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Scouts Open Day

Members of the 3rd Tynemouth (Ritson's Own) Scout Group are looking to make contact with former members of their Group in the run up to their Centenary celebrations in 2015.

The Scout Group is holding an open day on Saturday 14th May between 1pm and 5pm at their headquarters on Billy Mill Lane, North Shields where memorabilia from the past 95 years of Scouting in their Group will be on display.

Michael Dale, Scout Leader with the 3rd Tynemouth said "we have done a lot of research into our history over the past few years, part of which has resulted in us getting a headstone for George Greenacre, our founding leader's unmarked grave in 2006. We are now looking to get some personal stories to add to the factual information we have collected."

Dudley Rogers, Group Scout Leader with the 3rd Tynemouth said "we are hoping to get in touch with as many past members of the Group as possible over the next 4 years so that when we hold our centenary celebrations in 2015 we can really make it a year to remember." He went on "We intend to hold open days on the Saturday closest to our original date of registration each year so past members can get in touch with us and see the photos and memorabilia we have collected."

Philip Rose, Assistant Cub Scout Leader with the 3rd Tynemouth said "we held a similar event in 2005 when former members including John Nichol, Gulf war Tornado navigator and TV presenter visited us. This time we are hoping to be joined by former members from the 1960's onwards, as well as some of our longer serving members."

This year will be extra special as the Group are playing host to members of the Royal British Legion who at 4pm will be making a presentation to affiliate the 3rd Tynemouth with the local Whitley bay, North Shields and District Branch.

Anyone wanting more information about the open day, or those who have a story they can share about their time in the Group can get in touch with Michael Dale by e-mailing ritsonshistory@blueyonder.co.uk or telephoning 0771 3056858.

All of the Scout Sections in Tynemouth District are open to boys and girls aged between 6 and 25; the adult section is open from 25 to 60 plus. If you would like to join the worlds largest co-educational youth organisation, at any level, you can call the Northumberland Scout's County Office on 0191 2668822, visit www.tynemouthscouts.org.uk or the national site at www.scouts.org.uk or e-mail media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk for more information.

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