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**THE BEAVER  
TEAM**

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# Group News

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## Looking back at the Summer Term....

So as we say goodbye to the summer break, and look forward to the new term ahead, in this issue we take a quick look back at some of the great activities the sections were involved in during the summer term and focus on some of the activities we can look forward to in the lead up to Christmas.

So first, a whistle stop tour of our Summer Term. Firstly thank you to everyone who attended our 70th Anniversary/AGM fun day, What a great day! And good weather too. It was great to see so many children enjoying the activities and taking part, special thanks to our friends in the guides who helped us on the day.

It was very good to see our local councillors supporting us

and even better to be joined by our Lord Mayor. But more importantly over 100 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts along with parents attended the day



**Our Lovely Anniversary  
Cake made by one of our  
parents, Thanks Debbie!**

with almost 50 people staying for the sleepover/camp.

June saw our 5th Annual Group camp at Kibblestone, A great

weekend packed full of activities and lots of fun, despite the awful rain on the Sunday!

The Scouts took part in a couple of hikes in July, one hike including the opportunity to do some geo-caching, The Scouts had a further camp at Kibblestone based on our Chief Scouts program 'Born Survivor'

Meanwhile both the Beavers and Cubs visited Pets at Home to learn about animals, whilst working towards the relevant animal badges.

Overall a great summer term, for all 3 sections, with everyone having the opportunity of a nights away experience.

## Group Expansion

Due to the large numbers of children on our waiting list, consideration is being given to opening a 2nd Beaver Colony on a Tuesday night. However, this can only be possible if we can find more people willing to help or become leaders. It's important that we give every

child the opportunity to join in with the fun of scouting. This can only be achieved with more leaders. If we do open the 2nd Colony, we will be looking to introduce a 2nd Cub Pack within 6 months, again more adults are required in order for us to do this. If you think you can help

please contact Andy or speak to another leader. There are lots of ways you can get involved and commitment can be for as little or as much as the time you can spare.

## Meet the Beaver Team



Beavers with their boats on the Group Camp

As we start this term, we see a small change to our leadership team, Helen Brown takes up the role of Beaver Leader replacing Dave in this role, Dave is remaining in the group as an Occasional Helper. Helen has been with the group for over 12 months now and is looking forward to her new role. Helen has enjoyed being with the Beaver Colony since joining and will be ably supported by our new Assistant Beaver Leader Simon Johnson, who also supports at Scouts. Further sup-

porting the team is Karen Woolliscroft who for over a decade has been invaluable to the group and in particular our beaver colony. Section Assistant Ann Ludford is another member of the team and has been with the group for some months, and brings a wealth of experience from her time as a guide leader.

The Final member of the team is our Young Leader Jamie, Jamie is a great support to the team and comes to us from the Explorer Scouts in

Longton, Jamie was involved with our group as a Beaver, Cub and Scout and it's great to see him coming back and helping the group. The young Leaders scheme is set up to give young people the chance to stay involved with groups, learning new skills whilst hopefully keeping them in scouting to become the leaders of the future.

Next issue we will focus on the Cub Leaders.....

## Charity Marathon Run

A special word of thanks goes to Chris Booth who along with his parents and sister have a long Association with Scouting in Trentham. Chris was a Cub, Scout and Venture Scout with our group.

Chris decided to run the Edinburgh Marathon in May in memory of his Dad, Alan, who sadly passed away in October 2009 as well as hoping to raise funds for the

group. Alan spent more than 20 years as leader within gold Cub Pack before retiring as Akela in 2007. Chris' sister Caroline was also involved in the group as a Cub Leader and his mum Kay was the group secretary as well as helping weekly at Cubs.

To date Chris has raised over £490 for the group through the sponsorship and we are extremely grateful. There is

still an opportunity to donate, you can find the link by visiting the groups website at [www.trenthamscouts.org.uk](http://www.trenthamscouts.org.uk)

Many thanks and well Done Chris!!!

*'The Booth Family  
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association with  
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Group'*

## Our Garden Project

Steve Dono, one of our cub leaders, is heading up our garden project. You will have seen the allotment we've had for a year or so now near the car park. We have plans to further develop this area under the guidance of

Steve, We are looking to improve the allotment area, to provide each section the chance to get involved. We are also looking to grass the area around the allotment, for easier access. Towards the back will be a raised area with a small patio for a bench and one or two other ideas that at this stage we don't want to

reveal!

