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Chief Scout's Satellite Link-up

Red Rose 2004, the International Scout & Jamboree taking place at Waddecar has received such acclaim that the Chief Scout of the World, George Purdy decided to visit earlier in the week.

The Chief who is due to stand down in September to be replaced by ex-Blue Peter presenter, Peter Duncan toured the whole site from Wonderland through Treasure Island and from Camelot to Dodge City. He also took the time to drop into the WaddecarFM studio which is currently broadcasting around the County on 87.7MHz. Explorer Scouts Craig Dewar and Sarah Lillis joined forces to interview the Chief live on air during their show and also gave him the opportunity to speak directly to the West Lancashire Team currently in Greenland via satellite phone. The team informed the Chief that they managed successful ascents of nineteen previously unclimbed peaks earning them the right to name them on a Scouting theme.

Red Rose 2004 continues until the end of the week culminating in a massive birthday party celebration for Waddecar Scout Activity Centre which was donated to Scouts by Alice & Albert Waddecar 50 years ago.

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Editor's Notes:

- Red Rose 2004 is taking place at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre from the 6th to the 14th August 2004
- **There is a photo opportunity for press photographers at 3pm on Friday the 13th August with over 100 invited guests, civic dignitaries and people who set up Waddecar 50 years ago**
- Waddecar's 50th Birthday Party celebrations take place from 2pm on Friday the 13th August in the presence of over 100 invited guests including local dignitaries.
- Waddecar FM is a OFCOM approved, restricted Service License Radio Station broadcasting live on 87.7MHz for the duration of the Red Rose 2004 event.

- 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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