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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear District

Happy New Year to you all, and happy 100th Birthday Cubs.

I am really looking forward to an amazing year of Adventure, Fun and Achievement.

There are so many exciting events coming up this year for our Cub sections, such as the mass invasion of the Plaza Community Cinema in Crosby to see the new release of the Jungle Book movie, an event seeing 500 cubs from the four Sefton Districts attending. Organised by our own Loz Rimmer CSL 1st Panthers, amazing work Loz and thank you.

Wingdings will also be a huge birthday event this year as well as the Cubs from across the whole North West taking over the Pleasure Beach at Blackpool. That's just the start - more will be revealed by ADC Mark Furness in the coming weeks outlining the wonderful plans we have for this massive celebration. I hope the Cubs have a great year.

Just at the close of 2015, Mr. Alan Seeley our County Commissioner contacted quite a few of our district leaders to congratulate them on receiving Adult Awards. These adults will be invited to a special presentation evening to receive the awards in the on coming weeks. It has taken a

great number of hours of form filling and chasing up lost or missed data over the last year or so, but please join us in congratulating our hard working, dedicated and outstanding leaders for their achievements.

Well done!

Yours

Chris Scott

District Commissioner

"I am delighted to advise that the following adults have been recognised by the Chief Scout for the Service to Scouting"

Alan Seeley, County Commissioner".

Bar to the Award for Merit

- **Mrs. Mary Vivienne Rathbone**
Group Scout Leader, 55th Birkdale URC, Southport
- **Mrs. Dorothy Ann Anderson**
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 14th St James Southport, District Scout Active Support Member, Southport
- **Mrs. Norah Doherty** Group Scout Leader, 48th Southport (St Peters), District Cub Scout Leader, District Scout Active Support Member, Southport
- **Mrs. Janet Marsh** Beaver Scout Leader, 14th Southport St James, District Adviser, Southport

Award for Merit

- **Miss Clare Louise Butterworth** Cub Scout Leader, 19th Southport (1st North Meols Emmanuel), Southport
- **Mr. Dennis Reginald Cook** Group Chairman, 62nd Southport (St Cuthbert's), Southport
- **Mr. Stephen Riley** Explorer Scout Leader, Southport

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

- **Mrs Laura Frances Anne Bench** Cub Scout Leader, 14th Southport (St James), Southport, County Camp Warden
- **Mr. Russell Bennett** Scout Leader, 55th Southport (Birkdale URC), Southport
- **Mr. Richard John Blake** Assistant District Commissioner, Southport
- **Mrs Delia Jane Culshaw** District Scout Active Support Member, Southport, Local Training Manager
- **Mr. Iain David Midgley** Assistant Scout Leader, 61st Southport (Holy Trinity), Southport
- **Miss Helen Jane Murphy** Cub Scout Leader, 48th Southport (St Peter's), Southport
- **Mrs. Tracy Ann Nichols** Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Southport (Ainsdale), Southport
- **Mrs. Carole Priestner** Cub Scout Leader, 1st Southport (Ainsdale), Southport

Newsletter – an apology

I regret that it has not been possible for me to maintain the regular publication of the Southport Scout Newsletter in recent weeks. I have been unwell since mid-December and to add difficulty, workmen severed the landline supplying my computer so that I was without normal service for some time. I hope to resume service soon.

Brian – Ed.



Merseyside County Scouts

TWO District Commissioner Vacancies

Merseyside Scouts are looking for volunteers with management experience who want to do more in their community, with excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to motivate, lead and inspire others.

There are currently two vacancies available - in **Altside and Wallasey Districts**

As District Commissioner you would be responsible for leading the Scout District, ensuring that we provide good quality Scouting for young people, taking the District forward into the future as a growing organisation relevant to young people and adults alike.

Are you up for the challenge?

We would like to hear from you!

For further information contact:

Alan Seeley

Direct Dial: 01695 302 009

Email: alan.seeley@merseysidescouts.com

An application pack for the role can be obtained from County HQ.. It should be returned to the address below, by **Friday 11th February 2016.**

DC Nominations

County HQ, Tawd Vale Scout Camp,
Lowry Hill Lane,
Lathom, Lancashire,
L40 5UL

Or

Email to: office@merseysidescouts.com



We're currently looking to appoint a County Youth Commissioner, aged between 18 and 25, to work alongside the County Commissioner and Deputy County Commissioners in leading Merseyside's desire to provide Scouting4All.

Our Youth Commissioner will have the opportunity to:

- Shape how we support and develop Scouting across Merseyside; specifically ensuring that Scouting across Merseyside is shaped by young people, in partnership with adults;
- Encourage as many young people as possible to engage in shaping Scouting; where possible, engaging in / taking on leadership and management responsibilities;
- Encourage the use of section youth forums in the young programme and promote best practice to section leadership teams;
- Identify and develop other talented young people and young adults who may also wish to be involved in shaping Scouting across Merseyside;
- Gather and represent the views of young people and be the 'voice' of 7,500 young people on behalf of Merseyside Scouts.

Our Youth Commissioner will:

- have a significant opportunity to help shape the role once appointed;
- be encouraged to build a team to support them;
- be offered training and support, including mentoring, to help them fulfil the role and gain significant personal development;
- be a member of the County Team and have right of attendance at the County Executive Committee.

Although this is a voluntary role, out of pocket expenses will be paid in line with the County expenses policy.

Commitment:

Approx. 4-6 hours per week and significant weekend engagements.

Term of appointment:

Up to 3 years; but shorter term appointments can be considered; or up to the post holders 25th birthday.

Application process:

Applications should be made using our volunteer nomination form, available from County HQ and should be submitted by: **Friday 12th February 2016.**

Interviews are planned to take place on Saturday 20th February.

Enquiries:

Enquiries about the role can be made in confidence to the County Commissioner, **Alan Seeley**
(Email: alan.seeley@merseysidescouts.com)

Southport Scouts '100 Club'

We had 33 members for the January draw. The lucky winner was member number 23 B Anderson, a member of the ASU, he wins £33

Best of luck to everybody for next month

John, Dorothy, Kath & Norah

The minibus 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