



Inside out

July 2012

Jamoige - all the fun!
Camp Carnival- What a weekend!
Shipwrecked in larch hill!

Explorer Belt starts!





Communications Commissioner Intro

Welcome to this month's edition of Inside Out. This month we feature 3 big events which happened lately namely Jamoige, Camp Carnival and Shipwrecked in Larch Hill. We also have loads of articles and news from around the country. As we are now into the Annual camp/ expedition Season we are looking forward to all groups sending us a short report and a few pictures of your event. All articles can be sent to communications@scouts.ie. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Have a great annual camp and see you all next month.

Please forward this on to all Scouters and youth members in your group. Don't presume they have got it. Deadline for the next issue is 31st July

The Communications Team



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Quote of the Month

"It is the Patrol System that makes the Troop, and all Scouting for that matter, a real co-operative matter."
Baden Powell





Jamoige 2012 the Video: This video covers all the goings on at the camp from the opening Ceremony, all the various activities to the participants themselves. It is a great look back at all the excitement of Jamoige



Jamoige opening Sequence: Some TV stars say hello to Scouting Ireland at Jamoige.



Jamoige 2012 Closing Ceremony Video: This is a video put together by the Communications team which was used in the closing Ceremony for this year's Jamoige. All the images used in the video were taken by the Communications team photographers over the course of the weekend.

Scouting Ireland Videos

The Communications video team have been busy over the last while putting together and editing Video footage of different events. We have now updated our Vimeo page with a new stock of Video. Click on the links and enjoy



SI Videos

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Camp Carnival: This Video covers all the goings on at Camp Carnival. It includes interviews with the Camp Chief, Provincial Commissioner and many of the participants. It gives you a great flavour of buzz that this Camp caused in the Northern Province



Camp North East Photo Montage: Camp North East Scouting Ireland Took place on the May Bank Holiday weekend in Portlick Campsite County Westmeath. This is a photo montage put together as some memories of the weekend.



Camp North East: This video includes footage from the recent Camp North East which took place recently in Portlick campsite. The video contains interviews with some of the youth members and camp staff who took part in the camp. It gives a great insight into the weekend long camp



National Council 2012 Some chat and footage taken at National Council 2012. This includes feedback from both youth and adult members on what is the Public Perception of Scouting Ireland. Some very interesting comments. It also includes an interview with Pat Rabbitte Minister for Communications by the Communications Commissioner.



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JamOige 2012





Ardgillian Demesne and Castle really didn't know what hit it over the June Bank Holiday Weekend, when Scouting Irelands, 2nd JamÓige came to visit. From midday on Friday 1st June, almost 3,000 cub scouts and their scouters started to arrive, and what started off as a field overlooking the Irish Sea turned into a sea of tents.

The opening ceremony was held at the main stage which overlooked the castle to one side and the coast to the other. David our camp chief took the opportunity to introduce himself and his team, and the Chief Scout along with the Mayor of Fingal officially opened the camp, by lighting up the castle. We also had a podcast from Jedward, much to everyone's delight. Just before it was over, Balbriggan treated us to a lovely surprise by having a fireworks display.

Saturday morning saw the cub scouts head off for the first of their programme bases,

Brobdingnag, Lilliput, Swallow and Blefuscu. Brobdingnag was the land of the Giants, Lilliput the land of the little people, Swallow, named after one of the ships from Gullivers Travels, introduced many of the cub scouts to different types of navigation for the first time and finally Blefuscu where pioneering was the project of choice.

Even though there was heavy rain on Saturday night, this didn't stop the trade fair from going ahead, where many items were bought and sold using Lillipunts, our very own currency.



Unfortunately the weather didn't calm down and as a result many groups choose to leave during the night and into Sunday, as well as many Beaver Scouts colony's deciding not to travel. However those that stayed and arrived on Sunday had a fantastic day moving around the bases, many of which had been moved inside just in case.

The closing ceremony was a great success with everyone taking part in a drumming session and even Dustin the Turkey popped in via skype to say 'Hi'.



On Monday we said a sad farewell to the remaining groups, who took part in some science experiments and other activities before they took the long road home.

To see more pictures of this event go to the Scouting Ireland Photo gallery





Camp Carnival

Camp Carnival was the Northern Provincial Camp which was held on the Baronscourt Estate on the outskirts of Newtownstewart. The camp was held from Fri 1st June until Mon 4th June with scouts from all over Northern Ireland as well as groups from Dublin, Louth and Sligo going together to take part in a wide variety of Scouting and non scouting activities. Some of the scouting activities, included Kayaking, Raft building, Shelter building, Backwoods cooking,

Orienteering, etc., Non Scouting activities included a mountain bike challenge, archery, rope climbing, paint balling, etc. Indeed even, Chief Scout, Michael John Shinnick had a go on the mobile rope course.

The programme of activities were designed to facilitate the various age ranges attending with Beaver Scouts taking part in activities catered for their young age, while the older sections activities were more appropriate to their stages of development.

There was a Carnival theme throughout the weekend with a special night of fun on Saturday night when everyone was entertained at the Theme night party which included several performances by Lords of Strut



(an acrobatic comedy duo) and a Kenneth O'Regan (Fire Poi) as well as the usual carnival booths.

This was the first camp to adopt an Inter Agency approach where external agencies such as companies with Adventure skills expertise were used as well as other statutory agencies such as Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Irish coastguard and the PSNI, etc.

The emergency services were also involved in working with the organisers in a car crash reconstruction to promote safe use of mobile phones while driving and the potential consequences of not abiding by the law. The PSNI

helicopter also landed giving the scouts an opportunity to get to see it up close and ask questions to the pilot and get some photos taken. Everyone was treated to a fantastic fireworks display at both the opening and closing ceremonies.

A Camp Chief's Challenge was introduced where scouts could complete a number of challenges to earn the much sought after special badge that could only be presented by the Camp Chief.

Checkout our facebook page www.facebook.com/campcarnival2012

To see more pictures of this event go to the Scouting Ireland Photo gallery





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Shipwrecked @Larch Hill

On the weekend of the 1st 4th June over 400 Cub Scouts descended on Larch Hill to join Captain Dylan and his crew for 3 days packed of Ship Wrecked adventure from the high seas, searching for buried pirate treasure through the Caribbean, to the desert Islands and beach parties of Kilmashogue and beyond.

Some of the events that were to be had over the weekend were Grass karts, Backwoods cooking, Lighting fires with flint, Fun in the river and slippery slide to name just a few.

The Chief Scout also called in to say hello and was seen pushing some of the Cub Scouts on the Grass carts.

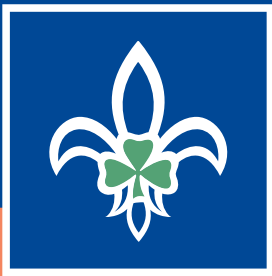
All in all it was a great weekend for all the Cubs Scouts who



braved the adventures and the weather at Shipwrecked!!

To see more pictures of this event go to the Scouting Ireland Photo gallery





Welcome to Scouting Ireland's Identity Zone.

The communications Team are delighted to announce the launch of its new Identity Zone on my.scouts.ie. This is the central resource for everyone producing Scouting branded materials and promoting Scouting Ireland's identity.

It provides tools and guidance on producing inspiring materials that will help all groups motivate and engage our wide variety of audiences.
Why Have a Identity Zone?

Our identity is important. It affects how people think and feel about Scouting Ireland and is largely formed by what we do "offer adventure to young people".

But our communications are important too. They need to express the same scouting values: fun, friendship and adventure.

What's in the Identity Zone?
Contained within the Identity Zone will be 5 distinct areas: -

- **Our Brand:** This area will include an overview of what, how and why we need branding. It also includes the two main brand manuals for you to download.
- **Graphics:** Within this area will include downloads for all graphics in a variety of formats. Currently we have included all Graphic Formats for our Emblem and logo
- **Document Templates:** This area will when populated house downloadable templates for all the word documents, power point presentations and other various templates.
- **Media Centre:** Within this area we will include hi res photos, video promos, web resources and print centre.



