



Newsletter

Summer Term 2014



Hi Everyone,

The last 3 months have been very busy for all the sections, with camping and sleepovers taking place. These are really good experiences for our young people and my thanks go to all the leaders for taking the time out to run the camps. I experienced my first Beaver Sleepover which was great fun earlier in the year and have the badge to prove it. It amazes me how these young children who are only 6, who perhaps have never been away from their parents before, have such a great time without worrying. Our leaders do such a good job of nurturing these young people.

We have just started participating in what could be a pretty big Community Project. Highgate Wood is really huge and in need of constant looking after. The Friends of Highgate Wood provided our group with a lot of work to do recently and over 60 of us turned out on a very wet and dull day at the beginning of June. We were pulling up and 'bashing' balsam as well as building a bug den, digging a really tough piece of land and planting wild flower



4th Fulwood Cubs are the Pack Of The Year!

seeds, litter collecting and even watched a chain saw demonstration. Thank you so much to everyone who turned out to take part in this event. We are hoping to perhaps 'adopt' Highgate Wood as an ongoing Community project which the sections can do individually or together.

We have managed to accumulate enough money, through the Beetle Drive, to purchase our first Toilet for Toilet Twinning. Hopefully we will be able to raise enough to purchase two more so if we send out requests for fundraising, please support as best you can. We are putting the money raised from the District Football Competition towards our next toilet. Thank you for supporting that.

When we break for summer, take the opportunity to check out your uniforms and make sure that old badges are removed and new ones sewn on. All the badges given out have been earned by the young people so let's see them on show! Also, if you have any pieces of uniform that is too small, please hand it in and we will sell it at our next uniform sale.

Have a Great Summer.

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Anyone who has any connection with the Colony will know that we are constantly on the go, finding new challenges and adventures

to have lots of fun with! This was no more evident than at the two sleepovers we've held since the last newsletter. The first was indoors at Silverhelme and for some there was trepidation as it was their first night away from home. However, we soon had them busy engrossed in activities and the nerves were gone! Split in to three indian tribes, they all had loads of fun trying their hand at building tee-pees both mini versions to take home and larger version they could actually fit in, gem mining by torchlight, carriage racing and cooking on an open fire.

Our second was "under canvas" at Bowley, for many experiencing sleeping in a tent for the first time. Mini raft building, making cakes on a fire, campfire songs and games in the glorious sunshine was the order of the day on Saturday before the exhilaration of grass sledging and ziplining on the Sunday!

Additional activity badges were made available to us in April which we've quickly embraced. Many of our Beaver Scouts have already achieved the camp craft badge, started on the cyclist badge as well as the longer standing creative and experiment activity badges and outdoor challenge.

Congratulations to Ellis Charlton who achieved his Chief Scout Bronze Award and was presented with it earlier this year.

Fiona Jackson
Beaver Scout Leader

Cambodia Experience

In August of 2015, a group consisting of 9 young people (aged over 16) and 5 Leaders from West Lancashire Scouts will be travelling to Cambodia to take part in a community project. Cambodia is a very poor country following many years of civil war. As in all wars, the children have suffered greatly and we would like to make a difference, for the children living there today. Our project will involve renovating a school, creating a school garden and teaching the children to speak English. In order to do this we need to raise over £40,000.00.

To help with this fund-raising, I am selling dates in a diary with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes (it works like a raffle), I am also doing other events that I will let you know about in due course one of which is just in the planning stage (but a sponsored wax is being talked about).

I will be at the AGM with my diary, and any help would be very gratefully received. Thanks.

Alex Dowling
Assistant Scout Leader



Daniel ready for an exhilarating sledge ride!



We have been very busy this term; the cubs have done lots of exciting activities.

Six cubs represented the Pack in the Annual Pack of the Year Competition; which I am pleased to say we won, well done to all who participated.

On the Brockholes Conservation Day In May; the children made bug houses, learnt about the wildlife and birds that live there, they had fun pond dipping.

Peter and Janet accompanied the children and said a great day out was had by all.

We have been busy practicing for the cubs Sports day on the 30th June at St Peters School, this will go towards the Fitness Challenge Badge.

The children have completed their Backwoods Cooking Badge at Waddecar, which entailed them cooking on an alter fire using various methods of cooking, learning how to build and light a fire and fire safety on camp.



OHHHH and what a Camp we had, last weekend saw Waddecar full of Spies on the County TOP SECRET SPY Camp, children from far and wide came to Waddecar to have fun in the sun, and boy it was a glorious weekend. Children Dressed up as 007, MIB, Secret Spies and it was a sight to be seen. Travelling from base to base doing loads of fun activities!!

Karen Smalley
Akela



After setting off on what was an extremely wet night, which only got worse we were all thinking what have we got ourselves into as we travelled to Great Tower for our survival camp. But after an extremely damp night the weather brightened up the next morning for a blazing hot weekend. The camp was based around survival skills with the main highlight for most being building their own shelter and sleeping in it. For some this turned into sleeping under the stars as they slid out of the bottom of their shelter. A great camp that 19 Scouts attended.

In May we also went on the West Lancs County camp up at Waddecar where the Scouts got to take part in a whole range of activities. Our Scouts won the district volleyball competition but unfortunately got beaten in the county finals. Well done to them. One of our leaders also had a few minutes of fame as they performed in Waddecar's got talent singing in a rather strange boy band while wearing a bin bag!! It could only be Alex!!

Our Tuesday nights have been going strong with many an activity going on including one of our favourites – ghyll scrambling. A great night was had scrambling up waterfalls and swimming through a number of plunge pools. We have also been climbing at Denham quarry this term for a little bit of adventure. In just under 2 weeks times we are heading up to Red Rose 2014, an 8 day international camp based up near Kendal. This is going to be the event of the year with Scouts from all over the world attending and loads of different activities to do. It's going to be a good one!

Steve Williams
Scout Leader

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The Scout Association is changing the way in which it manages its data. In turn, all Scout groups are going to have to change the way in which we work too. Currently, the leaders use a system called 'Online Scout Manager' which we have to pay for. We are able to send emails out to our sections to inform them of events coming up and invite participants etc.

From September (ish) we are moving to a system that we do not have to pay for as it is run by the Scout Association. It will be very similar to the way in which our current system works, but the main thing will be that both leaders and parents can access the system. Parents will be able to view the term's programme of events and leaders will be able to email information. Every parent will need to have an email address to receive the notifications and log in to view information. This is very important. If you have not given your section leader an email address which you can use regularly, then please do this so we are able to keep you in touch. If you have given an email address, but have not received any emails about Scout Group events recently, please can you confirm to you leader or Lesley what the correct email address should be.