# E-Scribble Newsletter

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**RED ROSE 2014** 

**AKELA SAYS** GOODBYE

SUMMER CUB

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12 Countries 105 Groups 1330 Particpants 440 Leaders 300 Staff 2070 People 2km of telephone Over 1km of power cable 14 marquees 6 days of construction

**Westmorland County Showground** 

South Ribble was very well represented with participants from 6th Penwortham, Leyland URC, 1st Hoole, Leyland St Marys, South Ribble Explorers, PECs, and 9th Penwortham.

The week got started with a great opening ceremony hosted by the one and only lightning Lee! The whole of the week was dedicated to the #redroseselfie so what better way to start proceedings than with a selfie.

Participants took part in a week of Adventure, Challenge, Splash, Explore and Fun!

Red Rose 2014 became a crossroad of culture as we celebrated International day! Simon McGlen Camp chief said "If the world was run by Scouts and Guides then it would be a better place to live" this is so true and could be seen by 12 different countries all living in peace and harmony and achieving one goal to have fun!

Lee even had the UK Chief Commissioner Wayne Bulpitt and the Incoming UK Internatioanl Commissioner doing some tribal African dancing. There are many pictures of the week but there is a selection on the next page for you to see.

From 26<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 2000+ Scouts, Guides, Leaders and Staff all ascended onto Westmorland Showground in Cumbria for what was to be the best Red Rose ever!



- 13th AUG SASU MEAL
- 11th Sept County AGM
- 20th Sept Cub Football
  - Explorer BBQ and Games
- 23rd Sept District Leaders Meeting
- 27th Sept Out Break z (E) - Wet Dry Adventure Day (C)





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## photos



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'On Wednesday 16 July,

Alison Hopton (CSL) of Leyland St Ambrose officiated at her last Pack Meeting having served as Akela for over 25 years.

Alison (front row, second from left) is pictured after the Meeting with past and current

members of her team.'

It was Friday afternoon. I was all packed up with my stuff and ready to go. I could not hold my excitement in any longer. I had been to Waddecar before for winter camp and stayed in a cabin, where we slept in bunk beds, but this time, as it was summer camp we would get to sleep in a tent!

The journey to Waddecar had a lovely view of the countryside and when we arrived the view of Beacon fell was even better. We pitched up and after the register we all began to put up our tents. It was harder because of the rain that dripped onto the tents and we had to keep our inner to our tent protected from the rain. However, this did not stop us having fun putting the tents up.

Once the tents were up, we put our stuff inside and we were ready for the adventures that lay ahead....

That Friday night after all eating hotdogs we stayed in our tents talking to our friends and enjoying the new experience of camping outside. We could all hear each other talking and laughing and eventually I <u>fell asleep listening to the raindrops</u>

dripping on my tent.





I woke up after my 3 hour sleep! It was early morning and everyone was either up playing football or just sitting in their tent, enjoying the lovely countryside. I am not sure the leaders were as enthusiastic as us to be getting up so early though!

We started the day trying out a rope swing over the river. It looked unsafe as it was on one of the thinner branches, but this did not stop everyone having a go! Afterwards, we went in the river with our wellies on and played. It was great fun.

It was a very sunny day, so after our morning adventure we ate our breakfast outside the Jubilee hut. The bacon sandwiches were delicious! We then got into our sixes, which the leaders had chosen for us and had the opportunity to cook sausages and boil eggs and learn how to make a fire using only a spark stick and shavings. I had never done this before, so this gave me the chance to try something new.

After lunch (burgers!) we went on a long 8 mile walk. It was very tiring. However, it was fun as we got to play hide and seek and explore the woods. Our families were able to come along and join us on the walk, which was good. The hot, tiring, but fun walk was finished off with a lovely, tasty, refreshing ice-cream! What more could you want.

One of the best bits of the day was when we got back to the camp and had a water fight with our water pistols in the river (probably the only time I had a wash!). It was great because the leaders just let us play in the river as much as we wanted and there were no mum's around to fuss over







Teatime on Saturday was really good. We were able to toast marshmallows over the hot camp fire. A lot of us had never toasted marshmallows before and it was great to spend time with my friends doing something new. After the campfire it was bedtime. A lot of us had at least six hours sleep, as we were well tired after our Friday night experience and our actioned packed Saturday.

Although it was fun, we were sad to put our tents down on Sunday as we had to leave that day. We worked as a team to get everything done on Sunday so there was time to play and go to the gift shop.

The camp was great as I got to spend fun time with friends and try lots of new things. I was sad to go home. I really look forward to the next camp and would give my camping experience a 10 out of 10. The leaders were great fun, but also kept us safe.

In the end what was most important was that we all tried our hardest in everything we did and we were always prepared!





On a mixed evening in July, we had some rain and some sun, 12 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from Bradbury Scout Group took to the water in an End of term sailing and family BBQ night, for a lot of our young people this was the first opportunity to go and do an activity like this!! The young people were took out on the boats by members of West Lancs SPLASHU team who did a great job in getting the young people out on the water, then once they finished sailing there was hot dogs all round for everyone, This activity will be used towards their Chief Scout Awards.

- " It was wicked, I want to do it again" Thomas Age 8
- " I nearly fell in" Bradley Age 7
- " It was good fun" James Age 15







### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

25 young people in South Ribble were awarded their Chief Scout Award Gold at a presentation held at Wellington Park in Leyland,

These 25 young people received their awards with 85 other young people from around West Lancs,

Well done to all the young people who received awards and Thanks to the leaders who work to get these young people to achieve this award,

Groups represented

Leyland URC, 2nd Leyland, 1st Walton le Dale,1st Hoole, 2nd Longton, Leyland St Ambrose, 5th Penwortham and Brindle St James



