



The Moorjock

October 2011

New members from the October induction

The team held its autumn recruitment and open evening on the 12th of October. During the evening we met with eight potential new members, we also had interest from other people for which the 12th was inconvenient. The induction day was carried out on Sunday the 23rd of October where three of those who attended on the 12th were joined by a fourth candidate. The day took the usual format with a couple of hours navigating around Baker's Warren followed by presentations, equipment demonstrations and form filling. As a result of the above we are pleased to welcome four new trainees to the team. We would like to publish brief pen pictures in a subsequent copy of the Moorjock but until then their pictures are below. Please make John, Mike, Neil and Robert welcome to the team.

John



Mike



Neil



Robert



The story does not stop there, some of the first eight candidates could not make the 23rd of October and we are running a second induction on the 6th of November so hope to see more new faces in the next newsletter.

Team fundraising walks 2012



The 'new' badge approved at the team meeting.



The dates for our first two walks of 2012 have been published as follows:

Falcon flyer – Saturday 17th March

Ravenscar coastal half marathon – Sunday 29th April

We are yet to hear from the Forestry Commission on clearance for the Saltergate circuit but are hoping for the first Saturday in October.

Please put all these dates in your diaries now. Remember we need 13 staff to man the base, control, vehicles and sweep the route before we cover any check points.

We have approached a number of companies for sponsorship but perhaps team members could suggest other opportunities?

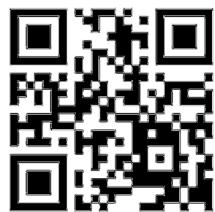
Please advertise the events to friends, colleagues, clubs and organisations.

Remember entry fees are refunded if individuals raise more than £25 sponsorship for the team.



What have we been up to since the last newsletter?

- 1st October – Fundraising – Saltergate Circuit Challenge walk
- 4th October – TSC meeting
- 7th October – Training evening
- 7th October – Welcome to Yorkshire Awards Dinner for the North Yorkshire Rescue teams
- 12th October – Recruitment evening
- 15th October – Search callout Wintringham – Child found safe and well by a police dog handler
- 15th October - Night exercise
- 19th October – Committee meeting
- 21st October – Training evening
- 23rd October – New members assessment and induction
- 26th October - Team meeting
- 28th October – Search call out Filey – gentleman found safe and well by an MCA search party
- 28th – 30th – Casualty care training course, Stape
- 30th October – Search call out Gristhorpe – lady found safe and well as the team were mobilising



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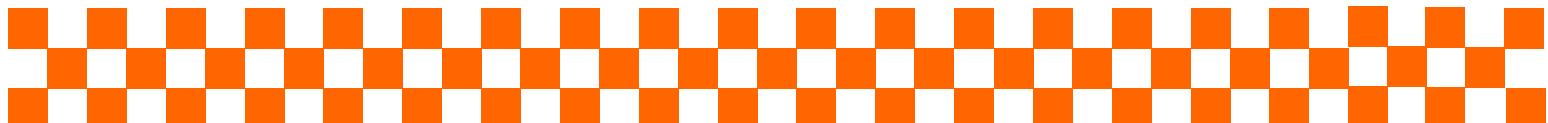
Planned activities – November

- 5th November – Scarborough Lions bonfire – medical cover
- 6th November – Second new members assessment and induction
- 7th November – Training evening
- 12th November - 07:30 Channel 4 recorded coverage of the C2C challenge (1)
- 20th November - 07:30 Channel 4 recorded coverage of the C2C challenge (2)
- 21st November – Training evening
- 26th November – Training day
- 27th November - Exercise

Councillor David C Jeffels with team members at the Welcome to Yorkshire Search and Rescue Awards Dinner – citations below.

David Edwards - David is a team party leader and driver for the team, living close to the team base David is generally one of the first to be called to respond to call outs at all hours. We all accept that many incidents are resolved before full team mobilisation and David accepts this with good humour. In addition to his front line responsibilities David takes an active role in fundraising activities and presenting to local interest groups.

Roger Hartley - Roger is an experienced Party Leader, casualty carer and team driver. In addition over the last year Roger and a friend from Whitby have completed the Coast to Coast walk and the John O'Groats to Land's End cycle ride to raise funds for the team and Grace Murray who suffers with quadriplegic cerebral palsy. He also took part in the recent 40th anniversary of our 53 mile fundraising crosses walk.



Local soldiers in Afghanistan linked with home

This article extract first appeared in the York press on the 15th of September 2010. At the time the Moorjock was not being published so we thought it would be good to recognise what Chris did for our country and team.....

..... Warrant Officer WO2 Chris Thresh, from Haxby, receives casualties arriving at the hospital. He also has the grisly job of taking care of the deceased.

He receives the bodies at the hospital and then deals with the packaging and repatriation to families and loved ones. Very often the deceased is an Afghan and he also tries to find their family to return the body.

"You do see some nasty things," he says. "I didn't expect so many deaths as we've had out here. But when you think that the local nationals don't consider life as precious as we do, it's understandable the number of deaths we've had."

The 41-year-old is counting down the days of his tour. When we spoke, he had worked 140 days here and had 55 left. But what's remarkable about him is his generous spirit, despite his depressing job.

