



Happy days: The sun shone on our family camp

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to another year of Scouting with 4th Fulwood. This 70th Anniversary year has proved to be extremely exciting and busy. Our 'He Who Shall Not Be Named' Family camp took place in July with fantastic weather and a great bunch of parents, grandparents, young people and leaders, all having fun. The water slide proved very popular, it seems the simplest activities can provide some of the best entertainment. Watch out for the next Family Camp which will be in the summer of 2015.

Our Ball with over 100 people was a great success also. I hardly recognised the smart group of people who turned out and had such a fun time. My thanks go to Wendy and Ian Gaskell and the Executive Committee for organising this marvellous event.

I am really happy to tell you about a new member of the leadership team now who is taking on the role of Assistant Group Scout Leader. Ed Trafford worked with me until about 6 years ago in the Scout section and he is now returning to the Group to assist with all sections. Ed has over 20 years experience in Scouting and will once again be a great asset to the Group.

We are looking forward to the Church Christmas Fair and would request that you could send in some bottles (new) for our bottle stall. This always proves to be popular and if you could send in anything from perfume, tomato sauce, lemonade, olive oil, bubble bath (you get the idea) from now until the beginning of December we will have a good stock for our stall. Please also look out for our Christmas Tree which is being created by the Group for the Decorated Christmas Tree Festival.

I know it's early, but do have a great Christmas and enjoy all the celebrations.

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Whilst the summer term focussed on the Outdoor Challenge and was spent exploring, using maps, tying knots, pitching tents, climbing and the Group family camp, this term is all about friendship. We started the Friendship Challenge with a "Bring a Friend" evening resulting in eight new young people discovering the fun of Beaver Scouting!!

We've been to Blackpool Zoo on a brilliant sunshiny day and managed to return with no "stowaways", we joined the "Superhero" funday at Waddecarr with much appreciated heroic support from some parents to run bases – thank you. We've been to Fishwick Nature Reserve and, whilst we didn't all spot bats we did hear them and saw the bat boxes we made earlier this year in action; we've been visited by Sgt Tunstall talking about personal and home safety as well as being visited by representatives of the Guide Dogs – an interesting evening discovering how tricky it can be to do everyday tasks when you can't see and great to see puppies training to be Guide Dogs. Plans for the coming weeks include learning some first aid and how to deal with an emergency, a visit to the Gujarati Temple, a visit from the Jewish community and bowling at the end of term.

Well done to Tom Pritchard and Michael McGill who were presented with their Chief Scout Bronze Award last term and to Beth Cuckson, aka Chip, for completing her Young Leader training modules – she's now busy putting it all in to practice for us by planning and delivering some exciting programmes for our Beaver Scouts. Catherine Simpson, aka Tic Tac, was also presented with her wood beads at the end of last term on completion of all the adult training involved in being a leader – Congratulations Catherine.

Special Congratulations must go to our team (Haydn, George, Ellis and Harry from 1st Broughton) who took part in the first ever County Beaver Scout Quiz and came first!! This is expected to be an annual event so we'll be hoping to defend our title next year!

**Fiona Jackson**  
Badger



**Beaver Scouts - Proud of their trophies!**



After a fantastic Family Camp in July, we are starting the New Term with a bang. We currently have 27 cubs... and counting!

Three Silver awards were presented before the summer break to Iain Simpson, Billy Stonecliffe and Jude Atwal-Weir.

During the months of June and July we completed our outdoor challenge badge. We also paid a visit to Frankie and Benny's Italian Restaurant where the children got to create their very own 12 inch



**Yum! The Cubs are cooking something special.**



pizzas and mocktails. The night was all free of charge which was a bonus and the cubs had a fantastic night... as did the leaders. Yummmmm.

We also attended two camps: June saw the District camp at Waddecarr, which was an exceptionally muddy experience with lots of rain, but this didn't put us off and we enjoyed all the activities which appropriately had a water theme; July saw the Magic of Family camp.

This term we are concentrating on the Global Challenge and Promise Challenge badges. We will also be going swimming at West View to work on the swimming awards and picking our teams for splash night on the 9th November.

Looking forward to an exciting term.

**Karen Smalley**  
**Akela**



**Top of the world, Ma! - Fulwood Scouts are out and about.**



How does abseiling down a 130ft Dam take your fancy? Or jumping off cliffs into the sea while coasteering? Or maybe horse riding along the beach is for you?

Well a number of our Scouts and Leaders joined 120 participants from Preston District on an amazing adventure to Guernsey this summer. In August we spent 10 days camping on the Island while undertaking loads of adventurous and interesting activities on what has to be one of the best camps I have ever been on. Everyone came back with a smile on their face and still the memories live on.

We travelled to Guernsey via coach/minibuses before taking the fast ferry down to the Island. Once there we quickly sorted out our tents before all of the great activities began. I think one of the highlights for many was the two beach afternoons. The final one was finished off with a bbq and campfire on the beach while the sun set over the sea. A really great camp and one that will be remembered for a long time!

Next summer we're planning on attending Red Rose 2014. This is an international camp where 1000's of

scouts come from all over the world come to take part. Luckily for us it takes place right on our door step and is based near Kendal!! Watch out for more information being sent out soon.

As well as Guernsey we have been holding our regular Troop nights on a Tuesday with many an activity taking place, such as raft building, air rifle shooting, Nicky Nook walk, wide games at Beacon Fell and a walk through Blackpool lights to name a few. As well as this we held a Troop camp at Mowbreck Scout Campsite just before the summer where the theme was back to basics. Just to top up those camping skills!

So all in all we've had a really great few months as a Troop and we're not planning on slowing down yet! See you all on the next adventure!

**Steve Williams**  
**Scout Leader**

## Executive Committee

It seems rather late to be welcoming everybody back after the summer but here it is, welcome back!!! What a busy time it has been. Family camp was a huge success not only did our super leaders lay on great variety of activities including climbing, archery, quidditch and broom stick riding but we had a visit from many of the characters from Hogwarts as well – Little Hagrid was great. The 'potions' coming out of Duncans Dinner weren't bad either.

I hope everyone has now recovered from our 70th anniversary ball. This was a very enjoyable evening with over one hundred guests all enjoying themselves at Preston Grasshoppers. Many thanks to the Hybrid Flower Monkeys for once again providing some wonderful entertainment, to Preston Grasshoppers for a great meal and service and to everyone who helped in one way or another with organising the event.

I think I can safely say that our 70th anniversary has been celebrated in style.

So we now start turning our attention to Christmas – doesn't time fly!!

**Ian Gaskell**  
**Executive Chairman**



**Little Hagrid**



We have set up a Facebook group to include updates, news and pictures of the Scout Group. The group is closed to the general public but is open to parents and supporters of 4th Fulwood so if you would like to be added to the group please search for '4th Fulwood Scout Group' on Facebook and ask to be added as a member.

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