



Newsletter

Spring Term 2014



Hi Everyone,

It seems a long time since the last newsletter way back in 2013, our 70th Anniversary year! All the sections are up and running fantastic activities that I am sure you will read about in their individual reports.

I thought I could share with you some information from the Scout Association Census that was carried out as usual at the end of January. Our Group has now 99 members that are made up of leaders and young people. Our numbers have been creeping up but this year we had a 23% increase on last year's figure. That is fantastic news for the Group and it means we are delivering interesting and exciting programmes for the young people. This in turn means our numbers have increased through 'word of mouth' with new children coming in from other groups or as friends of a group member, as well as moving up the sections. If you feel you would like to help occasionally with a particular section, even on an ad-hoc basis, please give me a call as we always love to add new helpers to our team.

This year we have to say good bye to the badge that many have on their shirts/jumpers which is the Commissioners Challenge Badge. Last year the sections took part in this challenge which was to actively organise and attend 15 activities outdoors. It gave us new ideas to pursue for our young people. Please can you now remove the badge from your uniform and keep it for your camp blanket.

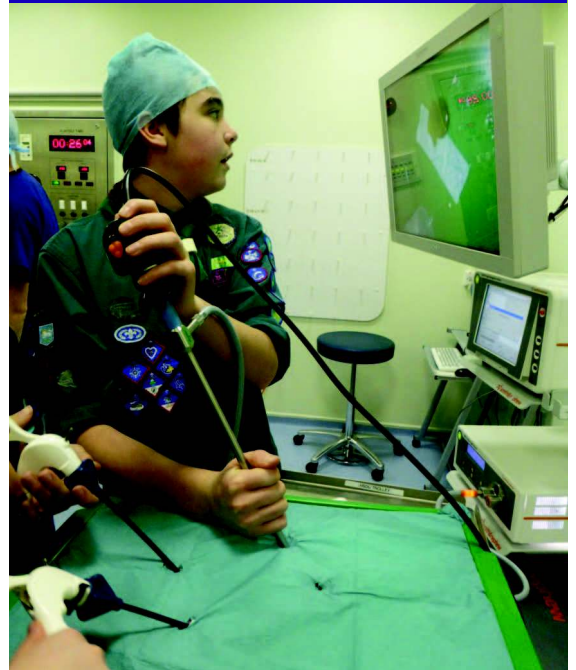
We will be getting a new badge later this year which is specifically for our Group, to be worn on our neckers. We ran a competition to design the badge in Jan/Feb and the winner will be announced this month – watch this space!

Just one reminder, I am looking forward to seeing All our Group members at St George's Parade on Sunday 27th April. Meet in the covered market in Preston at 10:15 in full uniform with black shoes – no trainers!

We have over 15 opportunities for spending a night away from home arranged already this year, throughout the sections so do make sure you don't miss out by checking letters that come home. Have a great time outdoors with our Scout Group.

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Gently does it!
Fulwood Scouts get to grips with
keyhole surgery at Chorley hospital.





Our 25 Beaver Scouts have been as busy as ever since the last newsletter. This term has seen us complete the fitness challenge with lots of activities around agility, keeping fit and staying healthy but I think the highlight has to have been the evening at Preston City Trampolining Club. The Beaver Scouts bounced to their hearts content and learned a few tips at the same time.

Many of the Beaver Scouts enjoy making music and one of our particular favourite evenings was when Simon Davies brought his electric guitar to demonstrate and then let the Beaver Scouts have a try...



This one goes up to eleven!

Early this year we were on a torchlight trail through Mason Wood looking for invaluable pieces of treasure. The evening was extremely dark and a touch on the chilly side however, we were all wrapped up warm and full of the thrill of the hunt so didn't really notice and all managed to get back safe and sound!

Congratulations to Freddie Beckley and George Houghton who were presented with their Chief Scout Bronze Award before swimming up to Cub Scouts and also to Beth Cuckson, aka Chip, who was presented with her Young Leader badge.



In the coming weeks we have even more planned – learning the haka from a New Zealand rugby player, learning about aircraft and flight from an ex-RAF navigator, a Colony sleepover at Silverhelme Scout campsite on a cowboy theme and a trip to Waddecar Scout Activity Centre for a County Beaver Scout Safety activity day to name but a few.

Fiona Jackson
Badger

Dates For Your Diary

27th April St George's Parade, Guild Hall
11th May Church Parade, FMC
12th May Beetle Drive, FMC
8th June Church Parade, FMC
13th July Church Parade, FMC



The Beavers practicing the haka.

“Life without adventure would be deadly dull.”

Robert Baden-Powell



After a fantastic end to the year Climbing at Westview leisure centre, we have yet another fun packed programme for this term.

The children have been learning about Chinese New year, and what year they were born under. Mine is the year of the Pig... No comments please... The chopstick game went down well along with the chocolate relay race .

We are currently working on My Faith Badge and as such have been learning about Lent, Easter, being a good friend and good turns.

Pancake day was fantastic and the children enjoyed covering their pancakes in various toppings as well as doing the pancake quiz and the Toss your Pancake relay races. The children have also completed their First aid Staged Badges in January.

At the end of March we will be going on camp to Littledale near Lancaster, where we will be concentrating on some outdoor bush craft skills like den building, mapping and tracking skills along with some archery and a little bouldering. For those cubs who's first camp this is, we will be having lots of fun and it's indoors. Please keep your eye out for pictures on our 4th Fulwood Facebook Page and in future Newsletters.

We would like to welcome Laura Tomlinson to the Cubs Leadership team. Laura has already got lots of fun ideas for us all to add to our programme and is already a valued member of the team. Tom Grundy is also with us whilst he completes his Duke of Edinburgh Award and has been getting stuck in organising and leading games and helping run bases.

We currently have 25 cubs, four of which joined us recently from outside of the scouting movement. We have also gained some children from Beavers which has brought us up to our current numbers.

Karen Smalley
Akela



Back by popular demand:
The Great Beetle Drive
on Monday 12th May at 6:30pm
At Fulwood Methodist Church



Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and family members
are ALL WELCOME.

Light refreshments will be available.
Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully accepted.



Once again I sit down to write the Scout Troops piece for the Group newsletter, think about the adventures we have had for the last few months and find it incredibly difficult to fit all I want to say into my allocated slot. Nevertheless I will pick out some of the best moments we have had in our ongoing adventure.

We have had 3 camps over the last few months, back in November we headed up to Yealand Conyers to stay at the Old School House up there. A stroll from Arnside Knott back to where we were staying along with a visit to Salt Ayre Swimming Pool were the main activities of the week-end.

The Patrol Leaders also got away on their own camp at the end of the year at Waddecar, this was a bit of a chilled weekend for them to relax, plan the next terms programme and learn some new skills for them to pass on to their patrols in the future.

More recently we headed up to Great Tower near Windermere for the Annual Preston District Camp, a great weekend where the activities on offer are second to none including, climbing, abseiling, crate stacking, high ropes course, archery, air rifle shooting, laser tag, wide games and rope bridges to name just a few. A great weekend was had by all.

Our Tuesday evening Troop nights go from strength to strength with activities such as ice skating, visit to a golf driving range, cooking on fires, making bird feeders, climbing and a trip to Chorley hospital theatre department on offer.



Scouting... on ice!



The trip to Chorley hospital was a great experience for the Scouts where they got to perform a hip replacement operation and undertake some key hole surgery. This was a great night that counted towards their community challenge award.

Here's to the great adventure that we're involved in!

Steve Williams
Scout Leader