

# 1<sup>st</sup> Silsden St James Scout Group

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 6th July 2007

### SCOUT SECTION REPORT

I took over as Scout Leader last November from David Blake, who had to resign due to work commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank David for all the hard work he put into being Scout Leader during the previous 12 months or so.

We currently have 27 Scouts. Shortly after Summer Camp I will be losing five Scouts due to their age and I wish them very good luck. I will be sorry to lose their experience but it is time for them to move on to more challenging experiences.

We have had four camps so far this year – the first camp was a Christmas fun camp in December which was held at Sconce in Baildon. This was a non-stop party with Christmas dinner, crackers and the full works! It was a great camp for my first in charge and I would like to thank Steve Clark for coming along as camp permit holder.

The second was an expedition to Scotland over the Easter bank holiday weekend. Ex-Leader Bernie and his wife Pauline assisted me in taking six of the older Scouts. We travelled up by train via Lancaster and Glasgow, eventually arriving at a tiny station in the middle of nowhere called Corra. We spent the next four days hiking a westerly route around the base of Ben Nevis to Fort William. It was a hard trip, hiking 40km in total and a fantastic experience for all!

We have also been to Blackhills where we had great weather – sun, sun and more sun!

Finally we attended the District Centenary camp at Keighley Rugby Union ground as a group of 30 Cubs and Scouts. In all there were 250 Cubs and Scouts at this camp plus all the Beavers on the Sunday. It was very hard work with five days of events including canoeing, sailing, rafting, mountain biking, rockets, archery, shooting, climbing and everyone's favourite – quad biking. This was an excellent camp and ended with songs around the camp fire and fireworks. I even won a prize for the loudest snorer on camp! Thanks lads!

The next event we have coming up is our Summer Camp on 21<sup>st</sup> July to Great Tower Scout Camp at Lake Windermere.

We have attended a number of District events and competitions this Centenary year and won best meal at the Ready, Steady Cook competition and our teams came joint 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the 5-A-Side Football in April. We attended the Centenary St George's Day Parade and had an excellent turn out of Scouts – a special thank you to all the boys who attended and represented 1<sup>st</sup> Silsden. Well done!

I also have to say thank you to all my helpers, Matthew Denton, Andrew Butterfield, Billy Lee and my three Young Leaders, Explorer Scouts Eddy Dyson, Freddy Blake and Matthew Clay without whom there would be no Scouts at all. Thanks to you all.

Kind regards  
Steve Clayton  
Scout Leader