

Ormskirk Network Core Meeting – Sunday 24th March 2002
Ring O Bells Lathom, 7.30pm

1. Welcome: -

Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming along.

2. Present: -

Sarah Brett	-	Chair
Rupert Nevill	-	Vice Chair
Ricko Charnock	-	Secretary
James Nevill	-	Membership Officer
Leigh Phillips	-	Media Manager
Pamela Tompsett	-	Social Secretary
Chris Lomas	-	Officer Without Portfolio
Margaret Lomas	-	Ormskirk Network Co-ordinator

Andy Wroe, Amy Dunn, Kier Chapman, Tom Hopley, Deborah Birch, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Michael Nolan, Chris Phillips, Jenny Abbott, Lucy Errington, Liz Lomas, Jenny Ramsbottom, Alison Daniels, Tim Seed.

3. Apologies: -

The following submitted apologies before the meeting: -

Alison Chambers (Treasurer), Jamie Norris, Emma Cunningham, Fay Collier, Keith Willock, Dave Walton, Sarah Freeman, Nobby, John Potter, and Ash Green (ADC Ventures).

4. Approval of Minutes of Core Meeting held on 16th December 2001: -

Everyone had received the previous core meeting minutes and there were no matters arising.

5. Network Programme: -

Pamela and Chris led the group in the following discussions: -

Up and Coming Events: -

- **Karaoke Night** – 8pm at the Barons, Burscough, £2 on the door. Bring as many people as possible!
- **Easter Hunt** – giant hunt on Easter Monday 1st April! Meet at District HQ for 2.30pm!!
- **Bar Crawl** – Friday 5th April. A Crawl with a difference!! Meet at Queens Head at 7:30pm!
- **Tim Seeds 21st** – Sat 6th April – Crosby!
- **Network Drinks** – Sun 7th April – Ropers at 8pm onwards!

Review of Past Events: -

People felt the weekend away was excellent and another should be planned (see later!)
Other events were well supported and enjoyed by all!

International Opportunities: -

There are lots of International Opportunities available from Explorer Belts, International Camps over the UK, Europe and the World, European Staff, Camp America and much much more! Anyone wanting information on these please see either Chris or Ricko.

New Events: -

- Service Weekend 5th – 7th April – Network to do some service at the District HQ
- Jubilee Weekend 31st May – 3rd June – Nev has booked Kibblestone for an activities weekend – more information to follow soon from Nev.
- Cartmel Races – August Bank holiday weekend – Jenny Ramsbottom to sort.

The following are events without dates that need confirming: -

Curry Night – Jenny Ramsbottom
Volley Ball Comp for Ventures – Chris Lomas
Local Network Comp – Ricko
Murder Mystery – Lucy
Punch Party – Jenny Abbott
Bowling – Pamela
Driving Range – Pamela
Clay Pigeon Shooting – Pamela
Summer Trip – Tim
Go-Karting – Chris Phillips
Theatre Night – Ricko

As soon as people have a date for these – please contact Chris Lomas so he can add them to the calander.

Sarah announced that from Sunday 7th April – Ormskirk Network would meet fortnightly on a Sunday at 8pm in the Ropers for “**Network Drinks**”. This will be a social gathering where people can come and meet each other, talk about events, training or what s on TV this week.

6. P.R.I. (Programme)

- i) Sarah welcome Margaret Lomas to the meeting and introduced her as Ormskirk Network Co-ordinator. Margaret thanked everyone for making her feel welcome and looked forward to working with us all.
- ii) Ricko ran through the members of the exec and pointed out the main responsibilities each position holds. (please find attached) If anyone is interested in one of these roles, elections are held in September and you can contact one of the exec to have a chat about them and maybe help out.
- iii) Chris Lomas briefly talking about the news from the Regional Launch of the New Programme and Award Scheme which he attended on Sat 23rd March 2002. The

main launch for West Lancs Network will take place on Sun 7th July. We are still waiting on county for a venue and time but will let you know.

7. Money Matters: -

Alison sent her apologies but passed on notice that Ormskirk Network is currently solvent and anyone owing her money please pay it!

Also, those owing money for kneckers please pay up too!

8. Membership Officer: -

Venture Contacts - Nev is looking for someone to be the contact with each venture unit in the District. He has contacts for 1st, 37th, 45th, 9th. If there are people who are from other groups or have contacts with other groups please let Nev know. Its not to give you work but it makes it easier when contacting them that we know someone.

Anyone who hasn't been invested please contact Nev.

Bring a Friend - Over Easter there is a large amount of events on – try and bring down as many new people as possible to join in and see what we are about.

Recruitment - Nev led the group in a brainstorming session of people's names and contacts who were not in Network who could be! A large list was made and Nev will be working on this in the near future.