- **Recruitment:** This area will house all items that can be used for recruitment purposes such as our recruitment leaflets, Posters etc. We are currently developing all the content for this area and we will be adding to this when content is produced. If you feel there is some other resource that needs developing and included then please contact me at communications@scouts.ie

Also as part of this you may have noticed a change to our side bar. As this was getting cluttered we have streamlined it so as only the

pages that you are working on are highlighted whereas the other elements shrink back to just the page heading. If you want to go to a different page just click on the heading and that menu will then appear and all others will shrink back to page headings. Hopefully this will help you with your ease of navigating around the pages and sub pages.

The Identity Zone can be accessed from the resources tab on the main menu.





The Journey Begins

On the 26th June 22 Rover Scouts from across Ireland took their first steps on the 2012 Explorer Belt. The Explorer Belt is one of the greatest challenges that a young person can take on in Scouting, walking 200km in a foreign country on a limited budget, completing a log and challenging projects along the way.

This year's participants flew into Brest and were dropped along the northern coast of Brittany. Over the next 10 days they will travel through Brittany learning about its culture and its values by engaging with people that they meet in towns and villages along the way. Over a hundred families will play host to these young people, though they don't quite know it yet.

This year each participant will also complete two Special Interest Badges which they have designed themselves. This part of ONE programme allows them to design projects based on their own interests, making each young person's experience of the event unique.

At the end of the trip Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) Ian Davy will present the awards, including Explorer Belts to those participants who meet the high standard set out in the event criteria.

We will be sending back regular updates to let you know how the teams are getting on their Breton adventure.

We wish Máire, Aoibhín, Karl, Seán, Eoghan Cl, Conor, Sophie, Cathal, Sarah, Niamh C, Eimear, Niamh F, Andrew, Cian, Conor, Kevin, Una, Eoghan Ca, Declan, Connor, Donal and Conor (supported by the event staff Steven, Neil, Aisling, Trev, Glenn, Stephen, Ciara, Stevie, Pauline, Richard, Áine, Jim and Mark) the best of luck and safe walking.





Welcome to the July edition of Cubs Corner

What are Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts range from 9 to 11 years of age. The Cub Scout adventure is full of fun and exploration. We are all about finding out new things and new ways of having fun. We learn to become more responsible because we want to do more things like go on longer camps and lead activities. Cub Scouts are organised into small groups called Sixes and guess what, there are 6 Cub Scouts in each Six! The Sixes are collected together in what we call a Pack. The Six has one of the Cub Scouts as their leader and that person is called the

Sixer. The Sixers meet and talk about things that the Cub Scouts would like to do and this meeting is called a Sixer Council.

Cub Scouts are given more responsibility and more say in the running of the programme and as a result can do more. Responsibility is the key to helping the Cub Scout grow as it teaches them to look after themselves and to look out for others. They spend more time working in small groups and



making decisions as a team. Each Six has a leader (Sixer) and assistant leader (Secunder). Every Cub Scout should have a job to do in the Six and they should be given more responsible jobs as they progress. The Sixer's Council should meet periodically to chat about bigger issues or topics and to guide the direction of programme. Scouters should ensure that each Cub Scout is given the chance to take on additional responsibility as they develop and the chance to act as the leader of a small group on a

regular basis when they may wear the Youth Leaders neckerchief.

Getting out into Nature is what Cub Scouting is all about. There is so much to explore in nature and the Cub Scout Programme will help the Cub Scout what to look out for. You can see Cub Scouts in action on JamÓige – which is a Giant camp for Cub scouts and normally has over 2000 Cub Scouts camping together. National Cub Scouting days as well as Pack Holidays also are typical activities for a Cub Scout to go on



Promise & Law , Prayer

It is vital to select the right simple words & symbols to convey and help recall the core ideas within the Scout Law & Promise, they provide a moral framework for our Movement. These words and associated symbols need to be repeated in the everyday programme.

Example: A rhyme for the parts of the Law, a symbol for the Promise such as the Scout Sign or a candle flame.

The Scout Promise is a symbol that unites us with all other Scouts around the world.

Symbols can help us to understand the Scout Law & Promise, but it's possibly more important that the Scout Law & Promise are seen as one of the most important parts of the Symbolic Framework that we inherit.

Cub Scout Promise

I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God
To serve my community
To help other people and
To live by the Cub Scout law



Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts are Friendly
Cub Scouts are Kind
Cub Scouts are Honest
Cub Scouts can be Trusted

Cub Scout Prayer

Dear Lord
Help me to do what is right
To help other people
To serve my community
And to live by the Cub Scout Law.

Scout Method



The Scout Method is the way of delivering the programme to young people. The Scout Method is composed of eight parts which are equally important and collectively implemented make Scouting what it is. It is through the use of the Scout Method that Scouting achieves its aims in developing young people.



Programme Commissioner-Cub Scouts reaches the summit!



National Secretary Says

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A meeting of the National Management Committee took place on Saturday 16th June 2012 in Larch Hill chaired by the Chief Scout, Michael John Shinnick.



National Management Committee Bulletin

Membership Fee

The following membership fees were approved:

Under 18 Member: €45

18 + Member: €20

Northern Ireland

Under 18 Member: £36

18 + Member £16

Property Committee

The National Management Committee agreed to appoint a new Property Committee. The details of the committee can be seen here.



Provincial Management Support Group

The NMC agreed the terms of reference for the Provincial Management Support Group. The details of this group can be seen here.



Provincial Commissioner – Role Profile

The appointment description of the Provincial Commissioner was changed. The new appointment description can be seen here.



Provincial Events

The National Management Committee considered the value of Provincial Events/Camps. After a general discussion, the Following was agreed;

- That Provincial Events should have buy-in from all Scout Counties in the Province.
- The Camp team should not be loaded with members of the PMST.

Branding Policy

A revised Branding Policy was agreed and can be seen here.



Alcohol Policy

The following was agreed for;

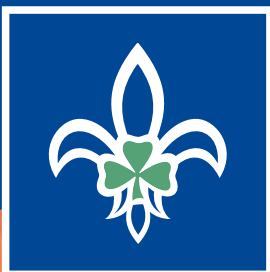
- The Phoenix Challenge 2012
- SIJ (Stradbally) 13

Directive

- Where there are youth members present and participating in a National Activity, there will be no alcohol consumed.
- There is a provision of a suitable social outlet for those staffing the events.

A behavioural code for Staff will be in place for The Phoenix Challenge 2012, which will include 'consequences'

The National Adult Resources Committee will revert to National Management Committee with further suggestions on the consumption of alcohol on National Activities.



Reports

The National Management Committee noted the following verbal reports

- National Team for Policy Implementation and Coordination
- National Youth Programme Committee
- National Adult Resources Committee
- International Commissioner
- Communications Commissioner
- CEO/Operations

Co-Educational Policy

The National Management Committee noted the draft co-educational policy.

It was agreed that all future groups opened should not be single sex unless a significant reason can be give otherwise.

It was agreed to give National Management Committee members

an opportunity to feed into the document and the final document will be presented to the NMC in September 2012.

International Team

The National Management Committee agreed to appoint;

- Darragh O'Briain
 - Stevie Oakes
- to the International Team

Communications Team

The National Management Committee approved the following members of the Communications Team;

- Mark Hardiman
- Peter Mee
- Peter Sheehan
- David Ashe
- Connor Quinlan
- John Watmore
- David Coyne
- Stephen Cull
- Finbarr Geithins
- Jennifer Simpson
- Susan Mc Daid

- James Doyle
- Tom Clarke
- Grainne Breen
- Vincent Burns
- Eoghan Calnan

Lough Dan – Camp Chief

Following an open call and selection process the National Management Committee appointed Zeff Klinkenbergh as the Camp Chief of Lough Dan

The Gathering 2013

Initial moves to promote this are to take place by interaction of the Communications Commissioner, International Commissioner and National Secretary.