Chris raises money for Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue, of which he is a member, by cutting people's hair and has already raised more than £1,000.

He has also adopted the American tradition of challenge coins which goes back to the First World War. Challenge coins are given out by senior officers to their men as a gesture of goodwill and Chris got a US manufacturer to make 200 coins with an emblem depicting the joint forces contribution to saving lives in Afghanistan.



-3- Welcome to Yorkshire Search and Rescue awards dinner 2011

Over recent years North Yorkshire Police have recognised the work of the five volunteer search and rescue teams in North Yorkshire with a formal dinner. PC Jon Rushton from NYP has been instrumental in organising these events and this year managed to gain sponsorship for the event through Welcome to Yorkshire and the Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar. As this is our patch John asked Andy and I to help with the organisation.

At times trying to get four representatives from five teams covering the length and breadth of North Yorkshire and leaders of the emergency services in one place was like trying to herd cats but it all came together on the day.

Guest represented all the blue light services in our area, Lord Crathorne the Lord Lt of North Yorkshire, the Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, the chairs of the two national parks, MRE&W, RAF Leconfield and local press.

Speakers included local author Mike Pannett, Gary Verity, ACC Sue Cross and the evening was compared by Tony Peers. However the highlight was undoubtedly the speeches from two members of the public who had recently been rescued by two of the teams

There is a picture of our awards winners on the previous page along with citations. All in all an excellent night, worth all the hard work and superb publicity for the service we provide.

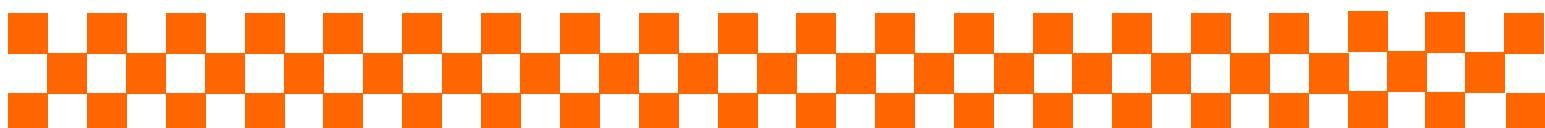
It was a pleasure and honour to attend – Jim Bailey Chair NYMNP

What a fantastic evening. It was very nice to see volunteers from the Yorkshire area being honoured in this way. – Sqn Ldr Stuart Reeks OC E Flight 202 Sqn RAF

I have written to Gary verity on behalf of MR as a whole to thank him for his support – David Allan Chair MRE&W

Really enjoyed the evening. The speakers were excellent. A real insight into the achievements of the organisation.- Carl Lis Chair YDNP

Last but not least thanks to Ian and Tony who brought the team vehicles to the front of the hotel to welcome the visitors on the night.



Congratulations

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Feedback

From the recent team meeting:

Phil – 15 years award

Chris, David, Matt, Stuart – 5 year award

John – Voted in as a full team member

Equipment costs

By way of focus for our fundraising:

- We replace 40 climbing helmets every 5 years – total cost - £1600
- The bulk buy of team waterproofs is costing in excess of £7000
- A replacement MIBS with a spare liner costs £816
- Defibrillators cost in the order of £2400
- Vehicle fuel costs £2000 - £3000 per annum
- A 'gasses' rucksack costs £150 (empty)

Notices

We are still urgently looking for someone to be co-opted into the role of Equipment officer, names to any committee member please. In the interim please report any equipment issues to Andy.

A reminder for all team drivers to complete a declaration form and have the form, with both parts of their drivers licence, witnessed by a committee member.

Team issue climbing helmets are due for six monthly inspection, please present them to one of the testers at the next event you attend.

The training subcommittee have created a training feedback form, please use these to comment on training received and how it can be improved in the future. All returns will be anonymous.

We are looking to widen the distribution of the newsletter and get talks out to more clubs and organisations. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

We have a new stock of Mountain Rescue wristbands, let the fundraisers know if you have an outlet for them or simply want to sell some.

From the Pickering Running Club report on the 2011 Saltergate Circuit Challenge walk

.....By the end, our 24 miles had turned into 28.8 due to a few navigational errors, first in Dalby and later as we tried to get to the Fox and Rabbit! Nicola and Dean were in fine form, romping on effortlessly to complete in something like 7 hours. The rest of us took an unbelievable 9 hrs 15 minutes - getting home just as the sun was setting and only just beating the group of walkers who had been shadowing us for miles with much enjoyment and ribbing! However, we did then regain a bit of self-esteem by adding an extra lap beyond the finish line to make it up to a Garmin-certified 30 miles (based on the realisation that we might never do an ultramarathon distance again!)

So it was hard work but a fantastic route, great weather (if a little hot!) and great company. We may have gone wrong a few times, but actually it enabled us to a) practice our map-reading and compass 'skills' b) enjoy some lesser known paths (!) and c) come across a very welcome ice cream van that was not on the official route.

All in all, a run I would highly recommend, with friendly checkpoints, good snacks (flapjacks, yum yums and tea on the boil), and beautiful scenery. Just wish my legs didn't feel this morning like a truck has driven over them...



Ian Hugill
November 2011

