

1st Cropwell Bishop Scout Group



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Dear Parents,

MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Watch out – the Gaffer’s about! Around 40 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts attended the recent St George’s day parade to the Nottingham Forest City Ground and marched to the bands of the Royal Engineers and the Nottinghamshire Police Pipe Band amongst others. The parade was at least ½ mile long and around 4000 attended. It was an impressive sight and we were especially pleased to be led by the Gaffer on his new Harley Davidson ‘Gaffermobile’. His screaming eagle exhausts could be heard all over West Bridgford and the District Commissioner was most upset when he started playing chicken with the Police Pipe Band.



District Camp Activity Day.

On Sunday 2nd May 40 young people accompanied by the leaders attended District Camp Activity Day at Hollygate Campsite, Cotgrave. The Day promised to be cold and wet but the mood was anything but with a range of activities which kept everybody, including Skip, busy, it is rumoured that he was seen jousting on a pushbike just after lunch. The climbing wall proved very popular as did the amazing array of inflatables, especially with the Beavers. At just £6 for the whole day it is certainly an event not to be missed next year!



Ethan made it to the top...



...but Mole didn't!

A very good time was had by all, glasses were decorated, woggles made and friendships renewed. In fact the Gaffer met his old Scout Leader still running activities aged 74 so as you see old Scouts never die - they join the SAS! (Scout Active Support)

Parental Support

Please ask the Gaffer for a CRB form if you have not done so already. We have a family camp coming up in August which will only be available to those adults who have their paperwork in place. Please try to get your forms in before the end of June before the rules change!

Executive Committee

We are delighted to announce that our Executive Committee will shortly be getting a new Chairman – Professor Roy Morledge, who until recently was the Acting Dean for one of the Schools at Nottingham Trent University. Roy will take over at our Group Scout Counsel (AGM) which will be held at a date to be confirmed in June. Our thanks also go to Dave McGeachie who will take up the post as Group Treasurer at the AGM. If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee, please speak to the Gaffer. We will shortly be having a push to establish a Fund Raising Committee, so please consider whether you might be able to help (or what about grandparents?)

Equipment

We have recently purchased an almost new military field kitchen, which packs away into its own Sankey trailer, and also a military cook tent. This is a fabulous facility for the group, complete with ovens, burners, a full range of pans and utensils. It is capable of feeding 140 soldiers in the field, so it is more than adequate for our purposes. Not only are we now able to cater for our members, but we can also sell food at village fetes, etc!

We are also slowly being gifted equipment from other groups and we now have several



troop tents for example. We still have some major items to purchase, including 3 extensions to the cook tent (to effectively make a small marquee), trestle tables and benches, 3 Bullfinch gas lanterns and pipe as well as sundry items such as washing up bowls, etc. We have some grant funding coming in from local

counsellors and the Rotary Club which is helping in this regard, although there is still work to do to get ready for camping.

Abi cooks sausages for the Scouts on our new Field Kitchen

Uniform

Can I please remind all parents that our uniform policy is navy activity trousers and black school shoes or black trainers, as specified in our Information Packs.

Explorer Scouts

From September, we will be running an Explorer Scout section in conjunction with the 1st Kinoulton Scout Group to cater for teenagers from 15yrs to 18yrs of age. Please speak to the Gaffer for more details.

Website

We now have a website www.cropwellscouts.com which we are starting to populate with information. This will be our principle source of information for parents in due course and we would ask you to please check it for news and details of events.

FUTURE GROUP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parade Service - Sunday 27th June

There will be a parade service at St Giles Parish Church at 11.00am.

Cropwell Village Celebration Weekend - Sunday 4th July

We have been invited to participate in the Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from the church tower from 12 noon and we are hoping to bring our new field kitchen into action nearby.

County Activity Day - Holme Pierrepont 17th July

This promises to be *the number 1* event for 2010, with non-stop activities from 10.00am to 6.00pm including sailing, canoeing, kayaking, power boating, raft racing, climbing walls, tunnelling, inflatable zones, crystal maze, dance workshop, water ski simulator, bouncy castles, water rockets, BMXing, mountain biking, etc ,etc. The cost is £10 per head and we will circulate further details shortly.



First Camp - Friday 23rd July to Sunday 25th July

We will be running a small camp at the Sherbrooke Scout Campsite near Calverton which will be a useful opportunity to test our equipment and procedures as a rehearsal for our main camp in August. The Scouts will be camping for 2 nights (Friday and Saturday) and the Cubs over the Saturday night. Further details to follow in due course. Check out the Sherbrooke Campsite at <http://www.sherbrookescoutcampsite.co.uk/>

Group Camp - Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd August

We've booked a really nice pitch at the county campsite at Walesby (near Ollerton) where there will be a solid weekend of adventurous activities for the Cubs and Scouts. The Beavers will also be joining us on the Sunday. For those who have not been before, check out <http://www.walesbyforest.org.uk/>.

Parents and siblings are welcome to camp with us as long as the appropriate CRB checks are in place. You'll need to use your own tents and be prepared to get your sleeves rolled up with the cooking rota.

Further details will follow in due course but, for now, simply mark it on your family calendar please.

That'll do for now, but please don't hesitate to phone me if you have any queries.

Yours in Scouting,

Akela.