




# NORTHALLERTON DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS

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## THE GEOFFREY GORDON CUP

Full details of Durham Explorer Scouts 2009 Geoffrey Gordon Cup were included in the December newsletter. It will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Birch Hall Campsite near Scarborough at a cost of £18 per Explorer. The deadline for bookings to be into the organising team is the 19th February 2009, please make sure your entry form with £18 payments is returned to Charles no later than Sunday 8th February. Please make cheques payable to *Northallerton District Explorer Scouts*.

### Archery

The number of people involved in exams meant that it was preferable to delay the start of the sessions. So all being well we will start in February.



### Membership / Subscription Payments

Thank-you to everyone who paid their membership fee (subs) promptly for this term. Receipts are enclosed this newsletter.

If you have not yet paid, please send a cheque for £30 payable to *Northallerton District Explorer Scouts*.



### Ice Skating

**Friday 6th February 2009**

Please let Andrew know if you want to go ice skating at Billingham Forum on Friday 6th February. The cost will be approximately £5.

### Unit Reps

Each Unit should have an Explorer Scout representing them at the District Executive meetings. It would be good if this was always the same person but if you prefer you can nominate two people who alternate or vary who goes depending on other commitments.

*Make sure the views of your Unit are heard.*

Meetings are usually bi-monthly on a Tuesday evening. Each Unit, please let Charles or Simon know who will be representing you so that we can ensure that you receive details of the meeting.

### E.S.L.s

Don't forget the District Meeting 19:00 on Tuesday 10th February at Brompton School.



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## Duke of Edinburgh Award



**Those of you who have recently registered for Bronze or Silver** should now have decided what you will be doing for each section of the award. Please remember to check that the things you intend doing are suitable for the award and that you ask whoever you are working with to fill-in their part of your award book for you. You need to make sure that your DoEA profile sheet is updated with your choice of activity. A copy should be given your Unit leader and this or a another copy sent to Charles for updating of the central records. Copies of the profile form are available from [www.northallerton-scouts.org.uk/forms/does.pdf](http://www.northallerton-scouts.org.uk/forms/does.pdf)

Everyone who registered for DoEA Bronze in the last term should now have formed expedition teams with five or six members and should be ready to start planning.

If you are intending to work as a Scouting Young Leader for your service, please read the Y.L. Information on this news-sheet.

**Explorers who are nearing completion** should now have had their books signed off by the people assessing them for each section. Where you have been working as a Scouting Young Leader for the service section, you will need to bring your book along to the Y.L.U. meeting / weekend to get the training side signed off.

**The team that completed their DoEA Silver Expedition** last October should now be ready to present their project and to start the plans for the real thing.

For BARNES and Northallerton our next Silver discussion session is scheduled for Sunday 8th February and Bronze on Sunday 8th March. If there are things you need to know in the mean time, please e-mail Charles.

## Chief Scout Awards

Please don't forget to pick your two extra tasks to convert your DoEA Awards into a Scouting awards as well. The list of options can be found at [www.northallerton-scouts.org.uk/awards/csiev.pdf](http://www.northallerton-scouts.org.uk/awards/csiev.pdf)

**Congratulations** to Luke M., Sam B., Tom C. and Ryan W. of Alverton Unit for completion of the Chief Scout Platinum Award.

## For Sale

Explorer Scout Shirt Size XL  
(Hardly Worn) £10  
Contact: Charles



## Young Leaders



Everyone who booked a place should now have received confirmation of booking with details of accommodation, modules and activities you have been allocated.

Note: As Northallerton District Explorer Scouts, you need not take any action regarding the Nights Away Notification for this event. A NAN has been submitted to Simon H.

**District Leaders Meeting:** If you are currently active as a Young Leader, you are invited to attend the District Leaders Meeting at 19:00 on Tuesday 10th February at Brompton School.

**District Young Leaders Meeting:** There will be meeting for all Y.L.s and potential Y.L.s in February. The date has yet to be confirmed and hopefully the venue will be Scruton.

The agenda for the meeting will include allocation of Y.L.s to Group Sections, the responsibilities of the Y.L. and the Section Leaders and there will be an opportunity for Y.L.s to ask questions.