No of Adult Applications received from January 1st to 29th June is **987**

New Groups opened or in the process of being opened from Jan 1st - June 29th are listed below:

Province

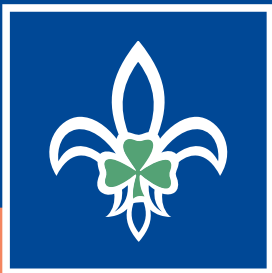
Group

North Eastern	Moore, Stamullen Cú Chulainn
Northern	Clonmany, Dungiven Glengad, Lagmore, Milford Newry, Omagh, Portaferry, Warrenpoint
South East	Rathangan, Avoca, Edenderry, Kilcormac Fort Grange, Johnstown Kilbride
Southern	Killorglin, Newcastle West Muintir Bhaire, Cahirciveen
Western	Ennistymon, Tulla, Mount Shannon, Kilkee

Ongoing Projects

The National Secretary is working at putting in place arrangements to reward all groups who are fully compliant in making full and complete annual returns. Full details of this scheme will follow in the coming months.





PHOENIX Challenge

The theme of this years All-Ireland Scoutcraft competitions for the 'Phoenix' trophy is "Welcome to the Olympics" The competitions will be held at Larch Hill, the national campsite from the 16th – 19th August. The weekend promises to challenge each patrol and they can also guaranteed to have a lot of fun along the way. Being an Olympic year, the theme has been chosen as 'Ancient Greece and the Olympics'. Over the course of the weekend, the Olympics will be taking place on Mount Olympus and we

are inviting patrols from different Countries to come to Greece and explore our culture and take part in the games.

Each patrol should come to Mount Olympus to represent their adopted country. Each patrol will dress their campsite and cook their test meals in the style of their chosen country. Each scout will also bring a costume to represent their country. It will all add to the colour and splendour of the four day challenge.

Information Pack 2 is now available in the Event Calendar on my.scouts.ie. This contains an event programme outline plus other information



Scouting Ireland – Annual Registration (Republic of Ireland)

At the National Management Committee on 16th June 2012 the Registration Fee for 2012 was set at €45 for Under 18 Members and €20 for Members 18 and over in the Republic of Ireland.

The Registration Fee for 2012 in Northern Ireland was set at £36 for Under 18 Members and £16 for Members 18 and over.

In considering the Registration Fee Scout Groups should read SID 60-10 (as amended in March 2012) which sets in detail Scouting Ireland

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Policy on Membership Fees and also outlines a number of incentives including:

- Early Payment Rebate – 5% rebate for payments before 30th November & 2.5% rebate for payments before 20th December
- Growth Rebate – for year on year Growth in excess of 10% in Under 18 Membership
- Section Rebate for Groups who establish a Venture Scout Section or Rover Scout Section of €100 / £80 (to encourage Groups to open / develop these sections)
- Rebate on Registration Fees on Venture/Rover Scout Sections with 5 or more members (to encourage Groups to open / develop these sections) @ between 10% and 20% of fees paid.

Groups are encouraged to avail of these rebates/incentives wherever possible.



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Rover Chill 50

When? – 26th-28th
October

What is it? – Crew
camping and cooking
Halloween banquet and
Murder mystery night
and lots more exciting
stuff .

Where? - Larch Hill
for all rovers

A more detailed programme will be in next month's issue along with the Cost. So Rovers scouts make sure you add this to your Diary



Saudi Arabia Training- Report

King Abdul Aziz Centre for National Dialogue

Castlesaunderson “A campsite for Peace and Reconciliation” This was the keystone sentence in obtaining grant aid for the campsite. Scouting Ireland is expected to follow through on this as part of the 3.2m grant from SEPUB.

I obtained funding from outside Scouting Ireland to pay for those attending Saudi Training at their centre for Dialogue, no cost to S.I. (apt. 25k). 12 from Ireland and 18 from South East Asia. We introduced well with those from Asia and friendships were made. Training started each day at 8am finishing at 2pm. This is a certified course and all participants had to make individual presentations before a Master Trainer.

All S.I. participants have been certified.

Those attending:

- P/C North & North East – Wendy Mollow, James O’Toole
- Trainer: V Heaney North East



- C/P/Trainee: - Jackie Walsh
- Camp Chief Castlesaunderson - Tony Smith
- Manager Castlesaunderson: Finbar Gettins
- Programme Castlesaunderson: Gerry Finnegan
- Northern Ireland Scout Council – Andy Clark
- Northern Ireland Scout Council - Joan Reid
- Programme S.I. – Collie Kavanagh
- Professional M.I. Trainer - Eamon Conway
- CEO S.I. - J Lawlor
- Chief Scout - MJ Shinnick

The team attending was built around those with day to day input to Castlesaunderson,

North South Scouting input, Child Protection Support, Spiritual input and national input, medium to long term on this project.

Training:

1. A bridge across two continents
2. Effective dialogue – rules and principles
3. Jusur Project - You and I
4. Guide to successful Intercultural Dialogue
5. Effective Listening
6. Verbal and Non Verbal Skills and their application

This team will over the coming months complete and develop a programme specific to Castlesaunderson. Based around the training and books supplied by Saudi Dialog Centre.

We will design and publish our own booklets and I have secured funding since my return for this.

The work is only new starting, however it sits very well with our funders SEPUB that a high level team undertook this and that it relates directly to Castlesaunderson and report on same at next steering Committee meeting in Cavan. We have developed good contact directly with Scouting in Saudia Arabia and their

“Messengers of Peace” Programme. A proposed visit to Ireland by Vice President and “Head of Messengers of Peace” facility, to set up in Zurich is proposed for June end with a visit to Castlesaunderson.





23rd World Scout Jamboree Japan 2015



Open Call Meeting

The Head of Contingent for the WSJ in Japan in 2015 is holding an open call to all those who would like to get involved in Marketing the Next World Jamboree.

A meeting will take place in the Millennium Room in Larch Hill on Sunday 22nd July from 3pm to 6pm for all those who would like to get involved in this project.

Attendance at the meeting is not a commitment to join the contingent neither is it a direct invitation on to the Contingent Management Team.



WA: a Spirit of Unity



NMC Lay a wreath at the Memorial for The Lancastria

At the June NMC the Chief Scout accompanied by the NMC took time out from their meeting to lay a wreath at the Memorial for the Lancastria which is situated outside the Millennium Building in Larch Hill.



The Story behind the Memorial

In 1932 the Irish scouts were invited to go on a pilgrimage [or a trip] to Rome for an audience with the Pope. This was an extraordinary event in the history of Ireland and Scouting and people [Irish businessmen etc] from all over the world, particularly America were delighted to contribute to the cost of the trip. The Lancastria was a cruise ship from the Cunard line and it was upon this ship that the scouts set off for Rome.



The trip was a huge success, but the story goes on.... The Lancastria was commandeered during the early stages of the second world war as a troop ship and was on active duty at Dunkirk in 1940. However on 17th June of that year it was bombed off the coast of Brittany by a German plane and sunk almost immediately. There was over 6,000 men, and some women and children on board,.....over 3,000 lost their lives! It was such a tragedy at the outset of the war that the British government tried to keep it under wraps....the morale of the Nation was at stake.....but in July the word

got out...and photographs, which had been taken by a guy named Clements [the photo accompanying this article is an actual photo of the Lancastria].

So why the anchor memorial at Larch Hill? well, the money collected for the trip to Rome was so much that CBSI {as it was then} decided to buy Larch Hill with the leftovers. So next time you are in Larch Hill, spend a moment and share a thought for the men who died, and the scouts who sailed, and the people who gave so generously, and the leaders who had the forethought enough to buy the land at Larch Hill for scouting!





International Commissioner update

National Youth Council of Ireland. Paddy Hennelly (Galway) and Karl Quinn (Programme National Office) are the links to the NYCI.

Gathering 2013

Scouting Ireland as a key partner to the Gathering 2013 are currently planning our role going forward. The International Team will co-ordinate the project in association with Communications and the Campsites teams. A formal letter and information pack will be circulated to Groups for their involvement in 2013.

