



Newsletter

Spring Term 2012



Don't Miss Our **Big** Fundraiser Night on the 3rd of March!

We have some cracking live music from The Hybrid Flower Monkeys, and hope to see as many of you there as possible. Back by popular demand! Last year the band did this as a fund raiser for Fulwood Methodist Church, and the event in March will split proceeds between the Church and the Scout Group. Once again (and it's not mandatory!!) we hope as many people as possible turn up in fancy dress suitable for the music the band play - think Sixties and Seventies and get yourself to the charity shops to choose your gear, man!

The event will be held at St Pius School. Drinks will be available at the venue. All parents and young people are very welcome as this will be a great night for everyone, young and old alike, to have some fun!

Tickets will be on sale soon at £6 for adults, £3 for children under 16 and £15 for a family.



Message from the Group Scout Leader

Hi Everyone,

A belated Happy New Year to those of you I haven't seen yet! This year is going to be very busy with so many big events taking place locally and further afield.

We are looking forward to all the young people in the Group being able to attend the District Preston Guild Camp which is being held on the weekend of 4th – 6th May. There will be more information coming out very soon – but please reply to any notes sent out by sections.

We are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and everyone should have received their lovely new badge to wear by now. This is to be worn by all sections and leaders above the World Badge (the purple one) and above any year badges that may already have been earned. You may have to remove some older badges to make room. Later this year, we will also have a Preston Guild badge which will be worn at the top of the left arm. If you submitted a design, it may be the winning one!

The Christmas Fair was fun and we assisted in raising funds for the Church. The best dressed of all though was ACSL Peter in his 'Punk' look attire. I wonder if he will wear that for our Group Fundraising event with the Hybrid Flower Monkeys on 3rd March - it will be great fun, please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Don Bryson has been a leader with our Group for nearly 20 years, but he had to stand down at the end of last year. We took him some gifts to say thank you for his long service, having held roles of Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader and also Quartermaster during that time.

Many thanks also go to the Executive Committee who have provided the Group with a great Notice Board. When picking up or dropping off children, do have a look to see anything interesting.

Have an adventurous and fun 2012

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Don't forget the **Beetle Drive**

On Monday 30th January at 6:30pm
At Fulwood Methodist Church

All family members are welcome.
Light refreshments will be available.

Did You Know?

11 of the 12 people to walk on the moon were once Scouts.



We promise! Last term saw the Beaver Scouts doing lots of activities related to the Promise Challenge, Faith Activity and Faith Partnership Award. Excellent visits were made to the Hindu Gujerati Temple and the Sikh Gurdwara where the Beaver Scouts and adults alike learnt a great deal about each of the faiths. At the end of term we were host again to the District Christingle with Beaver Scouts from all over the District taking part – it was truly a fabulous sight to see

the darkened church lit up by in the region of 160 Christingles.

For Remembrance Sunday many of you will have seen the Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts lay a wreath in church that they had jointly made. The following Monday the Beaver Scouts visited The Queen's Lancashire Regiment Museum at Fulwood Barracks where, after having lots of fun trying on various types of uniform, we presented the wreath along with two others to the museum and they were laid on the drums upstairs.

This term we're concentrating on the Friendship Challenge & Emergency Aid Stage 1, meeting lots of different people from around the community so, if you see a police car or ambulance when dropping off or picking up please don't panic!! We're also joining the District trip to Eureka! in Halifax and planning on a joint Colony sleepover with the new Colony at 1st Catforth. We'll let you know how we get on!!

Fiona Jackson (Badger)



Well after finishing our Christmas term off with a fantastic Christmas Carol Concert at St Wilfred's Church; Longridge and a joint bowling night with the Beavers. 2012 is upon us!!!!

An exciting year for us all, especially in scouting. January will see us participating in the Peru Challenge Badge, which will not only give the children an insight into the Explorers visit to Peru later in the year, but also they will learn about the Incas, geography, history and other fascinating facts about the Country.

The cubs will also be going climbing at West View Climbing & Leisure Centre, end of January as part of this badge.

In February we will be sailing the High Seas in our Buccaneer's and Pirates Indoor Camp at Silverdale.... "Ahoy me ship mates", we will be donning our eye patches and setting off in search of treasure on our action packed camp.

I am also pleased to announce Our "Cub of the Month" for November was Adam Capps ...well done!

2012 is a busy year for us all Queens Diamond Jubilee, Preston Guild, Preston has also been awarded European City of Sport and lastly the London Olympics. It's going to be a really exciting time ...

Lastly we would like to say a big "GET WELL SOON" to Nathan Kiley one of our cubs who has been very poorly recently, wishing you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back at cubs soon.

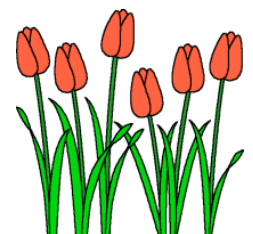
Karen Smalley (Akela)

There was an active Cub Scout
Who loved to scream and shout
He liked to climb
And pioneer all the time
He was always out and about!