At the moment the District records show that we have many Young Leaders but that few are active on a regular basis. If you are using being a Young Leader for the service section of your DoEA and CSAs you must be active for a minimum of three months and it must be recorded. We will try to match up opportunities for Y.L.s to working in Group Sections at the District Y.L. meeting. Please think about which section you wish to work with and what night of the week you are free to help.

## Module A (Ready for take off).

This module is available to all Explorer Scouts whether or not they are a Young Leader and is designed to ensure the safety and well being of the younger members of the movement and to protect Explorer Scouts.

It is a requirement that Module A is completed by all Young Leaders and any 14 - 18 year old taking part in an activity with Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts or Scouts.

All Explorer Scouts in the District have had the opportunity to attend a Module A but disappointingly comparatively few have completed the associated project. Scouting rules allow only a short time for Explorer Scouts to working with younger Scouts before completing this module to be satisfactory standard.

To help those Explorers who have not yet passed Module A a template for the project is attached. Please return your completed project to Charles M. or Simon H.

## The year so far...

For the Explorers still in the UK ,the joint activities advertised in the December newsletter went ahead as planned. However it was disappointing that non of the Northallerton Unit members joined in.



On Sunday 4th January, there was an enjoyable quiz night in Bedale, then on Monday 12th January, Bowling at Star Bowl in Northallerton and a chance to beat the DC! For the third week, Monday 19th January, Chocolate fruits and hockey et al at East Cowton.



### Australia Trip

Welcome home all members of V2009.

Whilst those of us in the UK had the snow and ice, the V2009 contingent were enjoying the heat of Australia with surfing to exotic expeditions.

No doubt we will hear lots more about the exiting times at V2009.



The UK contingent at Perth Airport

A follow-up and de-brief meeting for everyone involved in the V2009 trip towards the end of February once there has been time for the accounts to be completed and the venture report written.



## North Yorkshire Scout Jamboree 2009 July 25th - 1st August 2009

We currently have five Explorer Scouts fully booked in as participants and three as staff.

Explorers registered as staff will receive information by e-mail directly from the organising team.

Overall so far there are 67 Young Leaders booked in and 211 Explorer Scouts age participants with numbers steadily increasing.

### County Ten pin bowling Challenge

The County invite you to take part in the Bowling Challenge in teams of six Explorer Scouts.

To enter, go bowling and obtain a print out of your scores which can be attached to the entry form. ESLs have the entry forms.

### Debate with Ripon Explorers

Ripon ESU invite you to join them with is a Debating evening on Thursday 12 Feb. They have run this for the last three years and it is always enjoyed by those who attend.

The evening takes the format of two teams (one for, one against). The debate master will put forward a subject and the teams decide if they want to be for or against and then they have about 2-3 minutes to argue their case. Points are scored for the "correct" points put across. The debate master has a list of key things he's looking for. The audience can either join in or sit and watch. So no pressure for those who don't want to say anything.

Please let Charles know by Sunday 1st February if you would like to go along.

### BARNES Unit

Those of us going to Ripon to talk about the India trip will leave from the Cowtons shortly after 18:00 on Tuesday 27th January.

We need two BARNES Explorers to help the Lionesses from 13:00 - 14:30 and two to help 14:30 - 16:00 on 1st February.

## Young Leader Module A Project

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Explorer Scout Unit:</b>	
<b>District:</b>	<b>Group where helping as a Young Leader:</b>	<b>Section:</b> Beaver / Cub / Scout

The project for this module relates to the safety and child protection aspects of working as a Young Leader.  
You should complete either Option A or Option B.

### Option A

Obtain a copy of the Scout Groups Risk Assessment for the venue where you meet and make notes of the point of particular relevance to you and members of your section. You should also know who to contact re any problem with the building such as a broken window or damaged electrical outlet.

All this information should be available in the Scout Groups documentation, copies of which should be available via the section leaders.

<b>A1 Meeting Place:</b>	<b>A2 Who to contact for problems at the venue:</b>
<b>A3 Risks / Hazards:</b> You could just highlight your copy of the Group document.  _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<b>Precautions taken:</b>  _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

### Option B

You need to think about the risks involved and any safety precautions you would take when helping run an activity for the section where you help or may help if you have not yet started. The activity could be part of a regular meeting or at a different venue.

<b>B1 Venue:</b>	<b>B2 Activity:</b>
<b>B3 Risks / Hazards:</b>  _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<b>Precautions taken:</b>  _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____