



**West Lancashire County Scout Council**  
**MOUNTAINEERING GROUP**

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**EAST GREENLAND  
 EXPEDITION 2007**

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*"But who are ye in rags and rotten shoes  
 You dirty bearded, blocking up the way?"*

*"We are the Pilgrims, master; we shall go always a little further;  
 It may be beyond that last blue mountain barred with snow,  
 Across that angry or that glimmering sea"*

**THE TEAM**

**LEADERS  
 OF THE  
 EXPEDITION**

(Ages >25 at time of departure)



**Joe Ashworth (44)**  
**Deputy Expedition Leader**  
**(Logistics)**

Eurofighter Weapons Integration Manager with BAE Systems, Joe is also an Explorer Scout Leader with Blackpool Central. Many years UK and Alpine mountaineering experience, trekking in the Andes and East Greenland 2004.



**Dick Griffiths (59)**  
**Expedition Leader**

A retired Finance Director & County Organising Commissioner. Leader of East Greenland 2004 with previous expeditions to Spitsbergen (3), Arctic Norway and the Chugach Mountains of Alaska, with a long background in mountaineering and in mountain rescue.



**Dave Ridout JP (60)**  
**Deputy Expedition Leader**  
**(Science & Awards)**

Dave is a retired Local Government Officer, and Group Scout Leader of the 4<sup>th</sup> Fulwood as well as Assistant County Commissioner (Activities). A wealth of experience in the British hills and caves – and East Greenland 2004. Dave is a previous KIMM competitor, on the DofE Wild Country Panel for Cumbria – and also a local magistrate!



**Geoff Lyons (47)**  
**Deputy Expedition Leader**  
**(Training & Equipment)**

Chartered Electrical Engineer on Nimrod MRA4 Programme at BAE Systems and County Climbing Adviser. A comprehensive background in Mountaineering and Fell Running



**Phil Haworth (48)**  
**Deputy Expedition Leader**  
**(Expedition Kayaking)**

Asst Group Surveyor with the OCS Group, County Water Activities Adviser and a County Scout Leader. A BCU Level 3 Sea and Inland Coach with an interest in Geo-caching.



**Dr Alison Chambers (26)**  
**Expedition Doctor**

A medical practitioner training to become a GP with aspirations to become an experienced Expedition Doctor, Alison is a member of Ormskirk District Crew and enjoys climbing, mountaineering and running



**Ray Fitzsimmons (54)**  
**Base Camp Manager**

A retired Police Inspector, now working as a Public Rights of Way Enforcement Officer with Lancashire County Council, and Group Scout Leader with 1<sup>st</sup> Ormskirk Scout Group. Ray is a keen mountaineer, East Greenland 2004, fly-fisherman and chef ..... with a particular interest in curries!



**Tim Stewart (43)**  
**Leader of Team Gismo & Mountain Leader**

A Systems Test Engineer with BAE Systems and District Mountaineering Adviser for Ormskirk District. Tim has climbed all over the UK and abroad (Alps, Norway & Nepal). East Greenland 2004. A keen fell runner, Tim is a regular entrant into the KIMM.



**Stuart Peat (49)**  
**Mountain Leader**

A Technology Teacher and DofE Co-ordinator at Our Lady's High School in Lancaster, Stuart is a County Explorer Scout Leader, responsible for the DofE scheme, and a keen climber, Alpinist, skier and mountain biker. Stuart was on East Greenland 2004.



**Phil Acklam (41)**  
**Mountain Leader**

Phil is a Structures Engineer at BAE Systems and Explorer Scout Leader with the Marco Polo Explorer Scout Unit, Preston. Phil has extensive mountaineering experience in the UK and the Alps and is a keen kayaker.



**Sean O'Sullivan (27)**  
**Mountain Leader**

A Safety Engineer in the oil industry, and an Explorer Scout Leader with the Bon Accord ESU in Aberdeen and Climbing Instructor with West Lancs. Sean is keen on running, orienteering, mountaineering and travel.