National Youth Programme

Two meetings of the NYPC were held over the last 2 months and mutual discussions about Camping overseas forms and process. Work needs to be done on this to simplify and incentivise for Groups travelling..

Provincial International Co-ordinators

Request has gone out to clarify or appoint a Provincial Representative.

To date Dublin Province (Ann Foley), South East Province (Brian Gray), Western Province (Eamon Hartley) Southern Province (Ruairi Nealon); North East Province (Kate Cowan). Northern Province to be advised.

Representatives to other teams

Adult Resources (Aidan Brennan)
Programme (Vacant)
Communications/NYCI (Paddy Hennelly)
Scout Forum (Aoife Fricker)
Venture Forum (Ali Maher)



Development Educational overseas project

The follow up to the Unguvu project has taken a further leap. The chosen country to partner is Lesotho. A team headed up by Darragh O Brian (Donnybrook) will now formulate a plan and timeline.

Projects and Overseas Events

- Agora Kandersteg
- Conflict Training-Saudi Arabia.
- Explorer belt- France
- World Jamboree –Japan
- Educational methods forum-Romania
- Rover Moot-Canada
- South Africa (former Unguvu)
- Eurosea Conference,
- Youth Spokesperson Training
- Ghent July 2012-06-19
- Sea Scout unveiling ceremony
- Gilwell
- Rover way- Finland
- Voice for changing tomorrow-Finland

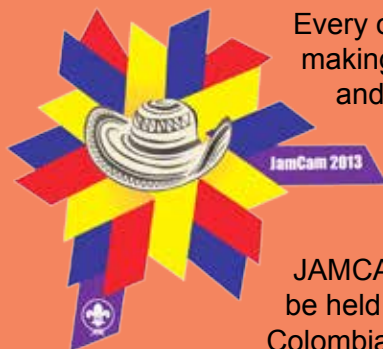


Scouting Ireland-going places...

To see details of upcoming International events check out our new International events section on Scouts.ie



JAMCAM 2013



Every opportunity is good for knowing new places, making new friends and sharing unforgettable experiences. We invite you to visit the wonderful Colombian land and to enjoy the warmth of its people, to make a lot of friends and live the best adventure in the JAMCAM. This will be held from 4th to 13th January 2013 in Bogota, Colombia. It will be

a pleasure for us to enjoy your company in these important Interamerican Events, where we will stretch our hands and strengthen our bonds of friendship. Everyone in our Association is preparing an event that, without any doubt, will be unforgettable.

Welcome to Colombia! You will be 2,600 meters closer to the

stars...
JAVIER GONZALO PEREZ
 National Chief Scout
 Scout Association of Colombia



Javier Gonzalo Perez





International News

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Scout Association under the guidance of Kandy District Scout Association and the Sri Lanka Scout Association.

DATES: From February 18th to 22nd, of 2013.

VENUE: Lakeview Park International Scout Centre, Dharmaraja College, Kandy Sri Lanka.

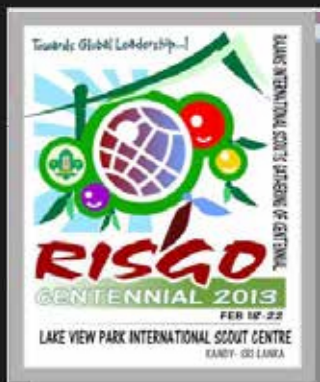
RISGO CENTENNIAL 2013

International Scout Jamboree to mark the Centenary Celebrations (1913-2013) of 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group, Kandy, SRI LANKA

THEME: Towards Global Leadership

ORGANISERS:

1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group and the Old Rajans



Application Leader

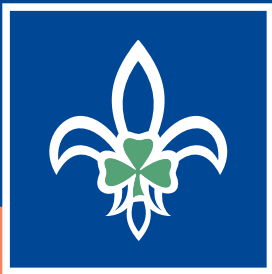


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Information Sheet

2013 February 18-22



Junior Paddlefest ... so what's it all about?

“There is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

(From The Wind in the Willows)

In his much-loved book, writer Kenneth Grahame might well have been referring to Paddlefest, Ireland's biggest Paddling event which takes place each year in Co. Wicklow.

Now in its 5th year and growing in popularity, attendance numbers last year saw over one thousand people on site. Paddlefest is a major event for all young people interested in any form of kayaking.

The idea for Paddlefest was formed by Kayak Instructors working with Junior Wild Water Kayak

Club members at pool sessions throughout the winter months. With a huge level of co operation between Instructors and the WWKC Junior officer at the time the idea emerged that the Club would host a weekend for Juniors .Then, with the assistance of other Clubs, Instructors , Coaches and Volunteers a weekend with every possible kayaking discipline on offer evolved.

Paddlefest is unique in that it is entirely staffed by volunteers; all equipment is generously provided by clubs from all over the country. It offers opportunities for each young person to try out general purpose, open canoeing, slalom, canoe polo,



wild water, marathon racing and freestyle whilst interacting in age appropriate groups.

The site chosen for to host this event is situated in Rathdrum, Co .Wicklow, a family friendly campsite that is closed to other campers for the duration of the event, ensuring a safe and secure location for all the young people camping. Paddlefest is open to all young people between the ages of 10 and 18yrs who hold current



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membership of Canoeing Ireland and have been assessed to level 2 standard.

Along with the increased interest from kayak clubs around the country, there has been much greater participation from members of Scouting Ireland, both junior and adult. We saw representation from four different Scout Groups right across the age ranges with attendance coming in at just under one hundred Scouting Ireland members in 2011. With instruction and equipment on offer for the whole weekend, Paddlefest offers a great package especially for Groups who do not have their own equipment. And it is obviously working – we've had some great feedback from Scout Groups whose members have been bitten by the paddling bug – and yes, it can be contagious!

Any further questions, please feel free to email the Paddlefest Team and we will endeavour to answer them as best we can.

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Rail Explorer Developed with Scouting Ireland

Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Public and commuter Transport Alan Kelly TD was joined in Heuston Station today by Sinéad Flannagan and Shane Culleton from the 6th Tipperary Scout Troop to launch Iarnród Éireann's new and Exciting Interactive Web based, Rail Explorer.

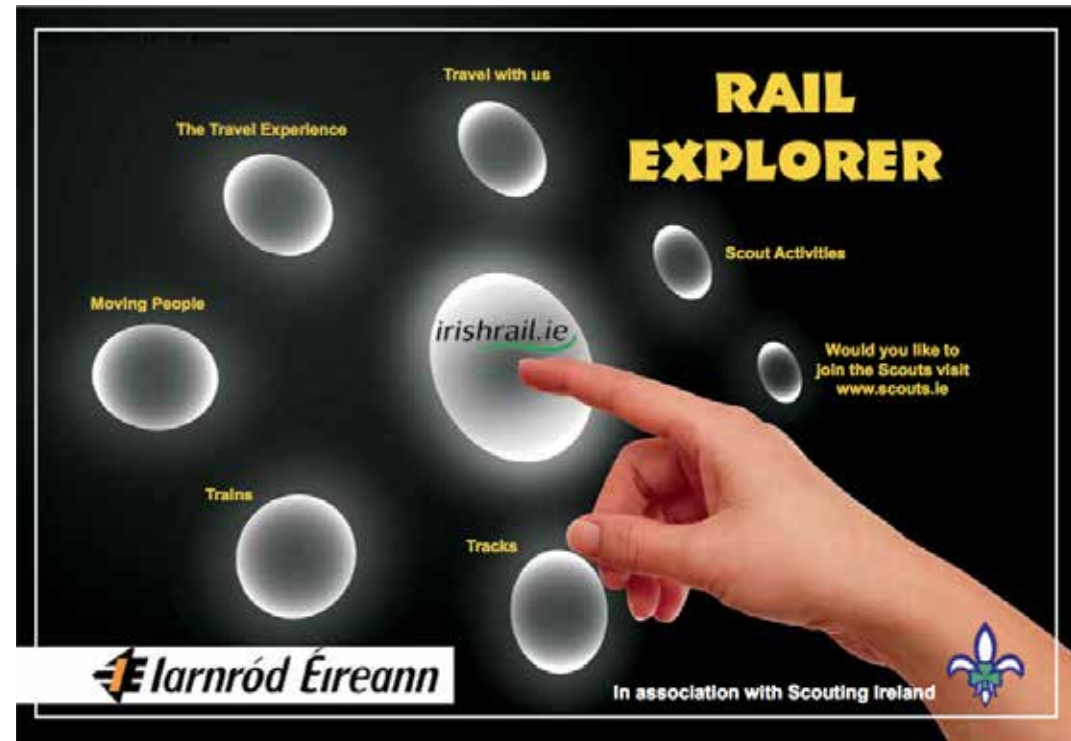
Rail explorer is an exciting web based interactive tool to engage young people- and the young at heart-in discovering more about trains and the national railway system.

