

114TH TRENTHAM
SCOUT GROUP

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THE CUB TEAM

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Simon Marsh

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Viggars

Colin Brown

Steve Dono

Lynda Cart-
wright

Steve Cope

Group News

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Group Expansion

As mentioned in the September Issue of 'Group News'. This January sees our scout group getting bigger, We are starting a second beaver colony and a second Cub Pack. Beavers will meet on a Friday from 6pm to 7.15pm and the Cub Pack will meet from 7pm to 8.30pm on a Thursday, We are expecting 16 beavers to join the group and 13 cubs, this will remove our waiting lists completely.

SO HOW WILL IT WORK?

The current sections will become known as 'Gold Colony' 'Gold Pack' and eventually 'Gold Troop' the new sections will be known as 'Red Colony' and 'Red Pack' The reason for this is many years ago in Trentham we had a number of packs and troops which were known by the colours, Gold, Red, Green

and white. We still have a number of the flags from those days so we are continuing the history. Both beavers and cubs will



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run the same program so children will be doing the same activities working to the same badges across both nights, this

we believe will help with integration of the two packs and colonies. I am pleased to say that we have two new leaders heading up our Red Pack, Lynda and Steve, and we currently have two adults working with Red Colony, Steve Dono will continue with Cubs but will support and lead the new colony supported by Phil and Fiona, that said we really need additional help, so the plea goes out to anyone who may be interested in supporting to get in touch.

This is a really exciting time for the group, one that comes with a slight amount of trepidation too. This is a huge step and we need all the support we can get to ensure a successful implementation.

We are also looking for someone to help the group as a membership secretary keeping all the records up to date, is that you?

Diary Dates for 2012

Some dates for your diary in 2012.

Thursday 12 January - New Cub Pack Starts

Friday 13 January— New Beaver Colony Starts.

Thursday 26 January at 8pm to be confirmed—Group Executive

Meeting—All Welcome!

Saturday 28 April, - Group Open Day, and Official Opening of our Garden Project and AGM.

Friday 18 May to Sunday 20 May, 6th Annual Group Camp at Kibblestone.

Sunday 11 November— Remembrance Parade.

Friday 14 December—Group Carol Concert

Please see further communications from each section for more dates.

A Review of the Autumn Term



Remembrance Parade at Trentham Church

The past term has been an eventful one for all sections.

The Beavers have taken part in making Bird Feeders, pasta, healthy sandwiches and fruit salad, they have also had the opportunity to take part in two hikes, one at Trentham Park and the other a winter hike along the canal. The Beavers have also listened to stories about World War I and made poppies. Wrapping up the term by singing carols at the Guardian Care Home. In Cubs they have worked

towards a number of badges including the fitness challenge achieved though some circuit training and a session at Trentham Rugby Club. The final sections of the Community Challenge were also achieved by learning some first aid and visits to Hanford Church and Hanley Fire Station where the clubs got to watch a drill at during a the training session and each tried out the hose.

In Scouts we have seen, a camp at Barnswood, the making of Hot Air Balloons and

Catapults. They learnt about Armistice day and Grace ran a night on black history.

As a group we have had 3 joint activities, the first being a firework night at the Scout House, closely followed by our first Remembrance Parade for a number of years at Trentham Church. Then our term and year concluded with a fantastic Carol Concert once again with our friends at Trentham Church.

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Meet The Cub Team

So who runs our Cub Pack?

Our Wednesday night Cub (Gold)Pack, is headed up by Akela , otherwise known as Phil Marks, Phil is a stalwart of our group, he has been a leader for over 10 years and before that was a member of our group as a Cub, Scout and Venture Scout. Simon Marsh aka Rama, has been with group for over 6 years as Assistant Leader, John Ryan-

Viggers who is known by the cubs as Kaa has been with our group for 3 years but also has a background in scouting as a young person. The tem also has Baloo, Steve Dono, who's been with us for a couple of years but also has experience as a scout. With the group. Finally Colin, whose Cub name is Bagheera has been with the group for almost two years but has over 15 previ-

ous years experience in other groups elsewhere in the country. So there is almost 37 years of leader experience in our Cub Pack which is really invaluable, not only for Gold Pack, but for the support of Red Pack too. This knowledge also helps the wider group and district .

Next Issue we will focus on Leaders from the Scout Troop.

Lawrence Fleet Explorer Unit!



Trentham Scout Group are teaming up with the Lawrence Fleet Explorer Scout Unit. Explorers is for 14-18 year olds.

