



Newsletter

Summer Term 2012



Fulwood Kubs Are Crazy About Kayaking

At 4th Fulwood Cubs we do lots of fun things.

This week we went Kayaking at Brockholes Nature Reserve. There were around five or six kayaks and I was in a 2-man kayak with my friend Josh. First we paddled around the lake to get the hang of it and then we had a race. Josh and I made sure we paddled together, kept a straight course and won the race!



Little Ethan fell out of his kayak and had a swim! He was ok and was laughing when he climbed back into his boat. Even though it was a bit cold, I didn't want to get out of my kayak at the end because it was so much fun.

Billy Stonecliffe (Cub)

Message from the Group Scout Leader

Hi Everyone,

Summer is here – although many of us aren't experiencing it yet!

Our big event of the year was the Guild Group Camp which took place in May. We had Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts camping in a field at Waddecar. It was the first time that our Colony had been camping with us and I think they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Activities varied from Sumo wrestling, to brick-laying, and from go-carting to watersliding. They ranged from archery to air rifle shooting and cooking on fires to camp fire singing! There was so much for everyone to do, I am sure that everyone arrived home as exhausted as me! No-one would have gone hungry either as we had loads of food cooked at our site and a huge BBQ on the Saturday night that all 900 people on camp attended. The market place where we ran a cake stall was impressively successful and brought out the entrepreneurial skills of both leaders and children.

Before the camp, in April, the whole group gathered for St George's Parade in Preston. We had a great turnout, as did the District as a whole. Thank you for allowing your children to attend as this is our big opportunity each year to show the city what a fantastic organisation we belong to. This is the time that we can wear our correct and smart uniform with pride, so thanks to all of you who looked so smart. Thanks go to our flag bearers who did a great job and also to the 4 young people who were on the stage and spoke to everyone during the parade service. They were Emma Hurst, Hannah Bosman, Thomas Harrison and Edward Millsop – Very good job you all did too!

On a serious note, as requested previously, you must not drop children outside the hall until you have confirmed that there are leaders for the section inside to run the meeting. At any time, sections go out for the evening and it cannot be the responsibility of anyone other than parents/guardians to ensure your children are in safe care.

I am looking forward to our AGM which the Executive Committee are organising and hope as many of you can attend. More details to follow so see you there!

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Fun and Friends! This is a big theme for us in the Beaver Scout section and last term saw us doing the Friendship Challenge learning more about our community and those that work within it such as the police and fire service officers. We spent some time learning basic first aid, how to “say” our names using sign language and did some weird experiments. A District trip to Eureka! in Halifax was enjoyed by all those that went and the joint sleepover with 1st Catforth linking in with the County’s “Project Peru” was an exciting, though maybe not very restful, adventure.

Commenting on recent events, Haydn said “It was brilliant being able to pedal the skeleton at Eureka! and I also enjoyed playing Paddington Bear’s game to race to the marmalade sandwiches on the sleepover and making guinea pigs. For anyone who doesn’t know anything about Beaver Scouts it’s where we play fun games, go on cool trips and make different crafty things – you should come!!”

The summer term will see us undertaking the Fitness Challenge, learning about our bodies, finding ways to stay fit and trying new mini adventures along the way too. One such mini adventure was to explore woods local to church for which we were joined by a member of the local natural history society giving us lots of information about the plants and wildlife we rarely notice on our doorstep.

Fiona Jackson (Badger)



Beaver Scouts on a local woodland walk



Yet another busy few months have passed.

February saw our first camp of this year at Silver Helme – Silverdale. We had lots of fun, making catapults, tracking and a wonderful hike through the beautiful Silverdale.



The Cubs entered a team in the Preston District pack of the Year Competition where they came 1st (Thomas Harrison), 3rd (Edward Millsop) and 6th (Iain Simpson) then went on to represent us in the County Competition where they came a very respectable joint 4th place overall ...” well done You guys !”

Early May saw the Group go on the Guild Camp... what can I say, a fantastic weekend was had by all; the sun shone as I had ordered and the kids had a whale of a time trying new activities such as Brick Laying, Quidditch and Custard Pie throwing...yummmmm.