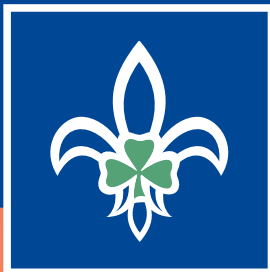
The tool explores all aspects of rail travel – its history, moving people, how the railway works and the experience of rail travel and combines knowledge based interaction exploration with fun, practical exercises, games and activities that can be undertaken either at home or at school.

The resource has been developed in partnership with Scouting Ireland, who have unrivalled expertise in working with and producing education material for young people. Scouting Ireland will also

use Rail Explorer in their ONE Programme under their special interest badge area.

For more information on this Contact communications@scouts.ie





Summer is Camping Time

The highlight of the year for every scout troop is no doubt the summer camp. For weeks now all the troops have been getting the gear sorted out and double checked from Tents to Billycans and frying pans. It can be a mammoth task for leaders to get all the equipment together and then to ship it or bring it with them to their various campsites.

It all began of course in 1907 when Baden Powell brought a group of 20 boys on a summer camp to Brownsea Island off the south coast of England. Brownsea Island was chosen for the camp because it was off the beaten track and was difficult to get to and this was due to BP being a very public figure at the time and if the Press had got to know his plans it would have been difficult with reporters on the scent of a good story.

In May of 1907 while on Holiday in Ireland BP met and became friends with Mr and Mrs Charles van Raalte and they invited him to visit them at their country home on Brownsea Island. As a boy BP had sailed in Poole Harbour with his brothers and knew the Island, they had in fact made a landing on the beach. He was convinced that Brownsea Island would be the ideal location for the camp, isolated but not too far away from civilisation to get provisions to. Baden Powell sent a letter to Charles van Raalte asking for permission to

use the island and this produced an immediate response. Of course he could come. To help with plans van Raalte enclosed a booklet about the island and its History which had at the time been

recently published. The more that BP discovered about the place, the more certain he became that this little piece of ground a mile and half long and about three quarters of a mile wide could not be bettered and it was agreed to hold the camp there in August 1907

The camp consisted of 20 boys from all kinds of backgrounds, 10 of them were from the Public schools of Eton and Harrow and were the sons of Army friends and other acquaintances of BP while of the remaining ten, 7 were from the Bournemouth Boys Brigade and 3 from the Poole Boys Brigade. The boys were divided up into 4 Patrols called Curlews, Ravens, Wolves and Bulls. These names are still used by many troops around the country. The senior boy in each patrol was appointed as Patrol Leader and was given a flag with the animal of their Patrol on it. Each patrol Leader was given full responsibility for the behaviour of his Patrol at all times, in camp and in the field. The Patrol was the unit to work or play, and each patrol was camped in a separate spot. From that day to this the basics of going on summer camp have not

changed a great deal. The style of equipment and gear may have become more elaborate but there is little doubt that the fun and excitement of going on summer camp today was the same as for those young boys going on that first scout camp in 1907. Scouting Ireland wish all Groups happy Camping over the Summer Months



Launch of the Scout program for the Volvo ocean race

The official launch of the Scout program for the Volvo ocean race was held on Friday, June 8th, at the Galway city museum. The event was attended by the Mayor of Galway City, Hildegard Naughton, the Mayor of Galway County, Michael Maher and representatives of the Army. We were also delighted to welcome Micheline Mcnamara from Lets do it Global, and Eamon Leonard, Captain, Corrib Rowing and Yachting Club. Additionally we were joined by Brian Webster, western provincial commissioner and a large number of Scouters and representatives of the Scouts of Galway County.

Why would scouting Ireland want to be involved in the Volvo race? That is simple to answer; it is because we share many things in common. Our programme has elements which involve sea, land and air and it is the sea element that we celebrate with the Volvo race. Every weekend and indeed some weekdays our scouts can be found on the rivers, lakes and sea around Ireland on a regular basis whether it is in a one man canoe or a sea going yacht. It is also a year when we celebrate 100 years of sea scouting in Ireland.

The Volvo race is about challenge, it is about working together as a team to overcome great odds to reach a goal. Scouting Ireland is also about challenge; it is about working



together as a team at all levels of the organisation and most of all it is about reaching its goal knowing that it has done its best.

Scouting Ireland is not seen by the public very often, only at public events like this and always well presented in uniform. However, what the public do not see is the members of Scouting Ireland taking part in a wide ranging active and adventurous outdoor programme around the countryside of Ireland. We hope to give the people of Galway an insight into what Scouting Ireland is about, through our water activities both on Lough Atalia and on the Bay, so famous around the world. We also hope to give a taste of camp life and some activities in our base camp in South

Park. Part of this will see scouts make contact with other scouts around the world in our ham radio base. Our new friendship with the Claddagh boatmen will, we hope, see more scouts participating in water activities and we thank them for their support.

Finally, the Volvo race motto of "Lets do it Galway" is a shout for Galway to support this great challenge, but we in scouting Ireland know that "We can do it" and look forward to the challenge of doing so.

To find out more about the Scout Volvo Ocean race programme please visit Galwaycountyscouts.ie.





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15th Cavan Laragh Scout Group

On the 11th of June 2012 the town land of Laragh in County Cavan saw the investiture of the new Scout Group 15th Cavan Laragh. In total there was 10 Leaders, 24 Beaver Scouts and 20 Cub Scouts invested on the evening. The Provincial Commissioner of the North Eastern Province, James O'Toole, who presented the group with an association flag and a new group certificate from Scouting Ireland and number of representatives from the Scout County of Cavan/Monaghan were present. There was also great turnout and support from the local community and Breege O'Reilly,



the Group Leader, thanked everyone who helped out with setting up the group and with the investiture. The NE Province looks forward to seeing great things from the group and working with them in the future.



4th Cavan Bailieborough Scout Group

After a shaky beginning to the year, 4th Cavan Bailieborough Scout Group are now back up and running and are getting stronger by the day. On the 11th of June the group invested 5 new Leaders and 15 new Cub Scouts. The group are planning to continue to grow the group with a new scout troop in the next year and who knows where it will go from there. The North Eastern province would like to wish the group all the best in the future.





10th Louth Cú Chulainn Scout Group

On the 24th of May 2012 the town of Tallanstown in County Louth saw the investiture of the new Scout Group 10th Louth Cú Chulainn. In total there was 5 Leaders and 20 Cub Scouts invested on the evening. The County Commissioner of Louth Scout County, Finbar Gethins, and Provincial Commissioner, James O'Toole were present along with a number of other

Scouters from around the county. There was a great turnout and support from the local community and Stephen Short, the Group Leader, thanked everyone who helped out with setting up the group and with the investiture. After the investiture there was a few words from the County Commissioner and Provincial Commissioner on the benefits that scouting will bring to the community. The NE Province looks forward to seeing great things from the group and working with them in the future.



