



# 4th Fulwood NEWSLETTER Autumn Term 2015



Hi All,

It seems ages since the last newsletter before we finished for the summer. We held our Family camp which again was attended by so many families and once again we had very good weather for the event. The theme this time was Super Heroes but I have to say, some of the costumes didn't leave much to the imagination..... very funny they were! If you haven't seen the group picture, then make sure you have found 4th Fulwood Scout Group on Facebook. That way you will keep up with all the activities all the sections are taking part in with both words and photos.

At the Group camp we also held our AGM which is an annual requirement. I was very happy that the Executive Committee were happy to stand again, but if anyone is interested in knowing more about this, please contact Ian Gaskell or myself. If you ever wish to help out for an evening or 2 then let us know as we are always happy to have occasional helpers.



In a group of our size, which has about 80 young people and 20 leaders registered, there are always going to be changes to the roles and responsibilities of some of the leaders. Ed Trafford who has been Assistant Group Scout Leader has had to stand down from this role due to personal reasons. I would like to thank him very much for his help with the group whilst he was on board. I also am going to stand down from the Group Scout Leader role as I have been asked to be one of the Deputy District Commissioners for Preston and District. I am not going to cease my membership with the group that I have been involved with over the last 18 years but we do need to find a person or persons to be Group Scout Leader/s. This is a uniformed position, but can be a 'managerial' type of job as opposed to coming down to a particular section each week. If anyone is interested then do get in touch, it can even be a couple of people who can take on different aspects if that helps.

Did you know that some of our leaders do not just come down one night each week, but are also involved at County or District levels? We have leaders involved in training courses within the county and district, in district teams for their sections, helping at Waddecar and also being part of international service teams for overseas activities. We are so lucky to have a really passionate group of adults helping our young people. This year the Scouts went to Guernsey as part of the district which was a fantastic experience and next year the Cub Scout section is celebrating 100 years so there are going to be a whole load of activities for participation in; it will be really exciting.

Thank you all very much for the support you have given, but I am not going far from the group. I can't let such a good thing just disappear from me!

Yours in Scouting,

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Well as we quickly head into the winter months it's time to reflect what the troop has been up to

over the summer and what a great and adventurous time we have had. The highlight for me and everyone else involved had to be joining over 150 Scouts, Explorers and Leaders on a 12day trip to Guernsey in July. We had 7 Scouts and 2 leaders go on what has to be the most action packed week I've been on in Scouts, where participants got to experience activities from coasteering to karting to scuba diving. It really showed what Scouting is all about and everyone involved had a brilliant time.

One person who didn't quite make it to Guernsey was Alex (Assistant Scout Leader) who instead jetted off to Cambodia for 3 weeks taking part in a large community project over there. Again one of the fantastic opportunities that are out there in West Lancs Scout County.

In September a number of our Scouts took part in the Harris Cup camping competition, where they have to camp as a patrol without leader assistance and are marked on how well they manage this. Our team did really well in this and successfully managed to survive for the weekend without anybody getting food poisoning!

More recently we entered the district first aid competition and did absolutely brilliantly. We came 2nd and 3rd in the under 12s competition and 1st and 3rd in the over 12s competition. Really well done to all of those Scouts who took part. It was an amazing result.

**Steve Williams**  
Scout Leader



When we arrived at the car park I felt a bit nervous when I saw everyone there, but when I got on the bus I just felt excited. I arranged my stuff around my seat and we set off towards Poole where we would board the ferry. We left at around 12:00 and everyone on the bus was chatting and we were all happy and laughing. When we stopped off at the first service station I just bought a little bar of chocolate and at the second I didn't buy anything.

After about 2 hours, I fell asleep. When we got off we were told our ferry was delayed by 4 hours! In that time we played cards, bought lunch, and rested. When we boarded the ferry everyone started feeling a bit seasick and through the night everyone was. We had a nice tea though!

After a long bus ride to the campsite, everyone got their bags and we settled down and went to sleep in the sports hall. I was with some of my friends who used to go to my school. The next day I was told which tent I was in and I put my bags in it.

My first activity was rafting and I really enjoyed it. We put a raft together and tried to ride it. Ours was ok and it held for quite a bit before it sunk. After lunch I had sea-kayaking and that was really fun. I was paired up with Alex.

The next day I was very happy because I had karting and a beach day. At karting it was amazing and I did really well and won the gold medal for my group! At the beach day I bought a pink raspberry magnum and a drink and went into the sea, but it was freezing! After the beach I had a shower and we played cards in our tent, had tea and then played the evening game.