**Julie Paton (31)**  
**Mountain Leader**

Julie is a Waste Minimisation Technician for Lancashire County Council, a County Scout Network Leader, and AESL of K2 ESU. A keen mountaineer with extensive experience in the UK and the Alps: other interests include diving.....and shopping!



**Ash Green (32)**  
**Mountain Leader & Webmaster**

IT Manager at Lathom High School, Skelmersdale, County Activities Registrar, and District Explorer Scout Leader with Ormskirk District. Ash has extensive mountaineering experience in the UK, and more recently in the alps. An accomplished guitarist..... and into.... sprouts! (Huh?!!)



**David Meddings (25)**  
**Mountain Leader & Map Maker**

A Land Surveyor with Wardell Armstrong, Newcastle and a Mountaineering Group Instructor. David drew some amazing maps for East Greenland 2004 and is an experienced climber and mountaineer. He is also adept at juggling – especially involving fire!!!!



**Peter Hewertson (41)**  
**Mountain Leader & Film Crew**

A Multi Media Designer at BAE Systems and an Explorer Scout Leader with Indiana ESU, Preston. As well as an accomplished mountaineer, Pete enjoys cycling and photography



**Phil Rowett (41)**  
**Mountain Leader**

Design Manager, Plastic Injection Moulds, Axxicon Moulds Ltd, ADC (Activities) Preston District and Scout Leader of the 5<sup>th</sup> Preston. As well as mountaineering, Phil has climbed throughout Europe and in the USA and enjoys skiing.



**Stuart Dean (43)**  
**Expedition Kayaking Leader**

Head of Geography at the Whitley Bay High School, Moor Crag Water Warden and ASL 6<sup>th</sup> Fulwood Scouts. Stuart is a BCU Level 3 Sea and Inland Kayak Coach and enjoys surfing.



**Ray Hardman (54)**  
**Expedition Kayaking Leader**

Health Physicist with Springfield Fuels Ltd and Assistant County Commissioner (Explorer Scouts). Ray is into anything outdoors and enjoys fellwalking and climbing as well as his specialist skills in kayaking.



**Pete Fricker (38)**  
**Expedition Kayaking Leader & Trekking Leader**

Retail & Administration Assistant, UK Canoes, Lancaster and Asst Explorer Scout Leader with the Lune Valley ESU. A keen kayaker, Pete is also an accomplished Mountaineer and Wind Surfer.



**Ken Cunliffe (52)**  
**Trekking Leader & Assistant Base Camp Manager**

Ken is a Call Adviser with the Inland Revenue but spends much of his time as a Scout Leader with the 1<sup>st</sup> Ormskirk, and Canoeing! Whilst an experienced mountain walker, having been on East Greenland 2004, Ken also works with Sport England as a canoe slalom coach.



**Andy Blackledge (43)**  
**Hon. Treasurer & Trekking Leader**  
Project Financial Controller with the British Nuclear Group and Explorer Scout Leader with Apollo ESU, South Ribble. Andy has a wealth of fellwalking and trekking experience.



**Steve Williamson (58)**  
**Communications Manager & Trekking Leader**

Company Director/Electronic Designer/Software Developer & Lecturer in Radio Electronics as well as being District Commissioner for Blackpool District. Steve is heavily into amateur radio and will handle the intra-expedition and external communication links. In his spare time(!) he is also an enthusiastic hill walker.



**Vic Meddings (58)**  
**Trekking Leader & General Support**  
School Technician, Hodgson High School Technical College and District Scout Leader, Blackpool District. Vic is an accomplished mountain walker and enjoys cycling and travelling around Europe in his camper van.



**Moira Mason (31)**  
**Trekking Leader & General Support**  
An Environmental Safety Engineer with British Energy, Moira is also an Explorer Scout Leader with Central Lonsdale and South Lune ESUs. A keen walker and skier, she has recently developed a passion for ski-mountaineering.



