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# LONSDALE DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS NEWSLETTER

January 2012

## ALL ABOARD FOR ADVENTURE!



As the Explorers from Illustrious Explorer Scout Unit took to the water on Killington Lake on boxing day it's time to reflect on another great year for Lonsdale District's Explorers.

In 2011 we had more Explorer Scouts join us then ever before with every unit growing its membership. We also had a record number of leaders joining the section too!

For me, the greatest thing about Explorers is the wonderful activities that happen all year round. So, my highlights: **GILWELL 24**, For most the thought of staying up all night is not one that most people go for, but not Lonsdale Explorers! After a long journey down to London and a few hours sleep the Explorers were up and ready at 7am to start a full 24hours of activities without a break! Have you ever Zorbed at 4am? Or been scuba diving at dawn? Taken part in a circus trapeze act whilst your friends ride segways around the campsite, or raced quad bikes at midnight. We were also treated to David Lyde's DJ act, as were the other 1000's of Scouts there. **EXPLORER CAMP**: We were blessed with great weather at Great Tower as we held our District Explorer Camp in April at Great Tower, despite the smoke alarm constantly going off (not the fault of our cooks!). A dragnet, hill walking, canoeing and sailing made for a busy weekend. However, the highlight for me was the dragon boat racing competition on the Sunday. I invested Chloe from the Saints on the water before several Explorers tried to capsize my canoe, better luck next year! **UNITS**: Every week something different happens, the best programmes I have seen this year have been Explorer led, I've loved taking part in self defence classes, wide games, climbing, being dragged on the water in various boats, being treated to culinary delights at ready steady cook nights and meeting lots of new Explorers. It's been great to see our New Sea Explorer Scout Unit—Illustrious come to life! So what does 2012 hold? Well, a year of celebration as we celebrate 10 years of Explorer Scouts, you can find out what we have planned later in this newsletter.

Happy New Year!

*Craig*

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

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## FOLLOW MY LEADER...

Welcome to our new leaders:

- Jonathan Liver as Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders)
- Paul, Sue, Steven and Owen at Illustrious Explorer Scout Unit
- Trish Prichard as Unit Administrator at Lune Valley ESU
- Michael Hotton at The Saints ESU
- Gemma, Rachael and John at Castleton ESU

## WHAT A BELTING SUCCESS...



As the Young Leaders Unit said goodbye to Cathie Metcalfe, their leader, in December, Jonathan Liver is excited about leading this section from strength to strength.

The Young Leaders meet on single digit Sundays. That's the Sundays in the month that have a single digit number. So in January they are meeting on the 8th, February the 5th, and March the 4th. To all young leaders, new and old get yourself down to Trust Medical on the Prom in Morecambe between 7-9pm.

Finally congratulations to Grant Prichard and Charlotte Park who have completed their Young Leader Belts after the completed all their training and four missions. Well Done!

## UNITS...

You are never too far...

**The Saints Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meets at St. Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth,  
 Thursdays 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Castleton Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meets at 13th Lancaster Scout HQ, Giant  
 Axe Football Club, Lancaster,  
 Mondays 8pm-10pm

**Lune Valley Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meets at 35th Lancaster Scout HQ,  
 King George Playing Fields, Skerton,  
 Mondays 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Illustrious Sea Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meet at 33rd Lancaster Scout Group  
 Halton Road, Fridays 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Slyne Bullseyes Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meet at Slyne Scout HQ,  
 Hanging Green Lane, Slyne,  
 Fridays 7.30pm-9.30pm

**The Eric's Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meet at 3rd Morecambe Scout HQ,  
 Dalton Road, Morecambe  
 Wednesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Silverhelme Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meet at Silverhelme Scout Campsite,  
 The Row, Silverdale,  
 Tuesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Young Leaders Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Meet at Trust Medical,  
 Marine Road Morecambe  
 On Single Digit Sundays 5pm-7pm

**Coming Soon!**

**??? Explorer Scout Unit**  
 Early in Feb 2012 we are opening at  
 New Explorer Scout Unit based at  
 16th Morecambe Scout HQ.  
 For more information contact Craig Dewar

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## COMING UP...

A preview of 2012's Events:

- 12th Jan District Explorer Scout Forum
- 4-5th Feb Getting Organised Weekend
- 31st-2nd April The Mountain Adventure Challenge
- 21st April The Big Birthday Bash
- 1st - 10th June Ardennes Adventure (Belgium)
- 22-24th June County Explorer Scout Camp
- 6/7th July Gilwell 24
- 1st Aug Explorer Belt to Romania and Bulgaria
- 18-25th Aug Essex Jamboree
- 21 - 23rd Sept District Explorer Scout Camp

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