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## OUR GROUP

Gold Colony  
Monday

Red Colony  
Friday

Gold Pack  
Wednesday

Red Pack  
Thursday

Gold Troop  
Friday

Red Troop  
Tuesday

Executive  
4 times a  
year

## Spaces for New Leaders!!

Welcome to the sixth edition of Trentham Scout Group News, we hope you find it interesting and informative.

As the Group continues to grow we are always in the need of additional adult volunteers, as a group our ambition and our plan is for 5 leaders per section. The reason for this is two fold, one reason to ensure we have sufficient cover and a good level of child/adult ratio, and the second reason is that the more adults we have involved makes planning, running activities and general workload much easier to handle.

We do have a number of areas where we would like to strengthen the leadership team, in priority order, we have Gold Pack (Wednesday Cubs), Red Colony (Friday Beavers) and Red Pack (Thursday Cubs).

Although not a critical position we do need additional leaders soon. There are two types of leadership roles we are looking for, Assistant Section Leader



and Section Assistant, volunteers can give as little or as much time as they can and the levels of involvement differ and can be tailored for individuals availability. So What's involved?

Section Assistant— A Section Assistant needs to have a CRB check and this is followed by an appointments interview with the district team, There is also a requirement to undergo a two hour training course covering Child Protection and a section on the fundamentals of Scouting.

Once completed the Section Assistant can support in running the weekly meeting and can be involved in planning if they want to and can choose if they wish to wear the uniform.

Assistant Leader— An Individual taking up this role, needs to complete all the levels of a Section Assistant listed above and needs to make a commitment to undergo a training program to earn the wood badge, this can be done over a 3 year period. Adults shouldn't be put off by this as they will be supported through the process. As an assistant adults will have full involvement in the running of the section.

For further information please contact Andy who can provide more details.

## Diary Dates for the New Year

Please see some of the Key Dates for the New Year, more details will follow from the relevant section leaders;

Tuesday 15 January, Chief Scouts Awards Evening, Central Hall Longton.

Saturday 9 February, District Swimming Gala Fenton Manor, (cubs and scouts only),

Friday 1 March to Sunday 3 March, Camp for Cubs only at Stanley Head (tbc)

Saturday 16 March to Sunday 17 March, Camp for Beavers Only at the Scout House.

Friday 22 March to Sunday 24 March, Camp for Scouts Only at Gradbach (tbc).

Sunday 21 April, St Georges Day Parade, Stoke

Friday 17 May to Sunday 19 May, Group Camp at Kibblestone.

Saturday 15 June, Group Fun Day and AGM.

There are many more activities planned and dates will be provided by the section leaders.

## A review of the Autumn Term



Cubs Making twists on the Autumn Camp

Another busy term for the Group. The beavers held a camp at Kibblestone with a Medieval Theme. They also worked on Emergency Response and 999 calls as part of the Emergency badge, they wrote and read out their prayers as part of the faith badge. A karate fitness night was held, night hikes as well as preparation for the Carol Concert.

Whilst in Cubs the focus last term was on the fitness challenge badge with 3 weeks of

different activities followed by a tour around the Britannia Stadium, after this the cubs worked towards their DIY activity badge, practicing putting up shelves and making a tile mosaic. The cubs also learned some basic scouting knots and also learned about 4 figure grid references that finished with a giant game of battleships!

The Scouts raised their awareness of disability on the back of the para-olympics, they also had a tour of the

Britannia Stadium and worked on the Remembrance day parade, The final few weeks were spent preparing for the two panto's Aladdin and Cinderella for the Carol Concert.

As a group we had to sadly postpone the Bonfire Night, but we did manage to have a great Remembrance Parade with great turn out, and not to mention the Carol Concert at Trentham High School just before Christmas. Overall a great end to 2012 and we are ready and looking forward to 2013.

## Annual Census 2012/13

Each year, the Scout Association hold an annual census to review the membership numbers.

This process is due to be finalised in the next week, Trentham Scout Group are really pleased to announce that membership has grown here in Trentham by 88% to 130 youth membership comprising of 48 beavers an increase of 100%, whilst over in cubs an increase of 96% to 49.

A further increase of 13 scouts up to 33, resulting in an increase of 65%. Adult membership has also increased from 14 warranted leaders (does not include Occasional Helpers) to 29, all of this is fantastic news and is down to the 3 new sections along with the great program the leaders from all sections put together each term.

It will be a few months until we get to see the district

results and several months until the national results are published. Scouting nationally has since an increase in both youth and adult membership in each of the last 5 years.

Now that we have submitted our census figures we now need to submit our membership fees to Scout Headquarters which equates to £29.40 per year for each full member. Our overall bill for the year will be £4675 and is due to be paid by the end of January.