On Sunday we went on the day hike. It was quite fun and I liked it. After that we had a nice tea of potatoes, beans and cheese and went to sleep. On Monday I went into town and that was really good.

I really liked Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as we did beach day, ready steady cook, coasteering - which was awesome, CHOCOLATE MAKING, archery and shooting, sailing, Lihou adventure and horse riding. My favourites were coasteering, horse riding and chocolate making. On Friday morning I did cycling, which was fun and in the afternoon we had sports time. When we boarded the ferry back I bought a pack of skittles and fell asleep.

When we got back I was sad that it was over and in the afternoon I found myself wanting to go to the camp tuck shop! I had an awesome time at Guernsey and it was really fun.

**Sam Horton**  
**Scout**



You could be forgiven thinking that, with summer far behind us and the nights now drawing in, Beaver Scouts would start to slow down – not so, they are as busy as ever having their own brand of adventures! In the half term since the summer holidays our Beaver Scouts have been on treasure trails learning

some basic navigation, raised the roof singing some old favourite songs and learning new ones, been swimming, made their own edible campfires (yum!) and had a party to name but a few of our activities. Only once were we beaten by the weather forecast which subsequently turned out to be fine – but who knew?! All of this goes towards the “My Skills” challenge award which is part of the prestigious Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest award that can be achieved within the section.

On top of all that we joined in the County “Living Library” fun day at Waddecar where all the activities were based on children’s books such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Wizard of Oz, George’s Marvellous Medicine, The Gruffalo, Horrible Histories, Aliens in Underpants, Narnia and The Tiger That Came to Tea! A brilliant day, as they always are, with activities to capture the imagination as well as challenge the Beaver Scouts to give new things a try!

Shortly after that we joined the District trip to Gulliver’s World – some of our Beaver Scouts were more adventurous than others and the leaders certainly had their mettle tested on occasion as a number of the rides required children to be accompanied. A grand day out enjoyed by all, young and not-so-young alike!

Coming up we have a visit to the Lancashire Regiment Museum at Fulwood Barracks, a date with a dentist, we’ll be creating some ingenious inventions, having some festive fun and finishing off the term with a party at Giddy Kids. Thoughts for next year are already forming and it doesn’t look like 2016 is going to be any less exciting!

It’s not easy to put in to a few brief words all that Beaver Scouting is – if you want to find out more, you’ll be very welcome to visit and experience it for yourself.

**Fiona Jackson**  
**Beaver Scout Leader**



**Smile! Beaming Beavers build beautiful bug barracks.**



A lot more has happened over the months since the last newsletter. Here are some activities that we have done to name but a few.

We have presented our Top Award the CHIEF SCOUT SILVER AWARD to Daniel Bell, Haydn Jackson, Anna Stonecliffe, Gerry Troll, Michael McGill, Thomas Pritchard and Emma Hurst. A great achievement, well done .

The Cubs have been busy working on the New Badge scheme which changed in September this year. We have been orienteering at Beacon Fell, Tree Trekking in Delamere Forest, following the Gruffalo trail

We have attended a very wet District Group camp in May and Of course our ever growing FAMILY CAMP.

As part of our Conservation and global badges we have been planting seedling's in High Gate Woods (in the dark), wonder how many seedlings will grow????

Well as usual the cubs have been very busy this term already.

We have been on a Wet and Dry Day at Waddecar, archery, canoeing, climbing, shooting and laser tag were just some of the fun things to do.



**Lest we forget: Cubs make poppy wreaths to lay at the cenotaph.**

With the help of the Local Fire Brigade we completed our Fire Safety Badge with a visit to their HQ... an awesome night was had by all, especially when the children got to use the water hoses.

On Halloween some of the cubs took part in the Naturalist Badge Day, learning about different species of trees, invertebrates and planting seeds, making spooky spider biscuits and Black Cats.

Looking Forward to Christmas and 100 years of CUBS celebrations

**Karen Smalley**  
**Akela**



## **We Have An Exciting New Year Planned**

### **2016 Marks 100 Years Of Cub Scouting**

In 2016 we will commemorate one hundred years of the Cub Scout section with local and national celebrations.

With Visits to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Chill Factore, Wild Adventure Camps. Every month there will be activities to help us celebrate.

WATCH THIS SPACE WE WILL BE ASKING FOR ANY PHOTOS OR MEMORABELIA FROM 4<sup>th</sup> FULWOOD CUBS, PAST AND PRESENT