Lawrence Fleet have recently moved from their headquarters

with the 89th Sea Scouts in Penkhull into the former Hanford Scout Headquarters. Although Lawrence Fleet are predominately linked with our colleagues in Sea Scouts, they also take part in the usual Scouting Activities, Four of our scouts are now moving to Lawrence Fleet and a further 3 are expected to join in the

summer, once they reach the upper age limit for scouts. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to remain in scouting, and what's more its on the doorstep too. We hope to continue to build links with the 89th Sea Scouts and hold joint camps with them from time to time.

What can you look forward to this term?



There are many activities planned for this term, the Beavers will have the opportunity of model making, hopefully have a visit from the Police as part of the road safety training, the beavers can have

**Beavers
Eating
Healthy
last term**

ago at making Pancakes and will have their very own pancake races. They will learn some basic knots and how to make a healthy picnic as well as learning how to pack a rucksack. Cubs will work towards the Creative Challenge Badge Though a presentation, building a raft and some creative thinking. In addition the cubs will also learn about Road Safety, this will go towards the Road

Safety Badge. There will be a hobbies night and a sleepover too. Meanwhile over in Scouts, there will be a Fitness Night, a night spent cooking, the scouts will learn some DIY safety toward the DIY badge and will also look at some Emergency Aid Training. The Scouts will also have the chance for a sleepover just after half term.

Parents should note that both Beaver Colonies and both Cub Packs will follow the same program. Children therefore will be working towards the same badges and doing the same activities.

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Re-investment into the Group

During 2011 the Group have increased the revenue received this year, with gift aid being a large source of income. Throughout the year we have been checking all the records for the Children to ensure where possible that everyone has signed up to Gift Aid. This can give us up to 25% back from the Inland Revenue from the subscriptions you pay. Our Covenant Secretary Iwan Stec has worked

hard in producing the claims. We were able to go back 3 years for those who had not previously completed a gift aid form. This fantastic work resulted in a cheque for just over £4600.

We are now looking to re-invest a substantial amount of money into the group to sustain our long term future and further improve our facilities and equipment. The Leaders recently discussed options for

the re-investment and we are soon to discuss the ideas at the Executive Meeting. This will take place towards the end of January when we plan to agree and implement the ideas. This is an extremely good position for the group to be in and we will inform you of the decisions in due course. The group want to ensure we get the best value for money from this windfall

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Chief Scout Awards

Congratulations to the following children who in 2011 have achieved the Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest award in Beavers; Thomas Grindey, Bradley Cartwright, Jackson Owen, Thomas Onions, Thomas Attwell and Christian Bartram.

Further congratulations to those children who have achieved the Chief Scouts Silver Award, the

highest award in Cubs; Jack Bromfield, Tom Bromfield, Toby Sanders, Rhys Vaughan, Joshua Roberts, Harry Chidlow, Glen Parrish, John Parrish, Adam Cordon and Callum Martin.

The following congratulations goes to those Scouts who have achieved the highest award in Scouts during 2011, the Chief Scouts Gold Award, they are,

Joshua Wood, Matthew Attwell, Harry Julian, Kieran Martin and Oliver Kesic.

Well Done to them all and congratulations and thank you to all the leaders for making that happen.



**Chief Scouts Gold
Award**



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Be Prepared

Don't forget, the Scout House is available for hire. Why not have your Children's Birthday party here, Competitive rates only £10 per hour (minimum hire 3 hours).

Full use of the building and the grounds. For more information and booking form visit our Website.



See What our Former Scouts Get Up to!

Dan, one of our former Scouts tells us about his first solo experience gliding!

Turning sixteen in December, I couldn't wait to go solo but I had to wait until New Years day.

My first check flight had gone well, but the rain had arrived to put a downer on things. Thankfully, the shower was short-lived and I was able to carry on with my second check flight. Arriving back at the Launch point, I was asked if I wanted to take it up myself. After putting my parachute on and mentally preparing myself, I had to wait ten minutes. These were some of the most nerve-racking moments of my life.

I had been eager to go solo, but as the moment arrived a sense of trepidation replaced the eagerness, and

suddenly I wasn't so keen.

I got in the cockpit and went through my pre-flight checks and the cable was hooked on. The wings levelled and I waited. It can only have been a few seconds, it felt like an eternity. This was my last chance to abort. had done it loads of times before, the only difference being the



Dan in his glider

lack of a 'safety net'.

I was on my way. Within seconds I was airborne and all the fears vanished, I didn't know what I had been worrying about.

I came off the winch at around 1200 feet, being so used to flying with two, it was odd flying with only one. After quickly adapting to this change, I relaxed and enjoyed my first solo circuit.

As I did my final turn I had plenty of height to make it to the airfield, I felt a sense of satisfaction wash over me. I brought the glider down and came to a halt. I had done it! I'd reached the first milestone in my flying career.

Dan Woolliscroft