



## **GENUS SCOUT NETWORK**

### **Belper District AGM 2007**

### **Report**



It has been 1 year now since I took over as Chairman of Genus Scout Network, and it has been my intention to oversee improved fortunes for the Network. Whilst there has been some improvement it is clear that there are other areas that still need to be worked upon.

At the start of 2007 Genus Network joined up with Badger Explorers for a very enjoyable bowling evening in Ilkeston. Our thanks go to Badger ESU for this.

On the County side of things, Genus have managed to boost links with other Networks in the County during the last 12 months and have increased participation in events and activities run by other Networks. Highlights include several BBQ's and an evening at Megazone in Derby.

Genus have also taken part in several events run at County level, such as:

- Derbyshire Network Alton Towers Camp (October 2006)
- St George's Alton Towers day (April 2007)
- Spring Bank Camp (May 2007) – here Genus members helped staff the camp.

On the District front Genus took part in the St George's Day parade in Belper in April 2007.

During the past 12 months, Genus have held 2 very successful camps - our 2006 Summer Camp which was held in Wales, and our 2007 Easter Camp which took place near Ambleside in the Lake District. The camps were packed with numerous activities and visits to local attractions, including on both occasions day hikes up some of the largest mountains we could find!

Genus Network's community involvement was ever present in 2006 with members helping out at both the Duffield Village Carnival and Duffield Village Bonfire & Fireworks Event.

Genus members have continued to work towards their Queen's Scout Awards, and are planning to undertake an expedition hike in 2008. Training for this has already begun, and will continue in the near future with several 'full kit' hikes in the Peak District.

Despite the good progress that has been made over the last 12 months membership numbers are still very poor at just 4. It is clear that more work needs to be done in order to attract new members to the Network. There are some ideas that Genus Network have, and we intend to discuss these with the Explorer leaders about in due course. These include joint participation in the Network/Explorer (NetEx) Challenge Cup.

Looking forward to the next 12 months, Genus will be present at the District Centenary Camp in June. Genus will also be joining up with Lynx Network for a sailing trip to the Continent in September.

As well as these, we will be further increasing participation at County Level, and continuing award work progress with the view to members completing their Queen's Scout Awards in 2008.

At this point I would like to offer my thanks to the following:

- **Bob Swain** for his help and guidance
- **1<sup>st</sup> Duffield Scout Group** for allowing us to use their HQ as our permanent meeting venue
- **Derrick Lodge** for being our Network Leader and for his help and support

My biggest thanks go to the members of Genus Scout Network, because without them there would be no 18-25 Scouting section in Belper District.

Thank you for taking the time in reading this report. We hope to report more good (and better) news in 12 months time. If you have any questions please do get in touch.

Yours in Scouting

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