5th Wicklow Bray: Totem Poles

Totem poles made by 5th Wicklow Bray Sea Scout Beavers. [In One Programme Beaver Scout Adventure Book, page 53 - Ways of the Tribe]. This was done by Thursday Beavers - we have three Tribes/Colonies, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.





8th Waterford (Tramore) Scout Group Celebrated 80 years of scouting

In 1932 Gerard Stubbs and Dermot Cahill were elected as the first Scout Master and Lieutenant of 8th Tramore Catholic Boy Scouts. 8th Tramore are the 3rd oldest group in Waterford County still active. 3rd Del LaSalle is the oldest with 4th Abbside coming next. Over the last 80 years the group have remained strong and active as well as an important part of the Community in Tramore.

On Sunday the 17th as part of their 80 years celebrations the group paraded up main street Tramore led by Ben Spillane one of the Rover Scouts who played a steady marching beat on a drum that was brought home from the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. The drum was made by Scouts from Colombia and was given to one of the 8th Group who attended the WSJ.

At the start of the Mass two flags the old and the new were



brought to the altar and placed on a table. The old flag that has led the 8th Catholic Boy Scout Group since 1980 which was designed and made by Sr. Marie Mc Guinness of the Mercy Convent Waterford. The new flag representing Scouting Ireland the new association that was formed in 2004 was designed and made by Fiona O'Neill and is partly based on the new Group badge that was designed by the youth of 8th Tramore under the guidance of Henry O'Suillavan. During the Mass the new flag was blessed by Monsignor Nicholas O'Mahony and this flag then led the Group out of the church to the Canons field where a day's celebration was held. It was great to see members of some of the other Groups from the County as well as members of the Scout County Team in attendance at the mass.

The Leaders, Ventures and Rover's started arriving at the Canons field from 8am to set up the main features of the camp site. With flag poles, boundaries, marquees, burco, tables and seating all in readiness just in case the weather changed.



In the large marquee a museum was set up with photos and written history of the group dating back to 1932. On display also were certificates, pennants, paintings, knot boards, log's, badge displays, neckerchiefs from various camps and much much more. Through out the day there was a constant flow of people in the marquee with past Scout's, Leaders, Family of members who have passed and the youth and the parents of the group today. The group also had a marquee set up with Tea Coffee and biscuits as well as juice and water which was defiantly needed



as the weather was fantastic. Through out the day the field was active as the Scouts section aged 11 to 15 set up Icelandic tents and a half barrel to cook sausages on and they also showed the younger sections and some of the older members how to build a friction bridge. The Cub section aged 9 to 11 set up large dome tents and built a table where they could sit and relax, the cubs also played games and enjoyed the day. The Beaver section aged 7 to 9 also set up large dome tents and helped to decorate the camp site before playing games and generally having great fun. At lunch time the feeding of the troops was accomplished with ease thanks to Dooley's chipper on Main Street. After Lunch the County Commissioner (C.C) of Waterford Scout County Brian Fanning and the Provincial Commissioner of the St. East John Whatmore along with the Mayor of Tramore Joe Conway were in attendance and each of them gave great praise to the Leaders past and

present of the 8th Tramore group as well as the youth that were in attendance. The Mayor also read some history that he had researched on the group which was very interesting and will be going into our history that is being compiled. The C.C awarded Peter Hewison his 10 years service medal and presented Tom O'Neill with a special thank you pin for the work he had put into the organisation of the day. Members of all sections and some of the leaders were invested into the

group and made their Scout promise on the flag. It was great to see Tommy Kavanagh in his full C.B.S.I uniform in attendance for most of the day, and the story's he had to tell about past events etc. were brilliant. Most of the youth in the group had never seen the uniform he was wearing other than in photos so this again helped to link the past to the present. After the investitures and speeches were finished the birthday cake was brought out

by Caroline Cahill the Group Leader and one of the Cubs was given the honour of cutting it. While the cake was being sliced up members of the Ventures and Rovers joined by Emily O'Neill put on a fantastic fire display with fire poi and fire staff routines. This was a fantastic end to a fantastic day's celebration of 80 years. All that was left was to take everything down again and put it all away until the following weekend when the Cubs are going to Mellary for their annual summer camp. Thank you has to go to all the leaders who give up their time for the 8th Tramore group, when they joined they were told it is only an hour a week however once scouting is in your blood it is a life time commitment. Check out photos of the event on "Tramore scouts 8th" face book page. There are also photos and news paper clippings going all the way back to 1933. If you have any photos, news paper clippings or memories that you are willing to share contact us on the face book page or email Tom O'Neill on hairyscoutguy@eircom.net.





Cois Laoi 2012

Cois Laoi 2012 is the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (I.S.G.F.) West European Gathering. It will be held in Cork City, Republic of Ireland, from 25th September to 29th September 2012. We are busy with our plans for our gathering in Cork in September. We hope you are able to join us.

The Website for the gathering is www.coislaoi2012.com. The booking form for Cois Laoi 2012 is now on this site. Please download it. Should you

have any difficulty, email us at coislaoi2012@scouts.ieor by post to Cois Laois2012. c/o Irish Girl Guides. 1, Lower Glanmire Road (city end), Cork. Ireland.

We do hope you will be able to join us in Cork, spend a happy time here, and avail of the opportunity to meet up with I.S.G.F. friends and make new friends from our wonderful world wide family.



COIS LAOI 2012

Waterford Midsummer Ball

Waterford Scout County held their first annual Midsummer Ball in the Woodlands Hotel, where there was no uniforms or children around, just a social event for all leaders and parents in the county.





Dollymount Cub Scouts win Medals at Junior Liffey Descent

Below are two photos from the Canoeing Ireland 2012 Junior Liffey Descent. 5th Port Dollymount Sea Cub Places 3rd in Junior Liffey Descent u 15's General Purpose Category.

Fionn McNally (Saturn Cub Pack) takes home a bronze medal paddling in his first Liffey Descent. With the change in age ranges through One Programme and Adventure Skills badges, Cub Scout opportunities to enter competitions such as this have increased.

It would be great to see more active participation from our junior members next year.



9th Port Malahide, Group Leader Fun!





Cavan Monaghan Scout County Campcraft Competition

Cavan Monaghan Scout County Recently helped their Camp craft Competition at the Lovely Setting of Dún a Rí Campsite in Kingscourt. The competition was held over the weekend and included the usual camp craft elements of setting up a full campsite, cooking competition, etc.

Also over the weekend many bases had to be completed where each of the patrols had to complete various challenges. Some of the challenges included were backwoods, bridge building compass work to name just a

few. At the end of the weekend the patrol that came out on top were the 3rd Monaghan Carrickmacross. Awards were

presented to all the category winners by County Programme Coordinator Eoin Cooney.





Great Camping at Fota

Over forty young Cub Scouts/Macaoimh from the 109th Cork (Watergrasshill) section had a super weekend at Fota Scout Campsite last weekend. The excitement of erecting the tents which were to become their homes for the weekend, was just electric. Just everyone wanted to help from laying out the canvas, to getting the poles in the right order and the cheer was loud as the first tent was standing straight. Then it was a case of getting all the guy ropes in line and the banging in of the pegs started.

When each six/clann were told to move their sleeping bags and gear bags inside, it appeared as if they just wanted to go into their sleeping bags, such was the excitement. However when it was announced that there was to be an explorer trek through the woods, they soon changed their minds. They had a full and varied programme over the weekend which included of course a visit to the wildlife park just adjacent and also a trip by train to Cobh and the heritage centre.



The scouting end was not forgotten either with a collection of leaves from a great variety of trees around the site. The singing at the campfire on Saturday night was just great with all joining in or at least attempting to pick up the words of new songs and yells.

Our thanks again go the leaders for giving of their time in organising and running the weekend and indeed a very good active programme over the year.



