



# NORTHALLERTON DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS

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## District Annual General Meeting

(which is also the Explorer Section AGM)  
**19:30 7th July 2009** at Northallerton Cricket Club

This meeting is for all Explorer Scouts and parents, please make every effort to attend.

Reminder to the V2009 and Operation Garatpur Baas 2008 people. At the AGM there will be three presentation each of ten minutes duration. One of these will be from the Explorers who went India and one from the Explorers who went to Australia.

There will be a **meeting for all Explorers registered as NYJAM participants** 18:30 - 19:00 on Monday 6th July at Brompton School. Information about arrival times etc. and the extra things you need to take will be discussed. NYJAM Staff will receive information directly. Those going as Group YLs will get the information via the Group.

## BARNES and Bedale Unit Programmes

The BARNES Unit and the Bedale Unit have combined thier programmes. This means that they will only be runing one activity at any time but hopefully increase the oppurtunity of the members of both Units to take part in a more varied programme.

As always unit meetings are open to all Explorers Scouts we we ask that you let the organising Unit ESL know if you intend to vist another Unit. There may be a charge for visitors to some activities.

- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June Archery
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June Open Fire & Cooking
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June Ice Cream Making
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June Deanery Camp
- 4<sup>th</sup> July Day Hike
- 5<sup>th</sup> July Archery
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jul Expedition Cooking
- 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Jul Glentress Weekend
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jul Expedition Planning

(See web site for details)

## Young Leaders



Notification of the first District Young Leaders meeting for all Young Leaders was in the last newsletter distributed at Easter. It took place on Friday 8th in Scruton Village Hall.

The main focus of the meeting will be to ensure that everyone who wants to be involved as a Y.L. has a Group Section to work in, to make sure that the appropriate training and support is available and to set up the formal recording of achievement process.

Turnout to the meeting was extremely disappointing especially as those Explorers who where there or who had send their apologies where the Young Leaders who are well on the way to completing all the training.



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## Duke of Edinburgh Award

### Expedition Section of the Award

In order to provide as much support as possible, Ian Crossley is now going to co-ordinate the training provision for all Expeditions.



We have held initial briefing meetings at both Bronze and Gold level and these will be followed up with training sessions in the coming months.

As requested at the initial briefing, **gold team members** who have not already done so, need to get to return their application form with payment of £17.50 (cheques payable to "Northallerton District Explorer Scouts"). Expedition practise will involve a number of day hikes, full weekends and at least one three day expedition. In order to facilitate this everyone must get together and plan possible days / weekends now. In reality to fit these in at the appropriate times you need to look at using a weekend in October half term and the Easter holidays for the long practises.

**Next Expedition Training meeting** for Bronze and Gold will be on Tuesday 23rd June, 19:00 at Brompton School.

### Volunteering (service), Skill and Recreation Sections

**Everyone** must let Charles know what they are doing or plan to do for both of these sections of the Award. Some activities may not fit in the section you would expect. If you don't check, you may find that you spend time doing something that is not acceptable to the Award.

As you progress from the Bronze to the Silver and Gold Awards, you may continue with the same activity as used in an earlier Award, however you must be able to demonstrate a progressive improvement. There are clear guideline for those people choosing to be Young Leaders which involve completing a number of the training modules and changing section and/or Group if when progressing to the next Award.

Please make sure that you ask the appropriate person to fill in each section of your Award books. Please ask for clarification before you fill in your book.

Explorers using being a Young Leader for the Volunteering (Service) section will need someone from the Group to complete and sign the assessors report, but not the training section which must be someone involved in running the Y.L. training course. Before starting lots of work in a section, it is most important that the Young Leaders talk to the Y.L. trainers to ensure that their activities are suitable for Award.

Similarly you must arrange for DoEA registered assessor to sign off your expedition. This cannot be the same person as signed off your training and for Gold will be an external person appointed by the DoEA people.

## Activities since the last newsletter...

*Please remember that your activity can only be included in the newsletter if you send a report to Charles.*



The picture above was taken on the **Bedale Unit Easter Camp** in North Wales, 9th -13th April.