**Chris Bainbridge (29)**  
**General Support**  
An Aircraft Fitter with BAE Systems and on the County Campsites Service Crew. Chris is an enthusiastic mountain walker with two seasons in the Alps.

# LEADERS & NETWORK MEMBERS

(Ages 21<24 at time of departure)



**Trevor Morton (22)**  
**Mountain Leader**  
**Chester Network**

Trevor is just completing his degree in Outdoor Studies at St Martins, Ambleside and plans to work as an Outdoor Pursuits Instructor. On East Greenland 2004, he is an experienced mountaineer & paddler.



**Sam Booth (21)**  
**Mountain Leader**  
**Blackpool Network**

Sam is an apprentice with BAE Systems and was on East Greenland 2004. Sam's main interests are rock climbing, walking & trekking.



**Rob Helliwell (22)**  
**Ormskirk Network**

A farm-worker in Scarisbrick, Rob is Chairman of Ormskirk Scout Network and an ASL with the 44<sup>th</sup> Ormskirk Scouts. He enjoys climbing and walking



**Phil Emmott (24)**  
**Film Direction & Mountain Leader**  
**Preston Network**

In his final year reading systems engineering at Loughborough, Phil plans to follow a graduate career with BAE Systems. A member of East Greenland 2004, Phil continues to "live the dream" having been inspired at the age of 16 by a photograph of a tent on a glacier.



**Clare Charlton (24)**  
**Expedition Kayaking Leader**  
**Ormskirk Network**

Clare works in Technical Support for Sage(UK) and is a BCU Coach. She's climbed Mt Kinabala, the highest peak in SE Asia, and paddled around the Alps (Huh?!)



**Matthew Griffiths (23)**  
**Film Production & Editing**  
**Ormskirk Network**

Matt gained an HND in Media Production at Salford and is currently working in retail until he can find something more exciting to do with his life! He edited and produced the East Greenland 2004 video and has a solid experience in the outdoors.

# NETWORK MEMBERS

(Ages 18<20 at time of departure)



**James Griffiths (18)**  
**Ormskirk Network**

At Runshaw College studying a BTec National in Sports & Exercise Science with the objective of following this up at degree level at University. The youngest on East Greenland 2004, James has climbed and skied from an early age.



**Joe Craig (19)**  
**Blackpool Network**

An "A" level student at Arnold 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, Joe is planning to study engineering at University. Joe was on East Greenland 2004, and as well as a keen mountaineer and skier, he is an International-class fencer and enjoys rugby and flying.



**Matthew Parker (19)**  
**Ormskirk Network**

Currently studying Outdoor Education at Myerscough College and hopes to work as an instructor in the outdoor industry. An experienced kayaker, Matt also enjoys listening to music and attending gigs.



**Stuart Spencer (20)**  
**Ormskirk Network**

Stuart is at Lancaster University reading Maths with Educational Psychology. Having been on East Greenland 2004, Stuart is a competent climber and mountaineer. He professes not to be a "morning person" – which will be very difficult in Greenland with 24h daylight!!!!!!



**Claire Lyons (20)**  
**Wyre Network**

Claire is a Care Assistant at Northlands Village Rest Home and is studying Maths at Runshaw College as a prelude to going to University to read Nursing. Already a keen climber and mountaineer, amongst her interests Claire also lists socialising..... and shopping!



**Andrew Davies (19)**  
**Ormskirk Network**

Andrew is an "A" level student at Runshaw College studying sciences and technology and plans to go to University to read Electrical Engineering. A keen walker, climber and kayaker, Andrew also enjoys playing the guitar.



**Robert Ashcroft (19)**  
**Ormskirk Network**

Currently a Landscape Gardener with GSU Landscapes. Rob has a good background in Mountaineering, Climbing and Kayaking and has a love of music and going to concerts.



