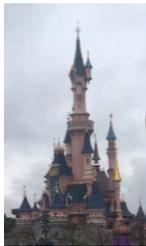


**Group Newsletter – November 2015**

**WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?**

It's been another exciting month since our last newsletter and once again, our members have managed to pack a lot of new adventures and achievements in. We love to see and share your photos of our events and activities, so please do pass them on either by email or on social media.

Half term saw members of the Cub Pack join with 1<sup>st</sup> Highfield Cubs on an International Experience in France. During their four day adventure, the Cubs travelled to France on the Eurotunnel, managed to climb the Eiffel Tower, go for a boat ride along the Seine and saw all the sights of Paris on a coach tour of the city. However, the highlight of the trip was a day at Disneyland Paris and the Cubs had a fantastic time on the rides and watching the parades. Thank you to Charlotte from 1<sup>st</sup> Highfield for organising a fantastic visit and inviting us.



The Group organised its first Bonfire Night Celebration on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November and we had a fantastic turn out despite forecasts of heavy rain. Activities included edible bonfires, fireworks crafts, sparklers and apple bobbing (which seemed very popular judging by the number of children running around with wet faces and hair). We will be repeating the event next year and, following a number of requests, we will be introducing a Bar-Be-Que and more outdoor activities next year!



Thank you to everyone who braved the bad weather to represent the Scout Group at Brimington's Remembrance Parade on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. A brilliant turn out from all 3 Sections and I have received positive reports from Skip (who led the Group on my behalf this year) and thanks from the Parish Council. Some of our youngsters also chose to wear their uniforms to school on 11<sup>th</sup> November – a brave decision particularly for those in secondary school.



Friday nights have also been busy with Beavers taking part in a Night Walk at Tapton and Lego Animations, Cubs learning First Aid and Scouts cooking a meal on a £5 budget.

There are plenty more activities and adventures planned between now and Christmas, details of these can be found in this newsletter.

# **GROUP NEWS**

## **Subs**



A polite reminder that subs (£24) were due on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**, if you have not already done so, please make arrangements to pay these as soon as possible.

The Scout Association does not wish to exclude anybody due to financial concerns. Please speak to a leader or member of the Executive Committee in confidence if you are having difficulties paying your child's subs.

## **Drop Off & Collection**

A reminder that we do have a one-way system in operation during the changeovers between Beavers & Cubs and Cubs & Scouts. When collecting your Beaver or Cub, please enter the hall via the main door and leave via the fire door. This is to make the transition between the two sections much calmer and allow leaders to ensure children leave with the correct adult.

## **Recruitment**

**JOIN THE  
ADVENTURE.**

Many of you will be aware of the Scout Group's history and the hard work that has already gone into turning the Group around and creating a Group which Brimington can be proud of. Our low numbers were a particular area of concern and our Census figures in January did put the Group at risk of closing. In order to come out of danger, we knew we had to reach 12 members in each Section by January 2016 and since then, we have worked hard to recruit and retain members.

We are continuing to grow as a Group and our two recent recruitment events generated a lot of interest. I'm really pleased that, whilst there are still places in Beavers and Cubs, both these sections do now appear to be out of danger. The Scout Troop has also doubled in size since September which is a tremendous achievement, however, ideally, we need this to grow further in order to hit 12 members.

As the Sections grow, we also need more adults to support us in running activities and managing things behind the scenes. Therefore, our recruitment campaign will be continuing over December and into the new year.

We still need your help in recruiting new youngsters and adults.

- Please share our Facebook posts and tweets so they engage a wider audience
- Attend and promote our events and activities – help us be visible and seen within the community
- Talk to other parents about what your child is doing and the adventures we are offering
- Encourage people to come along and give it a go – especially on Bring a Friend & open nights

If you know a child who would like to join Scouting, or an adult interested in helping in any way, please pass on our contact details or invite them to come and speak to one of us on a Friday night.

We are also offering the Scout Mate Badge to all of our youngsters – details included with this newsletter. In order to achieve the badge, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts must bring a friend who goes on to join the Group.

## **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Market**

The Scout Group will be having a table at the Christmas Market held in the Church Hall & Methodist Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders are asked to come along in uniform to help between 11am and 2pm – even if it is only for an hour. Please let your child's section leader know if your child will be helping and what times.

We also need raffle prizes and I know a few parents have asked about donating prizes to the Group. Please hand any donations to a leader by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Group Christmas Celebration

As always, the Group will be coming together at the end of term for a celebration evening including investitures, moving on awards and presentations.