The **DoEA [S] / CSD team** on their Expedition in Teesdale 15th - 17th April. Day 1: Started above Cow Green and followed the river down to Holwick. Day2: Holwick to the outskirts of Barnard Castle. Day 3: over the moor to Bowes.

At the same time the younger member of the **BARNES Unit** stayed at **Holwick camping Barn** and did some basic expedition training.



Confused?! - new farm tracks are not always on old maps!

## St George's Day Parade (19th April)

This year the District parade was organised by members of the BARNES Unit and was held in Brompton where the Rev Michael Snowball kindly took the service in St Thomas' Church.

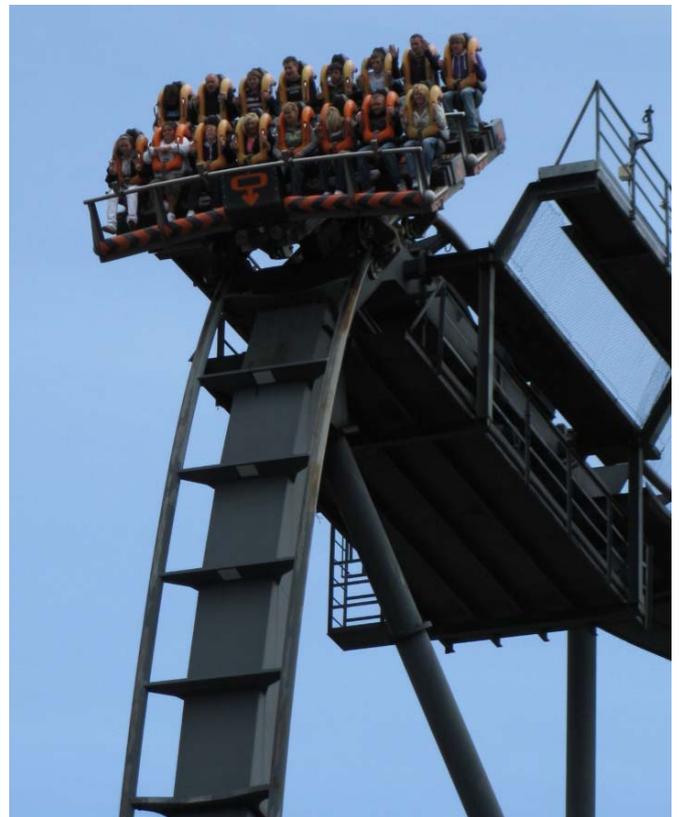


This was the first time the District St George's Day parade had taken place in Brompton whilst Michael has been the vicar. As he retires later this year it was fitting that he was able to be with us on the last parade before he and his wife Cynthia move to Maske in September.

The **BARNES and Bedale Units Photo Competition** took place in Barnard Castle on Sunday 26th April. The photograph shows two of the photographers.



**BARNES and Bedale Units held a cycling weekend** (15th - 17th May) based at Gateway of Fleet. As well as cycling a visit to the Cream o' Galloway ice cream parlour and adventure playground was enjoyed by everyone.



**9th April, BARNES Unit at Alton Towers** with BEYF, the bus picked us up in Brompton at 07:00 and dropped us off again just after midnight. The day was spent on the rides (or queuing for them) and after the park closed we stayed for the concert held in one of the car parks.



18th April and time for creating some colourful **Tie-dyed T-shirts**.



The **BARNES** Unit entered a float in Brompton Carnival on Bank Holiday Monday. After the parade there was time for fun on the climbing wall and bucking-bronco.



Since Easter the **BARNES** and **Bedale** Units have been holding **Archery sessions** each weekend. Weather permitting these will continue most weeks over the summer.



The **BARNES** Unit have continued **raising money for the Baas Educational Trust School (BETS)** in India. They were pleased to hand over a cheque for a £1000 on 30th May. This bring the total give to the school in to £2200. This year's "Open Garden" was fortunate to be a wonderful sunny day and has added another £800 to the **BARNES BETS** fund.



**Which Tent?** - **BARNES** and **Bedale** put up many different tents to compare the size, weight etc.

