

# Southport Scout News – No. 262. 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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## Southport Scouts '100 Club'

Hi Everyone

We have 33 members this month so the prize money for June will be £33.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the June draw will now take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> by an explorer from Griffin.

Good Luck to all

*John, Dorothy, Kath & Norah*  
The Mini Bus Support Team

Southport District Scout Council is a registered charity in England and Wales.....Registration number 521672  
The '100 Club' is registered with Sefton MBC as a Small Society Lottery.....Registration number 018800

## Your programme - your voice

*It is reported that there is concern in certain sections of the District that current policy discussions, if implemented by Gilwell, may bring changes in the ratio of leaders to youth members for both indoor and outdoor activities.*

*The current concern is that, if imposed, this policy change could affect sections' ability to retain present numbers of youth members with the available leaders.*

*A further concern is that you don't know what the subject of the survey is until you are a few pages into it so may ignore it and not respond.*

*You are strongly encouraged to participate in the survey and make known any concerns. It is open until **4<sup>th</sup> July**.*

*Brian – Ed.*

## Man Rescued In Marine Lake Drama

25<sup>th</sup> June 2014 By courtesy of "Southport Online News"  
Sent in by Roy Smith.

The emergency services were called to Southport's Marine Lake at approximately 10.50 this morning after reports of a male in the water. The man was initially clinging on to the Pier supports but eventually went for a walk along the lake.

Police officers encouraged him to make his way to the shore but he wanted them to get in and get wet.



A boat from one of the sailing clubs using the lake was commandeered by a police officer and the man was rescued.

He was taken to the landing stage near the cafe and handed over to emergency paramedics. Although cold and wet he appeared none worse for his ordeal.

**Doccy Morton** comments:-

“The Safety Boat rescuing the male was from Waterside Lodge Scout HQ and Activity Centre based on the lake.

And for the information of all, it IS ILLEGAL to swim in the Marine Lake, a Council By Law bans it.”

*The Safety Boat was crewed by Roy Smith (bending over) Sid (volunteer warden) and Jacqui (support worker for the Chernobyl Children) – Ed.*



## The boy with the tiger (continued)



Carlos explained that the weekend camp was to be a celebration of twenty years of Tropa 31 in Casa Alianza. Over a thousand Scouts have come through the troop in that time, and this weekend they were gathering together some of the older Scouts to meet the new guys and share some of the history.

After breakfast, all the Scouts, young and old gathered together to begin the "Tropa 31 Trail". They would walk through the campsite, stopping once in a while to have a rest and listen to a new story – some from the older Scouts, some from the newer ones.

Fenix, a smartly dressed lady, explained that she was part of the first generation of Scouts in Tropa 31, nearly 20 years ago, and she is now leading her own business to support her family. "I wanted to tell you, Never stop trying, that's the worst mistake – you need to hang on to the opportunities you have. If I can make it and turn my life around, so can you!" She introduced three young women and one older lady.

The first girl, let's call her "B", started to tell her story. "Many of the girls in Casa Alianza have to stay in a specially protected unit – the "Querubines" (Little Angels) - and only join the others when there is a Scout activity. That's because many have been saved from the streets where they were forced (or sold into) prostitution ... like my sister and I – we've spent three years in the troop – we were sold for just USD 25 each to a local pimp ... by our mother! Our lives were transformed by Casa Alianza and particularly by the Scouts".

A second girl "C" who is only 14, now oozes confidence after three years in the Scouts. At the age of 11 she was sold by her mother who was tired of having to take her to hospital – for treatment of her leukemia. "C" herself called the authorities and was rescued from a horrific life ..."I'm still going for chemo, but my hair doesn't fall out anymore", and adds – "I'm going to be a doctor and take care of kids with cancer".

Clelia, a kind local business woman, has taken the Querubines to her heart ... her hairdressing business employs only former members of this special troop who she defends, protects and inspires to break out of the vicious cycle of poverty ... Some other business men and women in the market try to get rid of these kids – but Clelia takes care of them.

"She's our hero", says "D", a confident 13 year old Scout from the Querubines group. "I was a rebel as a kid, but in the Scouts, I have learned that I have to be good – everyone should do good like we Scouts do! Clelia is a living example to us, so she now needs to be a Scout!" "B" and the other girls called Clelia forward and together they awarded her a special recognition – they would like to invest her into the Tropa 31, as a "Messenger of Peace" and together give her a special MoP scarf. She was very touched and almost cried with tears of joy.

*From: Annual Report 2014; World Scout Foundation*

## Your programme - your voice

Cornwall Scouts' website advises:

**Your Programme, Your Voice** is an online questionnaire for adults and young people involved in the running of a section. The results allow the Programme Team at Gilwell Park to identify areas of the Programme where further support and advice might be helpful to the Movement.

This questionnaire covers the following topics:

- ratio review
- diversity and inclusion
- the Cub Year of Adventure
- air activities

The current edition is available for completion by adults and young people involved in all sections. It will be available for two weeks **until 4 July**.

This is the first time this survey is open to Scouts and Explorers so please share with your section by forwarding this email or sharing on social media.

## Please take the survey





## Surviving the earthquake - Raju's story

We'd like you to meet Raju.

Two months ago, a catastrophic quake blasted through the earth in Nepal like an atomic bomb. Entire towns obliterated in seconds, lives shattered and thousands of people left homeless and terrified.

As the violent shaking deepened, 13 year old Raju sat in shock. Crashing timber and bricks trapped him in seconds as his home was smashed to pieces.

Raju's uncle desperately scrambled through the dust clouds and twisted wreckage to find him. Covered in cuts and bruises, Raju was pulled through the ruins. Incredibly, he survived.

Like many children, Raju was traumatised by this terrifying ordeal. He was so scared that he didn't eat for days and he couldn't sleep.



We've been able to help more than 15,000 people across Nepal by giving them items such as shelter kits, which are packed full of useful tools, nails and tarpaulins, so they could repair their homes.

We also provided a local children's art therapy group with a ShelterBox tent where they have been helping traumatised children like Raju learn to play and feel safe again.

Despite the enormous challenges of responding to a disaster like this, our teams continue to do everything they can to reach more vulnerable families before the deadly monsoon season worsens.

Words can't convey the truly amazing difference support is making to families like Raju's. Out of the chaos and ruins, they are now able to piece their lives back together and look forward to a brighter future.

**By organising, or taking part in an event that raises funds for ShelterBox, you will be directly providing aid for people affected by disasters and humanitarian crises all over the world.**

The activities photographs in this letter are of the 48<sup>th</sup> Southport (Air Scouts) recent AGM & Water Day

