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Scouts 100 Club

Sorry for the late notification....we finally managed to get the August draw done but only just. We have 32 members and the draw was made today (31st August) by a member of the Active Support Unit.

The winner was member number 97 who is a member of the district ASU.

Good luck to you all for next month

Thank you all for your continued support

On behalf of the minibus support team

John, Dorothy, Kath & Norah

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PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

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Do you like Detective stories? I do and have done so even when I was a young boy - and to answer that question, yes, I once was a young boy!

If you are of a certain age you will remember the characters “Dick Barton - special agent” with his two best friends “Snowy White” and “Jock Anderson”. I had to listen to him on the radio! Then there was the famous detective “Sherlock Holmes” assisted by “Dr. Watson”.

Moving forward I sat transfixed as “Dixon of Dock Green” appeared on the television followed a little later by “Z Cars”. I suppose if you looked at these programmes now they would appear a little simplistic or perhaps we weren't as sophisticated and discerning as we are now.

Many detectives have followed since those early days such as “Columbo”, “Maigret”, “Inspectors Linley and Frost”, etc. I know that you could compile a long list of such fictional detectives.

I thrilled by the action of “James Bond” and the latest of such heroes is the “Mission Impossible” series. With the catch phrase of “Your mission should you accept is

Well you have accepted your mission and you are the agents that devote your time and deliver the secret vital message of Scouting to young people.

“May your God help you to grow in wisdom and love as you reach out to others with your knowledge.”

Aaron

Waterside Lodge Activity Diary – October 2015

Oct	1/4	Sea Cadets National Regatta
	4	'Jackson' Christening
	6	Univ. Central Lancashire – Dragon Boating
	6	Pyro Explorers – Meeting
	7	All Hallows High School, Paddle Power – Kayaking
	8	Ceramics Painting Day
	9/11	St. Helens District Cubs – Sixer weekend
	10	Auslese Society – Annual Dinner
	11	2 nd Urmston Scouts – Dragon Boating
	13	Pyro Explorers – Meeting
	13	District Active Support Unit Meeting
	14	All Hallows High School, Paddle Power, Kayaking
	14	District Cubs' Indoor Competition
	16	Birthday Party (Peters)
	19	Waterside Lodge Southport Ltd Board Meeting
20/23		Ellesmere College CCF Resident/Sailing
	20	Univ. Central Lancashire – Dragon Boating
	20	Pyro Explorers – Meeting
	21	All Hallows High School, Paddle Power, Kayaking
23/27		“Zodiac” Caravan Rally
	24	Southport Wine Society – Hot Pot & Dance
	25	“Zodiac” Coffee Morning
	27	Pyro Explorers – Meeting
	28	British Gas – Meeting
	29	Ceramic Painting Day
	31/1	Formby District Explorers – Island Camping
	31	VHF Radio Course
Nov	1	District Badge Awards Ceremony

“Family Scouting” in Denmark

Tim Robinson, a former member of 1st Southport (Ainsdale), is now married with a family working in Denmark. His wife, Christina is a Scout Leader and elder son a Scout. Tim recently wrote to tell us of his family's joining “Family Scouts”. They are greatly enjoying the experience! An article written for a local newspaper is below.



It seems to me that “Family Scouting” is something that we, in the U.K. might well copy – with benefits to families and to Group membership. Will YOUR Group try it?

Brian – Editor.

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“Family Scouting” in Denmark



Charlottenlund Scout Group from Vangede has been granted permission to become part of a large development project The Danish Scout Association has launched with support from the Nordea Foundation. The goal of the project is that the participating Scout groups on average double their membership within two years.



One of the focus areas will be activities for the whole family, called 'Family Scouts'. Family Scouts is for children who have not yet reached 'Scout' age and who want to go to Scouts with their parents (or grandparents). The age range is 3-6 years. Activities are aimed at the children, but parents also often find that they learn something new.



The parents' role is to help the child in solving tasks and challenges they are faced with - but not to do the activities for them. We light camp fires; do things in nature, look at "dangerous" animals (e.g. beetles and spiders, slugs and snails), make conker animals and lots of other things. We are always outside so have to be dressed for the weather. Family Scouts is on the last Sunday of each month, and each 2-hour meeting will have at least four different activities. Each meeting starts and finishes with flag-break/flag-down and a song, and there will always be a camp fire.



The children can earn badges, just like 'big' Scouts: there are five, for **creepy-crawly**, **tadpoles**, **knife-campfire-knots**, **harvest**, and **forest animals**. Badges go on the Necker, which is the Family Scout uniform.