2nd Cork at JAMOIGE

Last weekend 12 Cub Scouts from the 2nd Cork (St. Fin Barre's Cathedral) and Cub Scouts from Ardgillen Castle in Dublin to join over 3,000 Macaoimh. They enjoyed a big opening ceremony with all the others and were even treated to special video greetings from the likes of Jedward, Ryan Tubridy and Pat Kenny. On Saturday they took part in a sports base and a navigation base. As the rain came in on Saturday night they secured their tents and braved the weather for a trade fair on Sunday. They had a special cross bow game which turned out to be very popular.

However overnight chaos broke out across the camp site as high winds and rain came rushing in from the sea. However we are glad to report that the 2nd Cork managed to stay safe and warm if not dry in the middle of it all. Unfortunately some groups did not fare to well and Sunday morning saw the early departures of many groups, the 2nd Cork however decided we'd already braved the worst and were happy to stay. Sunday

turned out to be an excellent day with great activities followed by a drumming session and the closing ceremony that included an impressive fireworks display.

Monday bought sunshine and the happy campers helped pack up the gear, bounce on some bouncy castles and even got their leader

soaked on an obstacle course. The weekend ended with 2nd Cork receiving the Spirit Award for their sub camp Rock-a-Bill campsite. Congratulations to all the cubs and well done for braving the weather despite the chaos. The memories will linger on for many years and no doubt legs and tails will be added to it, but they can all say 'We survived'





Water Activities at Inniscara

The Inishleena Scout Water Activities Team was formed in 2010 by Scouters from 5th The Lough and 2nd/7th St Finbarr's (Doyle Road) scout groups with an aim of providing access to water activities to sections that otherwise would not have access to these Adventure Skills areas.

At present the group operates from the first weekend of April through to the last weekend of September. The team consists of the following people and each brings a different skills set to the area.

These days will include Paddling, Sailing, Rowing and other water based games.

The Team can also assist any Scout Groups wishing to complete Emergencies, Paddling, Sailing and Rowing Adventure Skills up to level 5. There is also a supply of gear and equipment for raft building. Email for more info to wateractivities@loughscouts.com



Colin Heas Chairman
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Sections that are looking to get any
section introduced to water activities
in a safe environment there are two
packages available.
Half days activity (10am – 1pm
or 1.30pm – 4.30pm) or Full days
activity (10.30 am – 4.30 pm).





Cork City River Rescue give demonstration to Kanturk Cub Scouts

The 13th Cork, Kanturk Cub Scouts were delighted with the visit of Cork City River Rescue members to Kanturk Park in June. The Volunteers from the Cork City River Rescue demonstrated how they would help a person who had got into difficulty in the river. They explained the different parts of the Rescue boat and demonstrated First Aid to the excited Cubs. The Cubs had an opportunity to use some of the equipment and ask the volunteers about river safety. The Cub Scouts and their leaders would like to thank the

Volunteers of the Cork City River Rescue for all their work and for coming to the Cub Scout meeting.



16th Kildare Kilcock Climb Carrauntoohil

Recently the 16th Kildare (Kilcock) Scouts climbed Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil.

After many months of training and practice the Scouts travelled to Kerry on Friday 15th June and climbed Carrauntoohil on Saturday 16th June. They ascended via the infamous Devil's Ladder and descended via a route known as 'the zig zags'. Conditions on the day were challenging with rain and wind for a lot of the way up. The way down was a bit better and it even occasionally briefly cleared up enough for us to see some of the fantastic scenery in around the majestic mountain. This challenging climb was a wonderful achievement for all involved. The expedition was kindly part-funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs Local Youth Club Grant Scheme via Kildare VEC.





9th Donegal Muff, present cheque to MS Ireland

The 9th Donegal Muff scout group present a cheque for €850 to MS Ireland. The money was raised at a coffee morning and cake sale held by the scout group. Scout Lucy Murray presented the cheque to representatives from MS Ireland. Pictured on front row (L-R) are Catherine Peoples and Geraldine McMenamin from MS Ireland, Lucy Murray, Hazel Browne (Muff scout leader) and Catherine Buchanan.



Colin Heas Elected Commissioner

There is great jubilation in Cork Scouting with the appointment of Colin Heas as County Commissioner for the Lee Valley County. Colin is a dedicated leader and has a wealth of knowledge over a wide area of scouting. He joined scouting as a Macaoimh of the 34th Cork (Ss. Peter & Paul's) in 1976 and remained loyal to that section for many years. He was on the leadership team of the 34th Cork until sadly the group closed the section in 2002.

He joined the warden crew of Kilcully campsite in 1987 and one could say that he had a fierce 'Grá' for the place and served as camp chief for a double term from 2002 until 2008. In 2003 he held to re-establish the 5th Cork (Lough) scout group and has been their Group leader since. He has never waned in learning new skills and keeping up to-date. He is not alone a woodbadge holder (Leader training insignia) he is also a trainer of trainers and serves on the provincial training team. Colin has

a love of the water and holds the Irish Sailing Association Advanced Powerboat Certificate along with the Irish Sailing Association Safety Boat Coxswain Certificate and Occupational First Aid Certificate (Emergency Skills Level 6). He was one of the main instigators in establishing the Inisleena Scout water activities centre at Inniscarra in 2010.

On the awards side he holds the Bronze and Silver medals of Merit along with the gold 25 year service award for adult leadership.





Marooned on SALT Island

Recently, as part of the ONE Programme, venture scouts from CARRYDUFF spent a weekend "marooned" on SALT Island in the middle of Strangford Lough. The purpose of the trip was to improve their levels in several Adventure Skills. They chose to work on paddling, backwoods cooking, emergency and camping.

On a wet Friday evening the teams left the beaches of Killyleagh paddling across the massive Strangford Lough an inland tidal estuary on the Northeast coast of Ireland. Spirits were high, despite the incessant rain

but it never dampened their enthusiasm and the carrot was the clutch of new Adventure Skills badges at the end. SALT Island is owned by the Natural trust and has a small one roomed bothy on the edge of the shore. It is ideal for small groups but it is important to have a qualified canoeist go with the group due to the massive tidal flow around Strangford which is treacherous at the best of times.

During the time spend on the island everyone threw



themselves at the tasks set by the leader team and when the time came to return to "civilization" all the group felt a great sense of achievement, So if you want to know how to set up a shelter and administer first aid after being attacked by carnivorous saber tooth sheep (one of the many tasks organised by the leader team) or paddle a Canadian canoe and sleep underneath it for a night or build a raft from a few logs washed up on the beach and a roll of twine, just give us a call and we'll point you in the right direction.

29th BELFAST, CARRYDUFF VENTURE SCOUT





Rathcormac Scouts County Champions 2012.

Rathcormac Scouts who participated with two Scout Patrols at North Cork County Shield 2012 which was held in Charleville Show Grounds recently with Scout Groups from all over North Cork competing in the ultimate Camp

Craft Challenge which is called the County Shield the winners of which go forward to represent the county in the all Ireland competition which is called Phoenix Challenge which will take place in 15th to 19th August 2012

in Dublin, Rathcormac Scouts all boy Patrol won several awards in the Challenge Class and Rathcormac Scouts an all girl patrol for the first time in the history of Rathcormac Scouting were successful in wining several awards in their class and the prestigious County Shield itself, congratulations to all best of luck in the Phoenix Challenge 2012.



Paudie O'Brien North Cork County Commissioner presenting Aine Cashman Patrol Leader of the Rathcormac all girl Patrol who won the prestigious North Cork County Shield 2012 which was held in Charleville Show Grounds last weekend.



Rathcormac Scouts with their leaders celebrate the success of wining many awards and North Cork County Shield 2012



Rathcormac Scouts Boy Patrol who won several awards County Shield 2102 James Quirke, Joe Steel and Dathal Kent who participated at County Shield 2012 which was held in Charleville show ground last weekend.



Baden-Powell family celebrate with Sea Scouts at Gilwell Park

Sea Scouts through out the World continue with their year long Centenary celebrations. On the 10th June 2012 in Gilwell Park, London an unveiling of a bust of Chief Scout Robert Baden-Powell older brother Warington Baden-Powell was made by Sea Scouting. Warington who in 1910 published Sea Scouting and Seamanship for Boys is recognised as the founder of Sea Scouting. Official registration was not till 1912 and Warington was appointed by his brother to lead Sea Scouting. A former officer in the merchant navy and keen canoeist had the background and experience to head the new founded section within Scouting.



