

South West Notts Explorer

Newsletter



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This newsletter brings you up to date with the activities of the Explorer Scouts of South West Notts. It is sent to all SLs and GSLs in the District.

Richard Pratt, District Adviser

International



The four young members continue to make preparations for the Japan Jamboree, and Caroline Harvey from Pioneer ESU has been selected to be part of the International Service



Tornado ESU have continued to make preparations for their expedition to the International Scout Centre at Kandersteg in Switzerland. This will take place next August, in conjunction with Explorers from Nottingham City District.



Sadly, we have heard that the Pioneiros from Montemor-o-Novo in Portugal will not be able to visit us this year as we had hoped.

Unit News

Pioneer

Pioneer's major activity this term was a weekend in London. Karen Wood, their ESL, reports:

"So where did you go when you were in London?" friends asked. And the best answer was "Everywhere!". Our team of 11 intrepid Explorers plus 2 Leaders enjoyed an action-packed weekend navigating all around the Capital, taking turns to find their way from one attraction to the next. A Scout hut floor at The Fort near Sydenham, provided a convenient base, allowing us to make the most of the time in the city.

Our itinerary included HMS Belfast, Tate Modern, Southbank & Millennium Bridge, O2 Arena, Cutty Sark, a river boat trip, the London Eye, Big Ben, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, Pizza Hut, West End, many journeys on the tube /



train / DLR – and that was just Saturday. Sunday featured the Science Museum, Green Park and a quick call in at Buckingham Palace...

By the time we boarded the coach home, we were ready for a rest! Thank you to everyone involved with this exciting & rewarding weekend.



More pictures of the Explorers' activities in London are available on the SW Notts Explorer website <http://www.swnotts-scouts.org.uk/explorers/>. - Spot your former members!

Discovery

Discovery entered a team for County MAD, and came third out of 18(?) teams in the senior section; they are regularly in the top 3.

Magellan

Magellan also entered a team for MAD, finishing 12th.

Young Leaders

Young Leaders are also Explorers and belong to a special Unit, whether they are a member of one of the normal Units or not.

There is a training scheme designed to help them become more useful to you in their roles, and we ask Section Leaders and GSLs to encourage them to take part. In particular, it is important that they complete Module A, on safety and how child-protection affects them, within 3 months of becoming a Young Leader.

The Young Leader training has continued this term, taking advantage of school holidays to include some afternoon sessions which have time for more more than one module. The photographs are taken from one such session when Module B, *Taking the Lead!* (which includes topics such as leadership styles) and Module G, *Programme Plans*, were the focus - but somehow we digressed onto the vital subject of scarf-rolling!



Even though they might not realise it yet, a Young Leader's experience in Scouting will help them develop a whole range of important skills that higher education establishments and employers are looking for. Whether they are applying for jobs, apprenticeships or a place at college/university, competition is higher than ever. The skills developed through the Young Leaders' Scheme, including leadership, interpersonal skills and decision-making will help to set them apart from the crowd.

In order to demonstrate this, Scouting has had the Young Leaders' Scheme externally recognised by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) as a Development Programme. The ILM is one of the UK's leading providers of leadership and management qualifications and the accreditation shows the quality of the Young Leaders' Scheme to any external organisations to which Young Leaders might apply in the future.

Explorer Roadshow

The "Roadshow" consists of a video and a PowerPoint presentation about Explorer Scouting and covers Young Leaders as well. Whenever possible the talking is done by existing Explorers. To make a booking contact please contact Richard Pratt (District Advisor), richard.pratt83@ntlworld.com or tel: 0115 9436965.

Meeting Places and Times

Although of necessity most ESUs meet at Group HQs, a Scout may choose to attend any of the Units; there are no restrictions. Scouts may choose a Unit based on its programme, whether they know the existing members, its meeting night or the ease of getting there. (Magellan is right by Beeston bus station; Pioneer is served by evening buses on the 36 and Y36 routes, and Tornado is served by i4.) Discovery is the District Water Activities ESU. If Scouts wish to start linking, please make sure that they contact the ESL first to confirm that the Unit is meeting at its regular place and that the meeting will suit a newcomer. It is perfectly acceptable to visit more than one Unit before they make up their minds.

Day	Name	Place	Start	Finish
Monday	Pioneer	Inham Nook Methodist Church, Pearson Ave, Chilwell	20:00	21:30
	Tornado	1st Stapleford HQ	20:00	21:30
Wednesday	Pursuit	2nd Bramcote HQ	Dormant	
	Armstrong	1st Chilwell Depot HQ	Dormant	
Thursday	Magellan	6th Beeston HQ	20:00	22:00
	Discovery	(Winter) 2nd Beeston HQ (Summer) Barton Island	19:30	21:00

The Young Leader ESU meets at various places for training and social events.

More Information

See <http://www.swnotts-scouts.org.uk/explorers/>

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