As I am sure you are all aware, Christmas is approaching and for our end of term celebration this time, we would like to invite parents, friends and family to join us for a Christmas meal.

This will be held on the Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 18:30 to 21:00 for a suggested donation of around £5 per head for the meal which will include starters, main and dessert. The meal will be prepared and served by the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and will be followed by investitures and presentations.

For more information, or to book a place, please see Baloo who can be found during all three meetings over the evenings each week.

Numbers are to be confirmed no later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately any bookings made after this date will not be accepted.

## 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Spring Bank Camp (Cubs, Scouts, YLs & Older Beavers)



Spring Bank Camp is an annual camp for Cubs, Brownies, Scouts & Guides held at Drum Hill Camp Site in Derby. The hugely popular event attracts campers from all over the country and is often fully booked within weeks of bookings opening. Therefore, we want to be ready to book our places as soon as they do open on 10<sup>th</sup> January!

As well as 3 nights camping outdoors, youngsters attending have the opportunity to take part in a huge range of activities including archery, abseiling, climbing, air rifles, go karts, inflatables, arts & crafts, water slide, zip wire and mountain biking. There is also evening entertainment each night, events competitions every day, discos and if that's not enough to sell it, there's also a tuck shop!

The cost of the camp will be £50 and include all camp fees, activities and food for the weekend. Youngsters will need to make their own way to camp on the Friday night and parents will be asked to support with loading kit on Thursday and/or unloading kit on Monday.

The camp is open to anyone aged 8 or over on 27<sup>th</sup> May – there is no limit on places for youngsters but no new names will be added after the 10<sup>th</sup> January. To book a place for your child, please send a deposit of £10 in an envelope labelled clearly with child's name and "Spring Bank Camp". **This deposit will be non-refundable after the 10<sup>th</sup> January.** Further payments of £20 each will be due in February and April.

## Group Contacts

Please find below an updated list of contacts for the Scout Group – may I remind parents that for queries about Section events or meetings, please contact your child's Section Leader in the first instance.

**Group Scout Leader:** Rach (Rachael Brown) – 07403143527 [gsl@brimingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@brimingtonscouts.org.uk)  
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**Cub Leader:** Akela (Jeanette Kent) – 07973886348 [cubs@brimingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:cubs@brimingtonscouts.org.uk)  
**Scout Leader:** Skip (Adrian Keen) – 07843128877 [scouts@brimingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts@brimingtonscouts.org.uk)

**Facebook Page:** Search for 34<sup>th</sup> Chesterfield – Brimington Scout Group

**Twitter:** @brimingtonscout



# DIARY DATES NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Beavers Bowling



The Beaver Colony will be bowling at Chesterfield Bowl on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at 5.50pm and finishing at 7pm. Further details have been sent by Hedgehog via email.



## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Cubs & Scouts Chip Walk



Cubs and Scouts will be joining together on a walk around Brimington with the aim of discovering which shop serves the best Chips in Brimington. They will all meet outside the Church Hall at 7pm and should be collected from the same place at 8.15pm. Youngsters will need warm, waterproof clothing and sensible shoes. Contact Skip for further information.



## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Scouts & YLs Nottingham



The Scout Troop and Young Leaders will be going on the train for a day out in Nottingham, to include the Galleries of Justice museum and Christmas Shopping amongst other activities.

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Beaver Carol Concert



The Beaver Colony will be joining the rest of the Beavers in Chesterfield for their District Carol Concert. Further details from Hedgehog.



## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Cub Carol Concert



The Cub Pack will be joining the rest of the Cubs in Chesterfield for their District Carol Concert. Further details from Akela.



## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Cubs & Scout Bowling



The Cub Pack and Scout Troop will be bowling at Chesterfield Bowl on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Further details from Akela & Skip.



## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Market



The Group will be having a table at the Christmas Market on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. More information in this newsletter.



## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Group Celebration



As always, we will end the term by coming together as a Group for a Celebration evening on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Further information in this newsletter.



## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Nine Lessons & Carol Service

The Scout Group has once again been invited to take part in the Nine lessons & Carols service at St Michael's Church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Beavers, Cubs & Scouts wishing to attend should do so in full uniform and meet leaders outside of the church at 5.45pm. Any youngster (or leader) wishing to read one of the lessons should speak to their Section Leader before the end of November so names can be passed to Daniel please.