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Great Escape 2016

The Great Escape 2016 was a sunny but cold one. With approx. 70-75 teams it was a tough competition but Southport did us proud.



The scouts had a great time and no doubt most of them were asleep in the car on the way home.

Tracy Nichols

A.S.L. 1st Southport (Ainsdale)
Lockhart Troop

With teams from 1st, 2nd, 14th, 19th 48th, 55th 58th, 61st and 62nd, . . . & it was a huge turnout from our District.



Waterside Lodge

The patio door from the dining room, which has been rather difficult for some time, managed to fall out completely; fortunately nobody was underneath it! We now have a nice new door that works. It has caught a couple of people out as it slides open easily now!

Doccy Morton

1st Lockhart & 1st Shackleton's came joint second and were closely followed by 48th in 3rd position.

The bases were to encourage the teams to develop their team work and leadership skills.

News Spring 2016

Here we are at the beginning of another season of outside activities at Waterside Lodge. We have a lot of bookings but there's still room for more!

You will remember that Ian 'Chappers' Chapman 'went home' at the end of last year. Ian had 60 years of service to Scouting, the last 15 years or so mainly based in Merseyside and in particular Southport and Waterside Lodge. The family wanted there to be a lasting memorial at Waterside. They have purchased a bench which is now situated



under the veranda near the dining room door, a place where Ian spent a lot of time, with brew in hand, chatting

to anyone who was around. Many thanks to the family for their generous donation. The bench is made from recycled plastic bottles from the same company as the picnic tables so will last for many years. Feel free to sit and 'have a brew with Ian' when you are at Waterside.



They say every cloud has a silver lining, well, late last year we had an overnight flood from an upstairs toilet. As a result, using money from the insurance, some of our own funds and some volunteers, we have been able to repaint and replace ceiling tiles and lighting in the boys/girls toilets and showers, also repaint and replace the flooring in the main corridor and office. Tesco at Southport have very kindly donated a 22" Flat screen monitor for the CCTV in the office, **many thanks** to them for the generosity. So we're looking very clean and smart.

The weekend of 19/20th March saw Waterside Lodge as the venue for the RYA North West Region Instructor Conference. On the Saturday we had 100 or so sailing, windsurfing and powerboat instructors taking part in the conference, partly indoor workshops but mainly on the water. We also had some trade people present.

One company bought a 6mtr inflatable craft with a ramp at the front. This is used for moving things like Quadbikes, Land Rovers, Paramedic vehs. and construction vehs. like Bobcats. A bit too big for the Marine Lake but great fun to have a go on! On the Sunday there were around 15 instructors doing an Advanced Sailing day. We had a great team, as always, on the catering. Many thanks to Norah, Sylvia, Kath, Dorothy, Sue and Janet. There were many comments on how fantastic the food had been, a lot were used to 'butties or jacket spuds' we provided Cottage pie, Lasagne and a range of sweets, on Sunday they got a roast chicken dinner! They couldn't believe. Our comment was 'come here and you'll get looked after properly'. Listening to comments in general Waterside Lodge has come out with flying colours, in fact one of the senior coaches said to me, 'This has got to be the best venue anywhere for this conference'. Well done to everybody concerned.

We look forward to another great season. In anticipation I want to thank all those people who will help us over the next few months and I hope to see you at Waterside Lodge.

Doccy Morton

Grateful THANKS to Tracy for responding to my plea for a Great Escape report.

Brian

Southport Scouts '100 Club'

We had 32 members for the March draw. The lucky winner this month is member number 41..... G Maher, Mum of a scout at the 48th, she wins £32 The draw was made by a scout at the 61st.

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

Waterside Lodge Activity Diary – April 2016

Apr 5 Pyro Explorers
7 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
8/9 King's College CCF, Resident/Sailing
9 Southport Wine Society
12 District Active Support – Archery
12 Pyro Explorers
13 **WET NIGHT – 1st night of new season**
14 Women's Institute
14 Southport Sea Cadets
16 1st Frankby Scouts – Dragon Boating
16/17 1st Formby, Resident & Water Day
18 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
18 61st Southport Scouts
18 Waterside Lodge Board, Meeting
19 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
19 Southport Sea Cadets
19 Pyro Explorers
20 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
20 **WET NIGHT**
21 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
21 Southport Sea Cadets
22 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
23 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
23 **ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE**
23 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
25 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
25 61st Southport Scouts
26 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
26 Southport Sea Cadets
26 Pyro Explorers
27 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
27 **WET NIGHT**
28 Ceramics Club – Painting Day
28 Southport Sea Cadets
29/1 Guides – D. of E. Training
29 Ceramics Club – Painting Day