The aim is to have the complete area finalised by our AGM and Open Day on Saturday 29 April 2012. So keep this day free. Obviously there is an awful amount of work to be done and any help will be appreciated on garden days!

Some of the produce from our group allotment



# Group Executive Committee



**Our Chairman Richard lending a hand!**

and organizing some activities like the AGM. Our Executive consists of our Chairman Richard, secretary Lyndsey, treasurer John, Covenant Secretary Iwan, and

in addition we have 3 parents on the committee, Ann, Cherie and Alison. Recent additions have been Jason and Simon as our Groups Health and Safety coordinators and finally Steve as fundraising coordinator. The final part of the

Executive is the 3 Section Leaders and the Group Scout Leader. The executive is a great way to be involved in the group without having to commit too much time.

Having a strong Executive really supports the group and helps us to make the most effective decisions to support the scouting element.

We are always looking for new members either on a regular basis or in a one off capacity on a particular venture. If you would like to get involved please speak to one of the leaders.

The Group Executive committee plays an important part in the life of our Scout Group. The Executive meet 4 times a year, and looks after the none Scouting activities for the group, like managing the building, paying the bills

***'The Cubs will be looking to defend their place as District 5 a side and Swimming Champions***

## The Autumn Term....

As we move into our Autumn term the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have lots to look forward to both in their own sections and with the wider group.

The Beavers have lots of exciting things planned including a hike to the Duke of Sutherland monument where one of the leaders will be invested.! There will be lots more too. The Cubs will have the chance to take part in the District

Swimming Gala and the District 5 a side football competition where they'll be looking to defend their trophies.

Also planned is a visit to a place of interest working towards the Community Challenge Badge, a visit to Trentham Rugby Club to complete the Fitness Challenge and a pack camp in September to Beaudesert, and lots more...

As for the Scouts they too have a camp planned for September, which will be a mixture of hiking from one camp to another for the older scouts and water activities for the younger ones. The Scouts will also take part in the Swimming Gala, and lots more.

Finally just before Christmas will be our 3rd Annual Concert, to bring the year to a lovely close.

## Gift Aid

As a registered charity, we are entitled to claim gift aid against any donations to our group. This also includes monies paid for subscriptions. Gift Aid is a simple government initiative whereby a portion of the tax that has been paid on any money donated to charity is refunded. This means for every £1 a UK tax payer donates to our group, we can claim 25p back from HMRC, before we can do

this the tax payer needs to complete a 'gift aid declaration' form available from the leaders. This is a great way for the group to receive extra funds. Iwan Stec the group Covenant Secretary has done an excellent job in the last few years generating several thousands of pounds in gift aid money. Iwan was able to claim backdated gift aid over the last four years. It would be appreciated if all parents

in the group who are also UK taxpayers complete a gift aid form. If you are unsure whether you've already completed a form please speak to one of the leaders.



**Tents purchased with Gift Aid money last year**



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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**



## 22nd World Scout Jamboree, Sweden

### Report by Dan Woolliscroft.

I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to embark on this fantastic once-in-a-lifetime trip to Sweden.

After around 20 hours of travelling we arrived in Copenhagen, where we did various activities such as Sportsarama, speedboat rides and a visit to Tivoli with the rest of the UK contingent. We also had the UK contingent party with around 4,000 scouts in one venue.

From there we moved onto the Jamboree itself in Kristianstad, Sweden. With over 40,000

scouts attending it was the biggest Jamboree ever. Whilst there we did several module activities, my favourite of which was Quest – a series of mental and physical challenges to be



**Dan on his way to the Jamboree**

completed in patrols. We also attended camp-in-a-camp, where patrols went to different locations around Sweden to live with other Swedes for two days. We ended up by the beach! There were also many spontaneous activities in each of the Town Centres where participants could go whenever they liked. These included rock climbing, Water Zorbing and Ice Skating.

After the Jamboree we went to Amsterdam for 6 days, where we participated in several Dutch activities and met with Dutch scouts from the area.

I had a truly wonderful time and would encourage others to do the