3 Silver Awards were presented to Harry Lewis, Robbie Parker & Ethan Smalley whilst on camp and a further 2 yet to be presented to Lewis Beckley & Thomas Bryson-Edwards... Congratulations to you all for achieving this award- all your hard work throughout your time in cubs has paid off.

3 more children have moved on from cubs, Lewis Beckley, Robbie Parker and Ryan Duckworth; and 2 have moved up from beavers with an additional cub joining us from another pack.

This month the Cubs will enjoyed a Paddle on Brockholes Nature Reserve and some cubs will be attending the County Camp at Waddecar mid June; along with many other sporting events in June and July... well it is the Olympics this year!!!

Can't wait to see what the next few months hold for us all.....

Karen Smalley (Akela)

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th July 10:30am - Church Parade

Wednesday 8th August - Church Guild afternoon, activities for all ages

Monday 3rd September, Afternoon - Churches Procession. (Meeting time to be confirmed.)

Sunday 14th October 10.30am Harvest - Parade Service

Sunday 11th November 10.30am Remembrance - Parade Service

Sunday 9th December 10.30am Toy/Gift - Parade Service



We've been doing our best at keeping busy this term and with far too much to mention in such a small space in this newsletter I'll see if I can pick out some of the best bits! We kicked the term off with a campfire night up at Waddecar where we spent most of the evening burning sausages on sticks before coating them in ketchup and pretending that they tasted delicious!! Closely following this we headed up to Beacon Fell to capture our very own mad scientist (Alex to me and you) in a bizarre but fun wide game where we had to capture him at any cost to retrieve the vital antidote. Alex is still recovering from this ordeal but we're expecting a full recovery shortly!! We have also recently been climbing at West View Leisure centre, bowling at Lakeside, had a ready steady cook night and took part in the District first aid competition.

In May we held a Greek Night in order for the Scouts to gain their Global Challenge Award. The highlight of the night was talking to a Troop of Scouts over in Corfu via video link, where they asked some questions, sang some songs for us and showed us some of the games they play. Of course we returned the favour by showing them some of our games and singing a campfire song. Following this we cooked some Greek food and played the games they had demonstrated to us. Believe it or not they would like to talk to us again and maybe meet up sometime!!!

I'd just like to say thank you to all those Scouts who turned up to the St Georges Day Parade at the Guild Hall. We had a great turnout of Scouts that contributed to such an important event in the Scouting calendar. Also a great BIG thank you to Callum Brocklehurst for carrying the Scout flag in the parade, a very important job well done! After the parade we headed off to Sandcastle Waterpark in Blackpool for a fun filled afternoon.

Camping wise we have been on 3 camps so far this year with many more to come. Back in February we attended the Preston District Winter Camp at Great Tower, we're regular attendees at this one as it's a great chance to take part in a diverse range of activities. At the start of May we joined the rest of the Group and the District in the Preston Guild Camp at Waddecar. This was an absolutely brilliant camp that everyone seemed to really enjoy; it's a shame that the next one is in 20 years time. Although for those that hadn't quite had enough of camping we then headed to County Rally the following weekend to do it all again!! All 3 camps have been very enjoyable and we're planning 2 more this term before the summer.

With the summer now upon us, it's time to step it up another notch and keep the activities coming!!

Steve Williams (Scout Leader)

Executive Committee

It is hard to believe that its nearly 12 months since we all joined forces under canvas at the 2011 family camp. Where has the year gone? There has certainly been a lot of activity within the Scout Group. I hope these newsletters are giving you an insight into the fantastic agenda our dedicated leaders are putting on for the young people of 4th Fulwood. We are very lucky to have such a committed team.

A big thank you must also go out to everyone who attended our Hybrid Flower Money's evening. For those of you who weren't there, you missed a fantastic evening. We raised over £400 for Group funds and thoroughly enjoyed doing so. The band provided a wonderful range of music that got everyone, young and old, on the dance floor.

Our next key event for family and friends of the group will be the Guild procession. The group will be taking part in the churches procession on 3rd September along with the other uniformed groups associated with Fulwood Methodist Church. The theme is 'the way, the truth and the life'. The uniformed groups will be representing 'the way'. Please come and support the children and cheer them along the route.

Finally, we are always looking for new people to join the Executive Committee. If you have any time to give and feel you could contribute please get in touch. It is not an onerous commitment but every little bit helps.

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