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Duncan Dares to lead Scouting into the future

Scouts around West Lancashire will soon have a new Chief after bosses invited actor, TV presenter and all-round action man, Peter Duncan to take up the challenge.

Peter will become the 9th Chief Scout when he starts his 5 year appointment in September, and is delighted to be leading the UK Scout Association as it welcomes tens of thousands of scouts at the European Jamboree, 'EuroJam', in 2005 and celebrates its Centenary by hosting the World Scout Jamboree in 2007.

Famous for his round-the-world expeditions, Peter's appetite for adventure and desire to break new ground will fit perfectly with the aspirations of the young people in West Lancashire;

This Summer, whilst over 1000 Scouts and Guides celebrate in Lancashire at the Red Rose 2004 International Jamboree, some of their friends will be undertaking adventures and expeditions as far away as Croatia, Taiwan and Greenland.

Former Cub Scout Peter is applying his usual enthusiastic approach to the new role "Scouting is alive and well in twenty-first century Britain. I can think of no better organisation to provide a creative and challenging framework for the positive development of young men and women".

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To follow-up this story ring Pete Sturgess on 01995 61336

Editor's Notes:

- Scouting is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK with a total of 476,992 members (March 2002 figures)
- Worldwide, there are well over 28 million members in over 216 Countries. Two thirds of the membership lives in developing Countries.
- The Aim of the Association is "To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.
- Scouting in West Lancashire has a membership of just under 10,000 members in the following 8 Districts: Chorley, Blackpool, Preston, Ormskirk, South Ribble, Fylde, Wyre and Lonsdale.

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