted that Bear has agreed to continue in his role as UK Chief Scout. He has made such an incredible contribution to the Movement over the past five years and has really helped us to expand Scouting within Britain's local communities. Scouting gives young people the chance to experience real adventure and have fun, while allowing them to develop the skills they need to succeed in the modern world.

'All young people should have the opportunity to give Scouting a try, and we look forward to working with Bear over the next four years, as we take everyday adventure to even more communities across the country.'

New volunteers

The Scout Association is the largest co-educational youth movement in the country. Recent figures have shown that membership has reached the 550,000 mark in the UK. However, the Movement is in desperate need of more adult volunteers to ensure that more young people can join the adventure, with national waiting lists showing that the figure stands at over 40,000.

From breaking down barriers between generations to preparing young people for employment, Scouting makes a real difference to young people up and down the country. Membership of the Movement is an opportunity that The Scout Association wants to extend to as many people as possible.

Notes from the 62nd

Following a huge storeroom clear-out the 62nd can offer the following free to any uniformed colleagues –

- 5 Icelandics:- the sort with the hessian sod cloth. Unfortunately only one has poles but they may suit for spares/repair?
- A full size badminton net with both metal stands and weights and net. Unfortunately no rackets or shuttlecocks.

At the 62nd we are very aware of our good fortune in having such lovely grounds and that other Groups may not have the use of such a large outdoor space.

As this is the time when many are planning the activities for next term we would like to offer the use of our building and field to other Scouting colleagues for no charge.

If you wish to plan an evening tent pitching, shelter building, outdoor games, campfire or anything else please give us a try.

Generally, during the summer term, the field would be free on Mondays after 7pm, Tuesdays anytime, Wednesdays 6.30-8pm for a joint activity with our Cubs, Thursdays anytime or Fridays 7.30-9.30pm for a joint activity with our Scouts.

- If you would like to come to camp for the weekend our rates are very competitive! Please email dianechapman14@sky.com if you would like to book or want more information.

Diane
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Did you know?

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armour raised their visors to reveal their identity.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.