

100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

CENTENARY EVENTS IN LINCOLN

- **MAY 25 to 28** – District camp: Taking place at the district camp site in Sudbrooke, this event incorporates more than 600 scouts. The weekend will include a variety of activities from night hiking, abseiling, archery and jousting to crafts and pioneering.
- **AUGUST** – World Jamboree: Lincolnshire's scouts will have the opportunity to visit the international camp at Highlands Park in Essex.
- **AUGUST 1** – Sunrise promise: On the date of the first scout camp 100 years ago, scouts all over the world will renew their promise at 8am local time. Lincoln's explorers will be making their promise on top of the cathedral and there will hopefully be a fly past with some explorers on board making their promise.
- **PROMISE TREES**: Each scout group will be donating a tree to be planted in the autumn to make a centenary copse and wildlife walk in the district.
- **SEPTEMBER 22 to 23**: Castle adventure weekend – This will be a family weekend when scouts and members of the public can visit the castle to see the things that the Scouting Association takes part in.
- **DECEMBER 14**: Campfire Carol service – Details to be arranged.



FAMILY TREE: Four generations of the Donnor family have all been scouts. Pictured are Sandra, Matt, seven-year-old Liam and Roy. Below scouts taking part in the St George's Day parade and service at Lincoln Cathedral.

HOW TO JOIN

Both boys and girls can join The Scouting Association.

The association is split into sections to accommodate different age groups.

Beavers caters for six to eight year olds, cubs for eight to 10 year olds, scouts for 10 to 14 and explorers start at 14 and ends at 18.

You can become a scout leader at the age of 18. There is also a section called fellowship for leaders who cannot run a group on a regular basis. There are groups all over Lincolnshire.

✉ Anyone interested in joining the beavers should call Elaine Anderson on (01522) 879253 or Sandra Donnor on (01522) 826354

✉ To join the cubs call Carol Otter on (01522) 889050.

✉ To join scouts call Angie Riggall on (01522) 533017.

✉ To join explorers call Sharon Spencer on (01522) 869685.

■ Children from all walks of life are invited to join including those with special needs.

FACTFILE

THE famous scouting song *Ging Gang Goolie* is thought to have been created by Baden-Powell during the world's first scout jamboree in 1920. The nonsense words made it easy for scouts from around the world to learn the song.

Lyrics

Ging gang goolie goolie goolie goolie watcha.

Ging gang goo, ging gang goo.

Ging gang goolie goolie goolie watcha,

Ging gang goo, ging gang goo.

Hayla, oh hayla shayla, hayla shayla, shayla, oh-ho.

Hayla, oh hayla shayla, hayla shayla, shayla, oh.

Shally wally, shally wally, shally wally, shally wally.

Oompah, oompah, oompah, oompah.

ONE hundred years after General Baden-Powell (pictured far right) held his first boys' camp on Brownsea Island, the Scouting Association is preparing for another century of success.

Unlike other traditional children's hobbies, the popularity of scouting has not suffered from the effects of 'generation lpod' and the global scouting community still boasts a family of 28 million members.

The scouting centenary year reaches a pinnacle this August in a world jamboree, when a sea of 40,000 scouts from 150 different countries will flood Hylands Park in Essex.

Two of the earliest scouting groups established in Lincoln are still running today. Registered on a census as early as 1925, the 14th Lincoln St Giles group and the 23rd Skellingthorpe group are still meeting in the same location as

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they did 80 years ago.

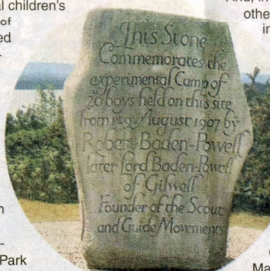
And, in the true scouting style Lincolnshire's other, younger, scouting groups are doing their best to follow in the footsteps of these sturdy first groups, to ensure that they endure through to their next century too.

The Donnor of Lincoln are an example of the enduring appeal of the scouts, having already established a family tree which boasts four generations of scouts.

"My dad was the Akela of the 31st Lincoln scout group 30 years ago," says Roy Donnor (53). "I became a scout group leader, my son Matt was a scout and now his son Liam is a scout too."

"The scouting movement has altered a bit over the years, but only from an administrative point of view. The fundamental values are still the same as when my dad was around.

"Being a scout teaches you self development,



team work and helping in the community, as well as a whole host of practical skills.

"We still do all the same activities as my dad's generation, including camping and cooking and tracking, but we do additional things now too like learning about computers and technology."

Matt Donnor (28) was a scout between the ages of eight and 15 and it was his positive experience of the scouting movement that led him to foster his son's ambitions to follow in the footsteps of his dad and grandad.

"For me the best thing about being a scout was the social experience that it gave me. Meeting up with the lads every week was such a laugh and we had so much fun camping.

"Scouting is a great way to get kids off the streets and give them something to do with their mates."

Liam Donnor (seven) has his own reasons for wearing his woggle every week. "I've been a scout for one and a half years now and I really like it," says Liam. "I like playing the games like dodgeball and doing the crafts. I've got lots of friends at scouts and I really like getting badges.

"So far I have got my imagination, science and night away badge as well as my group challenge badges. It brightens up my day when I get a badge and I want to stay in the scouts for a long time."

With centenary celebrations taking place all over Lincolnshire, now is the perfect time to join your local scout group to experience the fundamental values, friendly community and sense of achievement first hand.