Waterside Lodge Diary. May 2016

May 1/2 Baden Powell Guides – Residential
3/5 Helsinki Violin Group - Residential
3 Southport Sea Cadets
3 Pyro Explorers
4 **WET NIGHT**
5 Southport Sea Cadets
5 48th & 58th Southport, Dragon Boating
6/8 16th Crosby Guides, Water Events
7 'Sea Voice' – VHF Training Course
9 61st Southport Scouts, Meeting
10 Southport Sea Cadets
10 District ASU – Shooting
10 Pyro Explorers
11 **WET NIGHT**
12 Womens' Institute, Meeting
12 48th/58th Southport, Dragon Boating
13 Ormskirk Dist. Beavers, Multi Activity
14 Grappenhall Scouts, Water Event
15 58th Southport AGM & Water Event
16 61st Southport Scouts, Meeting
16 Waterside Lodge Board Meeting
17 Southport Sea Cadets
17 Pyro Explorers, Meeting
17 District Executive Meeting
18 **WET NIGHT**
19 Ceramic Painting Day
19 58th Southport Cubs, Dragon Boating
20 Ceramic Painting Day
21/22 'Vital Events', Triathlon
21 Ceramic Painting Day
23 61st Southport Scouts, Meeting
24 Southport Sea Cadets
24 Pyro Explorers, Meeting
25 Sefton CVS, ECM Forum
25 **WET NIGHT**
26 Southport Sea Cadets
26 Ceramic Painting Day
27/29 Liverpool College CCF Resident
28 Auslese Society, Buffet/Wine Tasting
29/3 June CCF Instructors, Resident - Dinghy Sailing & Wind Surfing
31 Pyro Explorers Meeting

Copied from HQ Notices at:

<http://members.scouts.org.uk>

Highlights of the 2016 POR update

Scouting's Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) provides support and guidance to help us all run Scouting. Following reviews and consultations with the movement, adjustments are made over time and we have pulled together 8 of the biggest changes in this year's POR review.

The first thing you will be pleased to find out is that in response to feedback received, we have updated our documentation to a single column format, making it more accessible and easier to read. For more information or to give feedback on this or any other issue regarding POR please contact por@scouts.org.uk.

Vetting Process

For the first time in POR we are now going to share our Vetting Process, the Safeguarding and Vetting decision guidance in which our Vetting team use to make careful and informed decisions on the proposal of memberships. By sharing this process we aim to be more transparent with members. If you have any questions or queries on Vetting in Scouting please contact vetting@scouts.org.uk.

Executive Committee Members

It is now essential that Scouting Executive Committee Members are to be full or associate members of Scouting. This includes all Executive Committee roles: Group Chairman, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, other elected Group Executive members, Nominated Group Executive members and Co-opted Group Executive members. Along with Section Assistants' the training obligations have also changed for these roles: the 'Getting Started' module must be completed within 5 months, and then there are no further training compulsions.

Activity Update

A range of activity rules and guidance have been updated following a lengthy review process, this includes the introduction of axe throwing as a Scouting activity with specific rules to follow and banning of knife throwing. In addition updates have been made to archery, buoyancy aids and lifejackets, cave and mine exploration, creative activities for public performance, cycling, hillwalking, insurance, other activities, paddlesports, shooting, and water classifications. Some of these updates are removing transition periods which have now ended from POR. For more information on the updates please go to www.scouts.org.uk/activitiesupdates.

Visits abroad

Following a review of the Visits Abroad Process in August 2015 changes have made to the process,

which include including a definition of a "Visit Abroad" in POR, introduction of a 2 stage approval process for any visit abroad, and the introduction of one form which will be added to at different stages of the planning process and submitted to HQ at least 6 weeks prior to departure.

Inclusion of reasonable adjustments in POR

A number of rules have been amended to support the delivery of the inclusivity strand of Vision 2018. [These updates](#) ensure that POR keeps pace with current equalities legislation. It is essential that our rules embed current terminology and reflect our legal duty as a membership organisation to deliver inclusive Scouting.

Local Youth Commissioner role

After a really positive 2015 with over 100 Local Youth Commissioners being appointed across the movement, the role has officially been recognised and added to POR and Compass. Local Youth Commissioners can bring a huge number of benefits to local Scouting and can help lead the work towards our Youth Shaped strategic objective. Local Youth Commissioners are now ex-officio members of the District or County Executive Committee. Find out more about recruiting a Local Youth Commissioner [here](#).

Section Ratios put on hold

There has been immense feedback from members on the proposed changes to Section Ratios, because of this the decision to change the section ratios has been put on hold so that further research and feedback can inform a decision.

Honorary Scouter role removed

The role was originally in place as membership used to stop at 65 but as we now have no age restriction on membership and the role is not used on compass the title of Honorary Scouter has been discontinued and deleted from POR. If you currently hold the role of Honorary Scouter and want some more information please contact info.centre@scouts.org.uk.

To read all of the updates and the full POR report click [here](#). If you have any queries or questions concerning POR please contact por@scouts.org.uk.