9. Media Manager: -

Leigh is meeting with the District Webmaster and will soon be looking for people to help with Ormskirk Network's Image!

10. Admin: -

Membership forms – anyone not filled in a membership form please get one off Ricko and fill it in.

Clothing – orders can be put in at anytime. If you would like something not on the order form please ask as we might be able to do it as the company do fleeces, waterproof jackets, long sleeved t-shirts – well basically everything!!

Contact Details – if your contact details change (including your e-mail address) please let Ricko know so he can update the records.

11. Duke of Edinburgh Award: -

Anyone who already signed up, Chris Lomas has your book.

Anyone wanting to sign up please collect a form either from the web or from Chris and fill it in. District have paid for the books and so a REALLY small cost is all it takes to sign up!!

This award is now one of the main awards within the Network Section.

12. Venture Scouts: -

Ash Green sent his apologies to the meeting. He passed onto the exec some points, which the exec will cover.

13. A.O.B.

St George's Day Parade: - Sunday 28th April 2002. Full Uniform and full attendance. Network will be marching with the colour party. All those who operate with groups will march with their own groups. Need to be at St Anne's field at 1.45pm prompt!!

Three people volunteered to help with readings and bidding prayers: - Jenny Abbot, Ali Daniels, and James Nevill – thanks guys. Ricko will be in contact soon!

Nekkie: - Anyone wanting to buy a necker, please contact Sarah as she has lots of them!

Yahogroups: - This Network mailing systems use is purely Scout Network business. Please do not send messages, which are not related – thanks!

End of Venture Scouting Ball: - As we all know – Venture Scouting is coming to an end this year. To celebrate all that venture scouting has achieved, West Lancashire Venture Scouts have organised a series of activities – one being a formal ball. The Ball will take place on Saturday 13th July 2002 at Park Hall, Charnock Richard. The cost is £20 for a four course meal and entertainment. It's a black tie and gown event and the closing date is 30th April 2002. Anyone wanting tickets please contact Lucy Errington - loopylu54@hotmail.com This promises to be a fantastic event and a great way to mark what Venture Scouting has achieved and given to us all. Tickets are available to all – Ventures, ex-ventures, Network, leaders, ex-leaders – anyone whose been touched by Venture Scouting.

District Camp: - Ormskirk District Ventures are organising their second District camp and they have kindly invited the Network along to join in all the fun! The dates are Fri 3rd May to Mon 6th May (it's a bank holiday weekend) and it's going to be up at Kielder Forest National Campsite in Northumbria. The ventures are providing ALL activities, food, transport. The cost is a fantastic £35. For a full weekend with the activities that are on it's a VERY reasonable price. The camp I'm assured is going to be even better as the Campsite is having a birthday celebration whilst we're there, so there should be a big turnout of other people from across the country. Anyone interested should contact Chris Lomas. A Network turn out would be ace! Oh, I'm told that there is also an on-site bar ;-)

County Venture Scout Camp: - Well as I've said above – Venture scouting is finishing and this will be the last ever County Venture Scout Camp. As always the Network are being asked to be the Service Team for the weekend. Any volunteers please contact Paul Gaskarth – paul.gassy@virgin.net
The date is – Fri 28th June – Sun 30th June 2002 and will be held at Great Tower.

Fun Day: - The Network will once again be organising the successful Fun Day. Application forms are now out and available on the web. Ormskirk Network's part is being co-ordinated by Alison Daniels who is looking for volunteers to help out. The date is Sat 6th July 2002 and it will be held at Waddecar Scout Campsite.

County Abroad 2003: - In the summer of 2003 West Lancashire Scout County hope to take the Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Scout Network to Europe. The Network has been asked to suggest ideas on a venue. The campsite abroad needs to be suitable for 300-400. The County want to offer International Scouting opportunities, Country and Culture experiences and Adventurous activities. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Carl Hankinson – County Scout Network Commissioner – theboss@carlhanky.freeserve.co.uk

Connected 2002: -

Its here!!!!

The first, biggest and best camp for ALL Network members.

The date - 30th Aug 2002 – 1st Sept 2002.

The venue – Kibblestone International Scout Campsite – Stone

The cost – 35 Euros.(£ 23.57)

Adventurous activities + non-adventurous activities including, climbing, caving, city tour.

Quality Entertainment – Barn Dance, Karaoke, Bar

And MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

Application forms are now available on the web or from Ricko

<http://www.network.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/>

Don't miss out on this event!!

14. Thank you – Sarah thanked everyone for coming along and hoped they had an enjoyable evening. A lot was accomplished and an exciting programme put into place! If anyone has any questions don't hesitate to contact Sarah or any member of the exec.

Next Meeting – The next Core meeting will take place on Sunday 16th June 2002 at the Ring O Bells, Lathom, 7pm for a 7:30pm start!