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Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope this issue finds you well and you all enjoyed your holidays.

We had a busy July and August. First up was the St. George's Day Camping Competition at Thriftwood on the 10/11th July. Well done to all the Scouts who took part.

Next up was the Town Show. Thanks and well done to all who supported the District at the park.

Into August and the first week was a very different Scout camp. We only stayed a night or two in each place. Thanks to the Scouts and the parents for the help during this week. The highlight for me was the meal at the Redhouse. The boys had to wear shirt, trousers and tie and the girls skirt, blouse or dress. All were very smart and well behaved.

Bowling on Tuesday 10th August saw loads of Cubs, Scouts and leaders bowling, thanks to Emma for organising this event.

On Tuesday 17th August we were over the park, thanks to all those who attended and to Jenny (Blondie) for organising this one.

Next was Cub Camp and this year we went to Downe Scout Camp near Biggin Hill, Kent. The Cubs did climbing, abseiling, rifle shooting, archery, grass sledding, pedal go karts and swimming. This was the first time some of the Cubs had been away so well done to them and well done to the old hands that have been camping loads of times. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and will come to camp again.

On the 31st August we held the annual BBQ at Hargreaves. Well done and thank you to all those who attended.

I think that's all from me this issue. Take care, see you soon.

AKELA



'Subs'

Please remember that subs are payable every week except for August, Christmas and for weeks you are on holiday.

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Beavers

Spooky Welly Walk Tuesday 19th October More details to follow

Cubs

Sixers Camp 11th - 12th September Hargreaves Campsite Cost £10 Sixers Only

Environmental Day Saturday 9th October More details to follow

Cub Quiz Saturday 16th October More details to follow

Scouts

PL Thingy 25th - 26th September Thriftwood

Cost £10 PL's and APL's only. See Baggy for details.

Environmental Day Saturday 9th October

More details to follow

Activity Day Sunday 10th October

Thriftwood Cost £15 Numbers strictly limited. See Baggy for details.

All Sections

District Charity Fundraising Non-uniform night Tuesday 12th October 50p

Adults Only

District Quiz Night Saturday 16th October More details to follow

Upcoming Events



Sixers Camp, PL Thingy, Beaver Sleepover in September Cub Quiz, Environmental Day, Scout Activity Day, Spooky Welly Walk in October Jungle Rally, Connect 4, Beaver Kids Kingdom, Survival Camp in November Cyclo Cross, Carol Service, Group Camp in December

Summer Camps



This years Scout camp was a refreshing change from the normal. No tent pitching or cooking on open fires. We flitted from place to place doing pretty much as we pleased throughout the day. It made for a relaxing and enjoyable week and the Scouts were excellent throughout the entire week. Trying to order a pizza at 2 in the morning was interesting and having a chat with the local law enforcement officers and their big searchlight at 1:30 in the morning was novel too (we were telling ghost stories on the field and no they had not received any complaints about us). Well behaved Scouts dressed up smartly for the meal made every ones heads turn and invited some nice comments.

Cub camp seems to fly by quicker and quicker each year. At Downe it barely seemed like we had settled in before we had to start packing up to leave for home. The Cubs stayed very busy throughout the week despite the weather and got to do a major site activity every day (whereas we normally have 2 day trips out at Pack Holiday this year we stayed on site all week). Downe is very good if you want to go up and down and get muddy. It took me about an hour to rescue a frisbee from a tree (lets not talk about the 10 sticks, ducktape, hooks, logs and other bits I got stuck in the tree in the process).

If the camps and competitions for the remainder of the year are half as fun then this will be a very good year indeed.

Fundraising

Wanted

- Soft Toys
- Bric a brac
- Unused toiletries

that we can use for a raffle or tombola to raise funds for the group.

ContactJulie Morley

Fancy a Chinese?

How about this for a fundraiser? Lets all go out for a Chinese meal and those willing to help fundraising can pay an extra £5 for group funds. Not only do you have a great night out but get to help the group out too.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions on this an other events, simply chat to leader.

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