



Newsletter

Summer Term 2013



Hi everyone,

First of all...What a Fantastic Turnout on a pretty poor day for the St George's Day parade in town. Everyone really did us proud and luckily the little bit of liquid sunshine didn't stop us walking happily in the parade. What a good service too! We had our Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts up on the stage singing really well and we also had Katie Gaskell carrying the St George's Flag. Thank you to all of you who did an extra little bit at the parade, carrying flags or even doing the collection, I just hope that those of you who went to the Sandcastle afterwards had a great time!



Fulwood Beaver Scouts set sail for fun and adventure!

We are in the midst of planning our big Family Camp and we have over 70 people signed up for that. If you hadn't heard, the theme for the camp is all to do with a certain well known Wizard who has an enemy known as 'He Who Shall Not be Named'. Get your costumes out for a wizarding weekend! More information is being sent out by leaders in the near future, so please pay any balances due.

I am looking forward to hearing reports from all the sections as they are going on camps and sleepovers in the next few months – Good Luck to the Scouts and Leaders heading off to Guernsey, I am sure it will be an excellent trip.

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Congratulations Peter!

Peter Newton has been a leader with us for nearly 22 years and this year he was presented with an Award for Merit by our District Commissioner.

Peter works tirelessly with the Cub Pack as well as helping sorting out our stores and also on a working party up at Waddecar (our local Scout campsite). He has also held District positions – There is just no stopping him!



Having gone “batty” last term, more recently we’ve been out and about adventuring. This included den building at Brockholes, a variety of activities on the County adventure day (archery, backwoods cooking, gyro-karting and many more) followed by our joint sleepover with 1st Goosnargh Beaver Scouts as well as global trekking at Great Tower doing all sorts of international activities.

Our Beaver Scouts weren’t fortunate enough to see our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, although some of our leaders were certainly in the right place at the right time on the day!

The Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts also did a fantastic job of singing their hearts out leading the proceedings at St. George’s Day parade – no mean feat in front of a packed Guild Hall. Also to be commended are the Beaver Scouts who achieve the Chief Scout Bronze Award – we’ve had twelve presented so far this year so, “Well Done” to Anna, Archie, Gerry, Mac, Daniel Monk, Luke, Etienne, Louie, Dan Bell, Haydn, Leon and Sam Chilman.



The best den ever!

Whilst working towards the Outdoor Challenge this term we have also been learning a little about maps and put it in to practice with a Star Wars themed orienteering course around Moor Park.

After half term we’ll be pitching tents, trying our hands at knots and mini-pioneering, visiting Blackpool Zoo and then climbing at West View. In amongst all that we’re also joining in with Group Family Camp at the beginning of July.

With a number of our members “swimming up” to Cub Scouts recently, we now have some places available for new members to join our adventures. Please feel free to get in touch with Fiona or Lesley if you know of any interested young people.

Fiona Jackson
Badger



Well, fantastic news! The cubs won the district chess trophy for the second year running .

Well done to Thomas Harrison (1st Place), Josh Dixon (2nd Place), Edward Millsop (4th Place), Ben Gaskill, Shivum Solanki and Andrew Wallace.

The Pack has been doing many varied activities from building their own campsite to making kites, Easter cakes and cards.



Check Mates — The winning team

They also took part in the Pack of the Year competition, which was held at Broughton Scout Hut.

Chief Scout Silver Awards have been given to five children completing all six challenge awards during their time in cubs. Congratulations go to Thomas Harrison, Ben Gaskill, Edward Millsop, Jude Atwal-Weir and Billy Stonecliffe for achieving this prestigious award.

GT at Great Tower was a fantastic day for all despite the dreadful weather; some even caught a glimpse of Bear Grylls...

We are visiting Frankie and Benny's Italian restaurant early June, where the children will be making their own Pizzas and fruity cocktails, as well as learning food hygiene and basic food safety... yummmmm cant wait for that one, smell those pizzas already !!

Late June, we are off again for the Commissionaires Challenge Camp at Waddecarr with lots of activities. Let's hope the weather is kind. We will be camping as a district and running water-themed bases.... so we will definitely be getting wet at some point during the weekend.

Karen Smalley
Akela



As we stood there in the pouring rain, soaking wet and with the mud overflowing into our boots, Bear Grylls (the UK Chief

Scout) addressed us as well as over 1000 Scouts and Leaders from West Lancs with a short speech that included the message "Anyone can camp but it takes a person with a very special skill set to camp in such conditions". This line really hit home to me and got me thinking that either we were mad to camp in such conditions or that a Scout is one of the only people who can camp in relentless rain, get covered in mud and still have a smile on their face at the end of the weekend. Or maybe it's a bit of both!

The event I speak of above was the annual County Rally Scout camp, where Scouts from all over West Lancs camped together to have a weekend of activities, team events, a little mud and a whole lot of fun.

The Scout Troop generally has been going from strength to strength and now has increased in size dramatically with 28 Scouts, 1 Young Leader and 5 Leaders regularly taking part in a wide variety of Scouting activities.

There's loads more to come this term including a Troop Camp, Ghyll Scrambling, Raft Building, Wide Games, an incident hike and a bit of climbing. As well as this, to finish the year off, we're heading to Guernsey for 10 days with the district for what should be an amazing summer camp for everyone involved!

Here's to a great term of Scouting!

Steve Williams
Scout Leader



Executive Committee

It is always good to see the 4th Fulwood receive a little public recognition. This was achieved with great effect when the Group took a leading role in the St Georges Day parade at the end of April. Not only did we have the great honour of one of our Scouts leading the parade carrying the St Georges flag but our Beavers and cubs performed beautifully on stage in front of a packed Guild Hall. Well done to all involved.

Our 70th anniversary celebrations are now well under way. The children's party was a great success on 20th April, many thanks to Gill McGill, Zoe Bidula and Lindsie Wallace for getting involved in that, as well as to Steve for the disco and all the other leaders who turned up to lend a hand. Our thanksgiving Church parade is set to take place on 9th June. As part of this service we will be laying up the old Venture Scout flag. This flag has not been carried since the Scout Association replaced Venture Scouts with Explorer Scouts in 2002. The flag has now been found a permanent home in the Church. Hopefully we will be able to persuade one of our old Venture Scouts to carry it on its final parade.

Finally can I remind you all about our formal ball to be held on 19th October 2013 at Preston Grasshoppers rugby Club. Tickets for this event are now on sale with a cost of just £22.50 per head. It promises to be a great event so please get your ticket orders in quickly. Tables are going to be arranged to seat ten so if you want to bring some friends please do.

(For tickets – email: ian.gaskell@gconnect.com).

Ian Gaskell
Executive Chairman

Second Hand Uniform/Kit Sale

It is intended that a second-hand uniform/kit sale will be held. Could you please therefore check at home in cupboards and drawers and find any uniform or camping gear which your Beaver/Cub/Scout may have grown out of or no longer has use of. Please ensure that the clothing is clean and hand it into a section leader. Walking/hiking boots will also be welcomed!

When we have enough uniform and kit donated we will then hold a sale on a Beaver/Cub/Scout meeting night. Any money raised will then be put back into YOUR scout group, so please help with this project.

Dates for your Diary

Well fancy that!

Sunday 9th June	Church Parade
5/6/7th July	Family camp
Sunday 14th July	Church Parade
Saturday 19th October	Group Ball

Scouting is the only organisation to operate in all but six of the world's 216 countries and territories.

To enquire about joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please contact Lesley Thomas (Group Scout Leader) on 01772 727877 or email lesleythomas01@hotmail.co.uk