

## **DC's Brief**

For those who had a well earned rest during July and August welcome back. For those who continued through the period meeting, camping, taking part in the Sunrise celebration or the Jamboree I applaud your stamina. Hopefully the camps during the period went well. Although the 5<sup>th</sup> had to suffer indoor accommodation because of the appalling ground conditions prior to their arrival. I hope the rest of you managed during our 'summer'.

Well done to those of you who attended the Scouting Sunrise at St Marys. As we enter the final phase of our celebratory year we have two planned events, the Dinner Dance at Aintree Racecourse and the Carol Service and Party. The Dinner Dance will have actually taken place when you are reading your newsletter. This was designed to be an opportunity for the adults, who provide so much in scouting, to celebrate. Hopefully the objective was met and you all feel suitably 'celebrated' and now recovered. The Carol Service will take place at St Mary's Church at 6p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will be followed by food and party games from 7-8.30 p.m. at New Century Hall.

The year 2007 was indeed a celebratory year and our one hundredth birthday but we are looking to take that on into 2008. The District Team has done some initial planning around objectives for the coming year and will be discussing these and seeking your views prior to the year end. The proposed objective areas include:

- Recruitment
- Training
- District image / Communications
- Walton '08

The latter is likely to be designed around a badge available to all youngsters in the District upon completion of a set number of challenges from a range of alternatives. These could include items such as 8 nights away; as a section recruit 8 new members. We are intending to link this to the Capital of Culture theme and would welcome suggestions (to me or any of the ADCs) of challenge suggestions.

Coming to an end after 99 years is our current form of warrant cards. From October all adults with full appointments and/or membership of the Scout Fellowship and Network will be issued with an appointment card. The card will include an individual's membership number, appointments (including review dates). The card will go out with the October/November edition of Scouting. A new card will be issued annually each April and generated for adults taking on a new role once they have been issued with a full Appointment.

We have been urged to check our own records via the website but if when you get your card there is still incorrect information on it then please do the following:

- If you have changed your name or your name is incorrectly spelt – contact the Information Centre
- If your roles etc are incorrect please inform John Foster so that your record can be updated.

If you do not receive your card in October/November please inform the Information Centre. Should you lose your card replacements can be obtained (£5) by contacting the Information Centre.

Kevin