**Harriet Kilgallen (18)**  
**Preston Network**

Currently in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form of King Edward VII and Queen Mary School in Lytham St Annes and is planning on taking a gap-year working in Outdoor Education in Canada. Keen on Mountaineering, Harriet is a qualified trampoline coach.



**Phil Broadbent (19)**  
**Ormskirk Network**

Currently doing "A" levels at Runshaw College, Phil hopes to read Outdoor Education at University. He enjoys climbing as well as tennis and aspires to become a part-time alcoholic!!!!



**Sam Higginson (20)**  
**Lonsdale Network**

Currently a waiter at the Strathmore Hotel in Morecombe, part of the Shearings Group. Sam has an ambition to become an Outdoor Pursuits Instructor having been introduced to the activities when he joined Scouts, and has been struck ever since.



**Simon Waterworth (19)**  
**Fylde Network**

Currently studying "A" levels at Lytham High 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Simon hopes to go on to read Outdoor Studies at University. Well into climbing and kayaking, Simon can ALSO juggle fire (..... oh dear, not ANOTHER pyromaniac!!!!!!)



**Jon Martin (19)**  
**Lonsdale Network**

Currently studying Outdoor Education at Myerscough College, and works at the Salt Ayre Sports Centre. Jon enjoys most outdoor activities and has an ambition to become a Mountain Guide and run his own Centre.



**Andrew Cumpstey (19)**  
**Fylde Network**

Andrew currently attends the Arnold School in Blackpool where he is doing "A" levels, hopefully before going on to read Medicine at University. He is an ASL with his local Scouts and enjoys sailing as well as climbing walking and kayaking.



**Jack Booth (18)**  
**Blackpool Network**

An apprentice at BAE Systems, Jack has good rock climbing and mountaineering experience with a short season in the Swiss Alps in 2005. He aspires to leading his own walks and climbs in Greenland.

## EXPLORER SCOUT MEMBERS

(Ages 15<18 at time of departure)



**Nancy Wade (17)**  
**Equinox ESU Ormskirk**

Currently at Burscough Priory Science College studying GCSEs, Nancy wants to go on to study science "A" levels, particularly Geology. An experienced skier, climber and walker, she is also a Young Leader and the Chair of Ormskirk District Explorer Scouts. She loves to have a laugh!



**Matthew Forshaw (16)**  
**Yeti ESU Ormskirk**

Currently in final year at Bishops Rawthorne High School, Croston. Matt hopes to go to Runshaw College to study sciences. Matt has a general passion for Outdoor Pursuits.... and is breakable!



**David Monaghan (17)**  
**Eclipse ESU Ormskirk**

Currently in Year 11 at Bishop Rawthorne CofE Language College, David intends to go to Runshaw College to study A levels. With good all-round hillwalking experience through Scouting, David also enjoys playing the saxophone.



**Graham Carrington (17)**  
**Equinox ESU Ormskirk**

Graham is in his final year at Burscough Priory High School and hopes to go to college to study maths and sciences. Graham is a Young Leader with the 29<sup>th</sup> Burscough Scouts and claims to be a "mine of useless information" !



**Nicholas Evans (16)**  
**Indiana ESU Preston**

Currently at Broughton High School, Nic is planning on going to Myerscough College to study Sports Coaching. As well as an enthusiastic walker, Nic enjoys golf and cars with big engines!



**Lewis Abbott (17)**  
**Eclipse ESU Ormskirk**

Lewis is currently studying "A" levels at Winstanley College and hopes to go on to study Media at University. Lewis is a Young Leader within the District and as well as Scouting, Lewis enjoys football and cinema.



**Sam Ashworth (15)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Blackpool Scouts**

Currently a GCSE student at St Mary's Catholic College in Blackpool, Sam hopes to go on to study "A" levels. He enjoys judo as well as climbing and mountaineering. The youngest member of the party, this is Sam's first major expedition and intends to make it the first of many!

## CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SCOUTING – 1907 TO 2007