

February 2007



Dear Parents, Friends and members,

Well here we are in 2007 and the year long celebrations of One Hundred Years of Scouting, have arrived. Many of the young members will have kicked off the celebrations by going to Activity World in January. I hope they all had a great time.

Over the year you will hear of activities you can join in. Not every activity will be for all sections as they are age related, but some are for everyone not just uniformed members. There are three which are very important and I'd like to see every member attending.

Over the **May Bank Holiday 25-28th May there will be a Centenary Camp** and at some stage over the weekend all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be taking part in activities. This will be held at Ferry Meadows. You will be hearing more about this later, with sectional information.

The **Sunrise Service** is perhaps the most important activity for Scouting as a whole, as it is celebrating the actual date that Scouting began and Scouts throughout the world will be joining in including those at the World Jamboree at Hylands Park where 40,000 scouts from around the world will be attending a camp. It will be held on 1st August 2007 at 8am local time so if you are on holiday abroad or somewhere else in Britain you can still take part. The Peterborough event will be held in Cathedral Square. The sunrise service itself will not last long, but there will be further activities during the day which you might be asked to join in. I hope you will do your best to be present. I understand that it will also be mentioned on GNER trains.

Perhaps the most important event as far as Peterborough Scouts are concerned is the presentation of the **Freedom of the City of Peterborough**, which will be presented to Peterborough Scouts at **St George's Day Parade on Sunday 22nd April**. This is unique as no other Scouts have been given the Freedom of a City, in the world, ever!

Unfortunately the Chief Scout will be with the Queen at Windsor, but the last Chief Scout, George Purdy, will be attending the service together with the full council and several other dignitaries who will join the youth members for tea. The format will be very different to the usual St. Georges Day Service and the parade will start and finish outside the Key Theatre where tea will be served on our return. There will be limited parking at the Key and we would appreciate it if the uniformed members could use the free bus which can pick them up around the Ortons, more information as to bus route and timing to follow.

Will you please let your section leaders know if you will be attending St Georges Day Parade as we need to order teas for all members attending.

There will be a new badge to replace the District badge on the right sleeve. These will be handed out asap with instructions as to where it and the County Badge will go. They do need putting on uniforms **before** the parade.

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I understand that to enable our young members to attend the above events will have an impact on the other members of the family, but I hope you will all join in events as much as possible; we shall not have another chance to celebrate 100 years of scouting.

During this year there are 4 badges to collect and wear on the uniform. One of them will be handed out to those who attend the Centenary Camp and another to those who attend the Sunrise Service. The other two can be gained by attending one of the Centenary activities, e.g. the St. George's day Service, and the last will be handed out to those who bring a friend along to a section meeting and who subsequently joins the movement.

The last item I wish to inform you of is the commemorative 50p piece. All 50p pieces minted this year will commemorate 100 years of scouting. The more 50ps we can take out of circulation during this year the more commemorative ones will be minted. I have a suggestion that next year we hold a group/family camp possibly in Belgium, but certainly somewhere different. To make this more affordable I am suggesting that you start collecting 50ps now. I talked with my leaders about this in January and one has already saved £60s worth of 50ps! I wonder who can save the most?



I look forward to seeing you at as many of the above events as possible. If you want more information about any of the events, please do not hesitate to call me on 01733 340760 or ask one of the section leaders.

Have a fantastic 2007.

Yours in Scouting

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