



4TH FULWOOD NEWSLETTER Spring Term 2015



Hi Everyone,

Well 2015 is well upon us and the Group has not stopped participating in activities all winter.

I was very pleased to try a new activity which was a Linking camp. This was designed to bring together the youngest Scouts with the oldest Cub Scouts. It was a chance for them to integrate and the result was to find that the Cubs Scouts moving up to Scouts already knew some of the Scouts. We did have a good time at Silverhelme giving them all a fun time and in the words of Declan Girvan, "I

really liked my time at linking camp, it was really fun with both Cubs and Scouts. We played lots of fun games and activities like fire making and 'capture the flag'. When these were all finished the leaders served us with nice food and drink as well! In my first two weeks with Scouts I've been drumming and played laser tag as well."

Sam Horton also enjoyed himself and said, "I really enjoyed the oldest/youngest camp because there was lots of fun activities and I made friends with quite a few of the Scouts. The food was really well cooked and delicious. If offered the chance I would definitely go again, a fun time all round".

We hope that this will be the first of many linking activities between the sections that we hold. All the sections have given out dates for this year's nights away and camps which are the occasions when all the young people have a chance to enjoy Scouting and the challenges being away from home brings. In addition to these dates of course, we also have two group camps arranged. The first is arranged by Preston District and the whole district will be camping from Beaver Scouts upwards, this is on the weekend of 1st – 3rd May. Following on shortly from this is our own Family Camp where parents and children camp together and participate in a Scouting weekend. Letters have gone out for both of these camps, so please return the forms if you are interested.

We hope to continue with helping at Highgate Wood and we will let you know when the next group activity takes place. It would be great to see a large presence from the Group and we can see how the plants are growing that we carefully planted last year.

Hopefully I will see a lot of you on Family camp, but don't hesitate in stopping and talking with me on Monday or Tuesday evenings when I am down at the church .

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Check Mates!
Cubs prepare for the district chess tournament.

BEAVERS



Clearly they'd all been good boys & girls as Santa gave them each a present!

Well, our Beaver Scouts just don't stop!! Over the past few months we have been out and about on all sorts of activities – brilliant visit to the panto, met Santa on the Ribble steam train, visited the Synagogue in Blackpool as well as having a fantastic time when the "Drumming's Cool Drumming School" came to visit. This linked in very well with the musician's badge and we're still hoping to be able to record our own cd of songs that the Beaver Scouts have learned – sure to be a best seller!!

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, just after Christmas we said good-bye to Jean Reid, aka Malak. Our thanks go to her for all her efforts and assistance over the nine years she spent with the colony.

Congratulations to Ella and Gina on being presented with their Chief Scout Bronze awards before we also had to say good-bye to them and four others as they "swam up" to Cub Scouts just before half term. Their places have soon be filled with some new recruits so we continue to go from strength to strength.



There are more exciting adventures planned with a colony sleepover, district craft activity and county outdoor activity events to look forward to as well as district camp, county beaver scout camp out, group family camp and international funday events booked in the cal-

endar. These all link in with the refreshed programme and badges rolling out nationally, opening up more challenging and adventurous opportunities for our fun loving young people to take part in.

Fiona Jackson
Beaver Scout Leader



We have been Pioneering too... how far can you fire your missile???

As usual the cubs have been busy busy, with our fun packed programme since we returned after Christmas. It's amazing just how much Talent our cubs have got! As part of their entertainers badge they all had to do a little something, we had a fantastic night...Gerry and his MC HAMMER DANCE, jokes, slapstick comedy, gymnastics, they were all amazing.

Some of the older cubs joined the Scouts on a linking camp at Silver Helm in January, activities such as backwoods cooking, pancakes, popcorn and chocolate cake in oranges...were just a few

things they made on the fires, after collecting lots of fire wood from around the woods. They loved playing the wide games in the dark, and they all made a souvenir woggle to take home...

We had a fab time, leaders included..... P.S. The Chip butties were excellent.....

Karen Smalley
Akela

Church Parades

dates for your diary

8th March
26th April – St George's Day Parade
(Full turnout required)
10th May
14th June
12th July

21st March – Highgate Wood

As part of a new initiative called Community Clear Up Day, we would like as many of our young people and families to go down to Highgate Wood and be part of a huge National Spring Clean.

If everyone could give up an hour or so in the park and local area, it would make a big difference.

Do bring gloves, but there will be some litter picking tools and bags for us down there. Meet at Foregate at 10am.

SCOUTS

Our last meeting before Christmas the Scouts went ice skating. A very enjoyable evening but no threat to the Winter Olympic squad!! Since Christmas the Scouts have been extremely busy with five Scouts achieving their Chief Scouts Gold award. So congratulations to Elliot Whitbread, Andy Gawne, Jacob Wiggans, Harry Lewis and Tom Bryson-Edwards.



The delayed Christmas quiz took place on our first meeting back with a worrying display of knowledge of all things useless.

The Scouts created their own code of conduct which all Scouts and Leaders have signed. This is an important document as it reinforces the respect that we should be giving one another either on a normal Tuesday meeting or an activity organised by others.

Some other activities that we have engaged in this half term have been a night hike during the recent cold snap, mini pioneering, whereby the Scouts had to light a candle from distance. Thankfully all groups managed to do it.

We have also had a drumming night which, although loud, did show those with rhythm and those without!

Our final outing was Laser Quest, whereby it was made clear, if I didn't know already, how the Scouts have welcomed me to the Troop by proceeding to shoot me, a lot, even by my own team.

As I write this some of the Troop will be getting ready for District Winter Camp at Great Tower. This promises to be a fantastic camp for all with plenty of excellent activities for the Scouts.

Dave Horton
(Assistant Scout leader)

Exec Committee

Well the Group is well and truly in full flow again after the Christmas break. The Exec committee are also back in action. We have approved the purchase of several items of equipment so our Leaders have all the right gear in time for the spring and summer activities. This also means we will have new equipment for the bi-annual family camp that is to once again take place in June.

We have several other family activities in the pipeline for you to look out for. The first of these is our annual Beetle Drive, taking place on 20th April. We are spicing it up this year by introducing Chocolate Bingo as well. Please try and come and bring all the family. It's always a fun night. We are also looking to organise a family Barn Dance latter in the year with a live Ceilidh band. This promises to be a great night so more details will follow in due course.

As always, new members to the Exec committee are always welcome. If you have got any time to give to helping the Group it would be most appreciated. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with either Lesley or me.

Ian Gaskell (Chairman)