## Update on Red Troop

As planned, our second Scout Troop, 'Red Troop' started in September 2012, this sees the final opening of the additional sections to ensure we have spaces for all our children as they move from Beavers, Cubs and onto Scouts. The scout group started with 10 scouts, 7 new members and 3 moving across from Friday nights Gold Troop. We are

now expecting our first Cub from Red pack to transfer to scouts in January, The troop has been going very well under the guidance of Nigel the Scout Leader and assisted ably by Colin and Michelle. To further bolster the leadership team, Kevin agreed to move from Friday nights where he has spent the last 30 years to Tuesday nights bringing a

wealth of knowledge and skills to the team, this will support the longer term strategy where we are expecting the numbers in Red Troop to grow as children in both the colonies and the packs reach Scout age. So a great start in the first 3 months and we're looking forward to both Gold and Red Troops continuing the great activities in true Trentham tradition.

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# What's coming along in the New Year?



**District Cub 5 a side winners in 2008**

At Trentham Scout Group we are really looking forward to 2013, we have got some great activities planned for all our sections and some group activities too.

This next term the beavers will have the opportunity to take part

in some Safe 4 Life activities, have a Scottish Themed Burns Night, Pancake Night, Italian Night and they will also make some Easter craft. No forgetting the

'Beaver Bash' sleepover.

Over in Cubs they will be working towards the Global Challenge badge, they will also take part in the District Swimming Gala, and 5 a side football tournament as well as having the chance for the first

camp of the year at Stanley Head.

Whilst the scouts are looking to make their very own woggles and keyrings. Learn how to read maps and to 'Geocoach', the scouts will also hold a hobbies night. Some activities will be towards the Global Challenge badge and a sleepover at the Scout House will take place before half term. A camp is also being planned for late March at a new site for Trentham called Gradbach towards Macclesfield.

Don't forget the Group Camp in May.

**"In total 12 activity badges, 6 Challenge Badges and the Chief Scouts Bronze Award"**

## Eager Beaver Sam

Congratulations to Sam Cuthbertson on his remarkable badge haul.

As a beaver there is an opportunity to gain 12 activity badges, 6 challenge badges and of course the highest accolade the Chief Scouts Bronze award.

Well Sam has done just that and gained all 19 possible badges, this has been achieved through a lot of hard work and dedication by working on some of the badges at

home and providing the evidence for the leaders to check. The activity badges Sam has earned are;

Adventure, Air Activity, Animal Friend, Creative, Experiment, Explore, Faith, Health and Fitness, Healthy Eating, Hobbies, imagination and Safety,

The Challenge Awards are, Friendship, Creative, Fitness,

Global, promise and Outdoor.

Sam is now moving to Gold Pack from Gold Colony and will now have an even bigger challenge, in cubs there are 33 Activity Badges and 8 Challenge badges!!!

Good Luck, but a very well done on a fantastic achievement in Beavers.

Who will be next????

## Some Goodbye's and Some Welcome's

The Group has seen a number of changes with regards to leaders and Executive members in the latter part of 2012 for various reasons, sadly we say goodbye to a few, but we do say a welcome to more volunteers.

So first a huge thank you to all those leaving us, Dave Butters-Peers from Gold Colony, Annette Logan, Sarah Turner from Red Colony, Simon Marsh from Gold Pack.

Sarah and Simon will be staying on as Occasional Helpers. Lyndsey Pajor our Group Secretary also stepped down in the summer.

On the plus side a big welcome to Esther Harrison-Cloke as our new Group Secretary, Louise Bentley-Jones joining the Executive Committee to support the group in fundraising.

On the Scouting side we have Gareth Harvey, Giulia Chapple, Jon Chapple, joining Gold Colony,

Joining Gold Pack is Rebecca Owen, while Andrea Beattie and Mark Cope joined Gold Troop, and Michelle joined Red Troop A number of leaders have also moved sections to help with the flow of children through the group.

I'm sure you all wish them well in their new roles.



**Annette (left) who will be leaving us!**



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**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.**

**Be Prepared**



# Our Chief Scout Award Winners!!

Congratulations to 21 of our young people who have earned the Chief Scouts award for their section during 2012.

The Chief Scout Award is the highest award in each section, Beavers earn the Bronze award, Cubs the Silver and Scout the Gold, to achieve this the individual needs to earn all the various challenge badges for their section, it demonstrates commitment and dedication to scouting and we are very proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to our 18 bronze award winners, Ben Weston, Samuel Latham, Sam Cuthbertson, Joshua Rushton, Michael Ludford, Alex Chatfield, Jake Lovatt, Charlotte Johnson, Sam Barton, Thomas Ar-

rowsmith and Kiera Kesic, Max Wooliscroft, Ella Vaughan, Harry Welsh, Matthew Skelton, Spencer Cartwright, Myles Hubbard, Lewis Dono well done!

And our 6 Silver award winners, Ben Jaroszek, Billy Dono, Daniel Flaherty, Tom Latham, Ethan



Logan, Sam Marsh. Finally to our 4 scouts who have earned the Chief Scouts Gold Award the

highest achievement an individual can earn within our group... Joshua Skellern, Jozef Barton, Dominic Amos and Callum Martin.

The scouts need to earn 8 challenge badges, which are; Creative Challenge, Global Challenge, Outdoor Challenge, Outdoor Challenge Plus, Adventure Challenge, Fitness Challenge, Promise Challenge and Community Challenge.

All award winners will have the opportunity to attend a special awards evening at Central Hall Longton to receive a certificate from the Lord Mayor in mid January.

**WELL DONE to All!**