The idea to celebrate Warington role in Sea Scouting was started back in 2006 at Eurosea 8 which was held in Finland . It was at Eurosea 9 in 2008 held in Larchill,Ireland that finalising and financing the project was agreed. The next four years were spent by a special committee set up by the Odysseus group and led by a Danish Sea Scout leader Mr.Ron Brown to look at the worthy project. In 2010 a Dutch designer and sculptor was appointed and Ms. Marion Albers began her work.

On the Sunday 10th June 2012 the unveiling took place in Gilwell Park , London. Invitations were sent out and Ireland sent three leaders to represent our Association at the unveiling. Other countries represented included the UK , Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium ,and New Zealand. Guest of honour Edward Baden-Powell spoke of his Great Grand fathers brother Warington who said “Sea scouting provides a wonderful challenge for any person that is willing to learn new skills, practical and theoretical, to learn how to take part and how to contribute – not to mention



having a lot of fun along the way. If Sea Scouts can respond to that call, wherever they are in the world, their community, and ultimately their country, will certainly be a better place for it”





Rathcormac Scouts on cycle hike



June-26th Rathcormac Scouts on cycle hike through Glansheskin Woods Kilworth great fun and enjoyed by all



Sligo 10th Cubs

As part of their annual camp Sligo 10th Cubs took off to Jamoige 2012 on the grounds of Ardgillan Castle. They enjoyed all activities during the weekend



94th Walkinstown Cub Scouts Chief Scout Award

On Wednesday 27th June, over 100 people gathered in the 94th Walkinstown Scout Hall to celebrate the achievements of 12 members of the Cub Pack.

For the first time in the Groups' History no less that a group of 12 cubs received the Cub Scout Chief Scout Award, and the occasion was marked by a ceremony attended by their Chief Scout Mentor (Ms Susan Seargant), the Group Leader (Mr Stephen Carey) and the County Commissioner (Mr Pat Mc Cartin)

The 12 cub scouts undertook a series of challenges to achieve the Chief Scout Award Some as a group

and others personal. Some scout skill related and others community based. Those that spoke on the night praised the extent of work and the excellent presentation of the projects.

The names of the 12 Cub Scouts will now be mounted onto a specially commissioned plaque displayed in the scout hall. The 12 recipients are: Kyle Alkaadiri; Ryan Baker; Aodhán Boylan; Gary Buckley; Philip Byrne; Etienne Gill; Paul Gleeson; Callum Mc Donnell; Kory Mooney; Kian Murphy; Adam Riordan and Jack Petherick, photographed below with their cub leaders, the Group Leader and the County Commissioner.



Blast from the past

Memories of 1972

1972 was the year when Patrick J. Duggan was chairman of the Cork Diocesan Council and Dermot F. O'Mahoney was Vice-Chairman. Treasurer was Denis Barrett followed by Joe O'Keefe, while Walter McGrath was Diocesan Commissioner and Donal Murphy was Camp Chief at Kilcully. The membership stood at an all time high of 1,500 boys in 22 troops and over 160 leaders.

In February the annual dinner dance for the 25th Cork (Cobh) was held at the Commodore Hotel with the tickets costing £1. 80. Victory in the annual Fr. Dalton Competition went to the 4th Cork Troop (Ss. Peter &



Paul's) while the Venturer Group trophy went to Michael Daly's team from St. Finbarr's Venturer group. The Big, Big Charity Walk was held over 20 miles on the 23rd April and raised £7,000. It started at the Hut, Summerhill North and went via, Riverstown, Glanmire, Knockraha, Buck Leary's Cross to White's Cross finishing at the Glen Hall. First home was John Laphorne. The Dan Curtin Memorial Cup was presented by Capt. Con McCarthy to Paul Dennehy from the 3rd Cork Troop (St. Patrick's).

It was the year when Hubert O'Donovan, founder of Kilcully Campsite died and the year the 8th



Cork Troop (Cathedral) won the Cork Diocesan Shield. The 'Melvin' All-Ireland Scoutcraft Competition was won by the 18th Cork (Fermoy) with the 37th Cork (Ss. Peter & Paul's) runners up.

Dermot O'Mahoney was unanimously elected National Treasurer, a post

he held for six years. It was also the year of the opening of the new centre at Larch Hill by His Excellency, Eamonn de Valera, Uachtaran na h Eireann. The 15th Cork Troop (South Parish) under Scoutmaster Frank Looney changed the colour of their neckerchief from sky blue to Brown with a dark blue border.



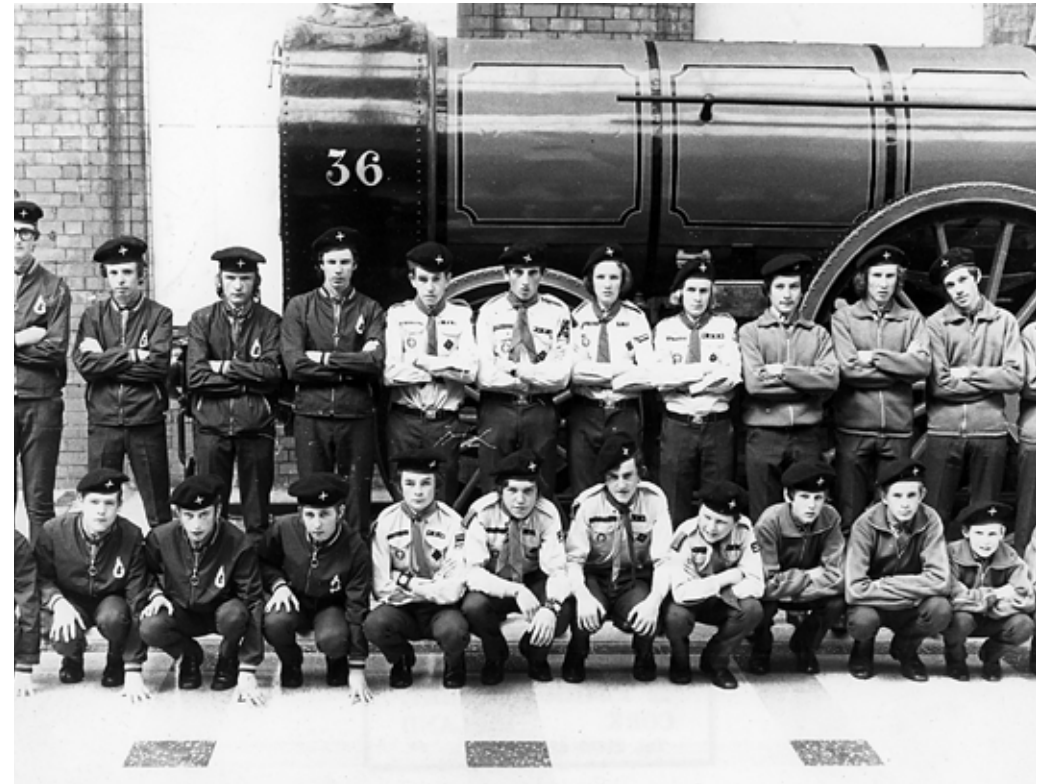
Blast from the past



St. Patrick's Venturer group was launched with a 20 strong group and Fr. Liam Leahy from the 21st Cork (Mayfield) was ordained a priest and bound for Arisona, USA. It was a very historic year in that Walter McGrath who had been Commissioner for 21 years stepped down and Gerard Dowling was appointed in his place. Going

forward a Commissioner could only serve two three year terms.

The year ended with a three day Bazaar held at Cork City Hall and opened by the Lord Mayor Cllr. Seán O'Leary. I hope some of these events will bring memories for our readers.





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**Explorer Belt from France
Electric Vents what a weekend!**

**All the goings on at the Scout
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