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Warmest Best Wishes for a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a successful and peaceful New Year in 2016 – to all members and their families and friends.

Cumbria Flooding

Hi everyone.

I have been feeling inspired today by our 48th Southport Air Scout Leader Keith Mawdsley.

Following the recent flooding in Carlisle and the surrounding area, Keith has felt that this has potentially affect Scouting in the affected areas, and has contacted local Groups and DC's to see where we can help them out and recently also suggested this to SL's

Keith's offer of help was forwarded on to some groups and Keith has had a response from their DC as follows:

"Thank you for the offer. We are still trying to assess any damage. One scout hut is next to the

main school in Carlisle, which is closed, and another scout meeting facility is being used as a reception centre. We know from last time that we will have a number of young people affected and we would like to think about how we support them."

At a recent Meeting (our annual Christmas meal) the Groups who attended (1st (Lockhart and Shackleton), 48th, 55th, 58th, 61st all agreed that we can help in two ways.

In the **Short Term**, to help the Groups affected with immediate monetary support. The All Groups in attendance agreed that they are willing to donate £50 per Scout Troop to the cause.

In the **Long Term**, to run a camp for Scouts affected by the flooding later in the year - to lift spirits, whilst also experiencing Scouting within our County. Keith Mawdsley has contacted Dave Price at Tawd Vale and he has expressed interest in helping this become a reality. This could be supported by fundraising leading up to the event.

It would be great if all Groups could get involved in this, and I am hoping every Group is willing to help donate. **We need to act quickly though to get help of those affected ASAP.**

I would like to put forward Keith's ideas to members of the District Team and the Exec Committee and our GSL's to see what people's thoughts are.

Please get in touch with Keith Mawdsley or myself to discuss this further.

Regards

Rich Blake
ADC Scouts

WATERSIDE LODGE
CHRISTMAS CLOSURE
18th December 2015 – 4 January 2016

Waterside Lodge Activity Diary – Jan/Feb 2016

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| Jan | 4 | RE-OPEN FOR BUSINESS |
| | 16 | Auslese Society – Hot Pot Supper and Wine Tasting |
| | 18 | Waterside Lodge Ltd Board Meeting |
| | 19 | Pyro Explorers' Meeting |
| | 22/24 | Northern Youth RS200 Sailing Assn. |
| | 26 | District Executive Committee Meeting |
| | 26 | Pyro Explorers' Meeting |
| | 29 | Southport Ceramics – Painting Day *** |
| Feb | 1 | District Cub Leaders' Meeting |
| | 2 | Water Activity Instructors' Meeting |
| | 2 | Pyro Explorers' Meeting |
| | 5 | Cub Centenary Celebration – Blackpool (Use of Waterside Car Park) |
| | 5/6 | 61st Southport Beavers' Sleepover |
| | 7 | 'Mad Dog' 10K run – (Waterside Lodge access road closed) |
| | 9/10 | Nottingham High School CCF – Resident |
| | 9 | Pyro Explorers' Meeting |
| | 9 | District ASU – Curling |
| | 12/14 | CCF Northern Regatta |
| | 13 | Merseyside Scouts – 'Getting Started' Course |
| | 16 | Pyro Explorers' Meeting |
| | 18 | Southport Ceramics – Painting Day |
| | 20 | Private Birthday Party |
| | 23 | Pyro Explorers' Meeting |
| | 28 | Hot Pot Supper *** |
| Mar | 1 | Pyro Explorers' Meeting |

Two Rucksacks

I have two old, well used, but still serviceable rucksacks of good size which are no longer required by my family.

If any member or Group can make use of them, please contact me quite soon – before they are 'dumped'. (I do not mind them being held by a Group as 'spares' for occasional use or for a needy member.)

All I ask is that anyone who wants them collects them from my home in Ainsdale.

Brian Robinson (Editor)

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me
 "I've bought a fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree".

On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard
 As we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird.

On the third day of Christmas came the people from next door
 The turkey tasted just a good as it had the day before.

On the fourth day of Christmas our snowman big and bold
 Looked in through the window as we ate our turkey - cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas outside the snow flakes
 flurried
 But we were warm and snug inside as we ate our turkey
 curried.

On the sixth day of Christmas the Christmas spirit died
 The children fought and bickered as we had the turkey fried

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince
 As he sat down at our table and was offered turkey mince.

On the eighth day of Christmas the dog had run for shelter
 He'd seen the turkey pancakes and the glass of alka seltzer.

On the ninth day of Christmas by lunchtime Dad was blotto
 He knew the bird was back again - this time it was risotto.

On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home-
 made brew
 As if this wasn't bad enough we were eating turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas the Christmas tree was
 moulting
 With chilli, soy and oyster sauce the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day of Christmas we had smiles upon our
 lips
 The guests had gone, the turkey too, we dined on – fish and
 chips.

Dear Santa,

*I don't want much for Christmas; I just want the
 person reading this to be happy.*

*Friends are the fruit cake of life - some nutty,
 some soaked in alcohol, some sweet but mix
 them together and they're my friends.*

Love ya.

The Twelve Days of Christmas