Ben Gaskell (Cub)

Bulbs for Your Garden

Look out for the order form coming home with your scout soon. Not only do you help boost our funds but you will also have a beautiful garden in the spring. Why not ask family and friends to order from us too?





With the days getting shorter and weather getting colder, winter is the time of the year when many Scout Troops would spend most evenings at their meeting place, but not for 4th Fulwood, we still like to get out and about. Last term we tried a couple of new activities for the Troop including trampolining and gymnastics, which were enjoyed by all with demands from the Scouts to go and have another go. Other activities included a night hike, ready steady cook challenge night, a first aid night and wide games at Waddecar.

At the end of term we went on a visit to the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Base, which was a very informative night. The Scouts heard what the mountain rescue team do before investigating the equipment used and then finally made lots of noise with the vehicles sirens. My thanks to Phil and the mountain rescue team for giving up their time.

We also managed to go on a Troop camp last term in October. After expecting and planning for a very cold weekend we were surprised with the mini heat wave that we experienced. The theme of the camp was "back to basics" so the Scouts cooked all their food over wood and learned essential camping skills. But it wasn't all work, there was just as much play as we set up a water slide (always a favourite) and had a big Leaders vs Scouts rounder's competition.

Finally I'd just like to say well done to Adam Allcock for achieving his Chief Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award achievable in the Scout section and takes a large amount of commitment to achieve, so well done Adam!!

Steve Williams (Scout Leader)

Mountain Rescue Visit

On my visit to Mountain Rescue they showed their general equipment such as: Stretcher, harness, rope, blankets, oxygen masks, wetsuits etc.

Also they showed us their different vehicles like: Land rovers, ambulances, quad bikes, bikes and so on.

I even got to use the siren on the land rover!!!

It was very loud on the outside but not so much on the inside.

They showed us some of their rescues in various places in various conditions. It is amazing what injuries can happen when strolling alongside a canal or mountain. It is also amazing how weather conditions can change a simple rescue into a dangerous one.

One of our former Scouts (Tom O'Brien), now an Explorer, made a video when he went on a hike with the Bowland Mountain Rescue team and a girl had fallen about 30 feet into a ditch. So she had to be winched out of the ditch and into a helicopter. She came away with a broken leg and had split her skull open. The head of the Bowland Rescue team thought she had damaged her spine but through x-ray it was found her spine wasn't damaged.

My time at Bowland Mountain Rescue Centre was interesting and helped me to understand why you have to be careful and cautious at all times on a hike as it can be very dangerous.

Euan Hudson (Scout)



Gill Scrambling Adventure

One Tuesday our scout troop went gill scrambling, we were all driven up in the mini bus, everyone took backpacks full of our dry clothes. We went on a short walk up to where there was a steep sided river full of rocks. We all climbed up the river, clinging on to the sides, climbing up rocks and where we found a bit of fast flowing water we used it like a slide- going down it on our bellies and even our backs. In some places the water was so deep that it was up to my shoulders, we had to take off our backpacks, chuck them on the bank, wade through and pick our bags up later.

When we came to a place where there was a path leading off to the left, going up quite a steep hill, we climbed up the bank and set off up the hill following a little path with plants growing on either side. Steve told us we would get mites buried in our skin if we didn't walk along with our arms in the air. But, Steve walked along with his hands in his pockets so we all knew he was making it up! When we got back to the mini bus we all got changed and drove back to the church.

Katie Gaskell (Scout)

Joining List

Currently we are accepting children onto the list who would like to join with effect from March 2013. Our Beaver Colony is unable to accept any more children until then as we are full. If you do wish to add your child's name to the list please contact either Fiona or Lesley. If you already have a child in the group with a sibling who would like to join, please also let us know. The Cub Pack is only accepting children who are moving up from the Beavers. The Scout Troop currently has a few spaces available.

Age ranges for your information are as follows:

Beaver Scouts: 6-8 years old

Cub Scouts : 8-10½ years old

Scouts: 10½-14 years old

Executive Committee

As the Group executive is quite a new body within 4th Fulwood we have spent a lot of time trying to understand what we can do to add to what is already a very active and successful Group. Apart from the 'official' duties like keeping an eye of the Group finances and acting as Trustees, we have concluded that one of our key roles should be to act as a catalyst drawing all elements of the Group together, young people, parents, family and friends. I hope with this in mind you are all able to join us at the social events that are scheduled in the next couple of months.

The Group Beetle drive is a great opportunity for all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to meet each other and the leaders from other section. It also gives parents and families the chance to get to know each other a little better. We also have the Hybrid Flower Monkeys night which is another opportunity for everyone to get together. I am absolutely convinced that the more people we can get involved in Scouting either directly or by supporting these events the better the ultimate experience will be for the Young People. Please support.

If you have any other ideas for social activities or want to get involved in the work of the Group Executive please don't hesitate to get in touch. All volunteers will be more than welcome.

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Church Parade Dates for your Diary

Please meet at 10:15am in the Church Hall. You are welcome to stay with your children during the service or collect them around 11:30am.

Dates for the beginning of this year are:

11th March, 8th April (Easter), 13th May, 10th June, and 8th July

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