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2nd Scout troop to start!

Following the success of Red Colony and Red Pack. This September will see the start of our 2nd Scout Troop, this is now necessary in order to provide continual scouting for all our young people, our existing Gold Troop now has 25 children and numbers will continue to rise to 35 over the next 12 months. The new Red Troop will start with 10 scouts (7 of which will be new members while the 3 other members are from Red Cub Pack and two transferring from Gold scout troop) we are expecting numbers to steadily increase over the next 12 months too. The groups overall membership will rise to just short of 130 Children in September, this is an increase of 45 from our annual census figures of 85 in December 2011.

The two scout troops will work in the same way as the two colonies and the two packs have done, by following the same programme and holding a number of joint meeting nights. Red



Troop will meet on a Tuesday night between 7pm and 9pm, this has only been made possible with our friends in the guides agreeing to move their night to a Monday following Gold Colony. Gold Colony have also had to slightly change their meeting times and will now meet between 6 and 7.15pm.

We are really lucky that we've been able to secure a former

Scout as the new Leader for Red Troop bringing with him some great experience, so a warm welcome to Nigel who has been helping in beavers for a while. Nigel will be supported by Colin who will continue to work with Gold Pack, further support will be given by Michelle who has stepped up from an Occasional Helper to Section Assistant. So we look to be getting off to a great start, however more help is always welcome and we particularly need help on Gold Pack (Wednesday) night.

If anyone can help on a Wednesday night or any other night please contact one of the leaders or Andy via email at andy@trenthamscouts.org.uk for more information, about what's involved.

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

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

Friday 28 September to Sunday 30 September, camp for Scouts Only at Barnswood.

Thursday 4 October, Cub Trip to Stoke City FC,

Saturday 6 October to Sunday

7 October, Camp for Beavers Only at Kibblestone.

Friday 19 October to Sunday 21 October, Camp for Cubs Only at Kibblestone (tbc).

Friday 26 October, Sleepover Scouts Only at the Scout House

Monday 5 November, Firework Party, open to all.

Sunday 11 November, Remem-

brance Sunday Parade around Trentham for the whole Group

Friday 14 December, Our Annual Carol Concert at Trentham High, everyone welcome.

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

A review of the Summer Term



The Beave trip to Hem Heath Woods in April

Well, the summer term was possibly the busiest term the group has ever had.... With lots of things pre-planned we also had many activities occurring at very short notice this took quite a bit of planning. Firstly as a group we held our AGM /Fun Day in April, which once again was very well attended by not only the young people but also parents and the invited guests too. This was shortly followed by our Annual Group camp at Kibblestone, more about this can be found

on page 3, a week later the Group supported our friends at Ash Green School by running the Coconut Shy and holding a Scouting display for their school fun day. This was followed by the group having the chance to watch the Olympic torch relay arrive in the City as part of the Olympic torch relay.

Then out of the blue came possibly our greatest once in a life time opportunity, when the group were asked to take part in the Queens Diamond

Jubilee possession as part of Her Majesty's weekends celebrations, more details can be found on page 3.

Next came the scouts handing medals out for the 5th year to the ladies taking part in the Cancer Research race for Life at Trentham Gardens, the beavers and cubs had a great weekend with other beavers and cubs from our District with a camp at Kibblestone.

This all took place alongside the usual weekly meetings and activities, so a really busy time for all.

Meet the Executive Team

The Group Executive plays an important part in the life of Trentham Scout Group. Every scout group has to have an executive committee in order to function in line with the Scout Associations Policy, Organisation and Rules. The Executive must consist of the following members as a minimum, The Group Scout Leader, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, these are all trustee's of the group. In addition in Trentham we have a Cove-

nant Secretary responsible for Gift Aid claims and also Parent members who play a key role. In addition we have two people co-opted onto the committee as Health and Safety Advisors. Part of the Exec's role is to ensure the group operates safely, in line with policy and procedures and to support the non Scouting activities, we meet 4 times a year. Our exec comprises of Andy the Group Scout Leader, Richard Skeltern who has held the post of

chairman for the last 4 years, our Treasurer John who joined us almost a year ago, Iwan the Covenant Secretary who has been helping with gift aid for the last 3 years, the parents on the committee are Anne Attwell, Cherie Cuthbertson and Deborah Boughy all bringing different skills to the group, we are also fortunate to have Jason Parrish and Simon Johnson supporting us as the Health and Safety Advisors. The role of secretary is currently vacant.

Group Secretary

Unfortunately, the group are now actively seeking someone to take up the role of secretary. Lyndsey our existing secretary has had to step down recently and we need someone to step into the role. As a trustee of the group the role of secretary is important and plays a key part in supporting the Group

Scout Leader and Group Chairman. The secretary will be required to attend the Group Scout Leaders meetings and the Group Executive meetings, plus the AGM. This equates to 8 times a year. If anyone is interested in taking on this demanding but enjoyable role then please speak to either Richard, the Group

Chairman or Andy, the Group Scout Leader, who will be more than happy to discuss the role in more detail, alternatively speak with one of the section leaders or email; andy@trenthamscouts.org.uk for more information, it is crucial that we find somebody as quickly as possible.



What's coming along in the Autumn Term?



After a fast paced summer term, what is there to look forward to this Autumn, firstly as a group we have 3 joint activities, our Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday parade and the Group Carol Con-

A scene from the Group Carol Concert in 2010

cert, It is hoped that the Beavers will be able to finally go bell boating, and will also have the opportunity of a camp at Kibblestone, a night hike in the local area, work towards the faith badge, and preparation for the Carol Concert are just some of the activities planned. Over in Cubs, there are a number of activities planned outside of the Scout House, dates are still to be confirmed so rather

than disappoint we will advertise them in due course. There will however be a trip to Stoke City for a behind the scenes tour, and a camp at Kibblestone on 19-21 October.

For scouts they have a water activity camp at Barnswood at the end of September, there will also be a disability awareness evening to tie in with the para-olympics, There will be a night hike, a sleepover, work towards the DIY safety badge and a fitness activity night. All in all an exciting program for the young people.

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Group Camp Review

This year 92 children from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in our 6th annual group camp, to make it the biggest event we've held to date. Once again we used the Ronald Copeland Training Centre at Kibblestone as our base, which gave us plenty of room for the tents and the ability to accommodate the beavers indoors. The camp had an Olympic theme and we started the weekend designing flags for each group based on the

locations of the last 6 Olympiads. On the Saturday once the beavers arrived everyone had the opportunity to try Archery and Rafting, while the Cubs and Scouts also took part in Abseiling and Tree Climbing. Everyone took part in a number of wide games and sports and the Saturday finished off with the traditional scout camp fire. On the Sunday we held our very own

Olympic Games, before 92 very tired children and 26 even more tired adults went home after a great weekend and pretty good weather (with only a little rain on the Friday night). Please keep the weekend of Friday 17 May to Sunday 19 May 2013 for our 7th Annual Group Camp, this will once again be at Kibblestone, but instead our base will be at the Fox Glen on the main part of the camp.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee by Helen

3.15 am at the Man in Space, 21 Trentham Scouts (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and an Explorer), leaders, parents and 2 crazy bus drivers, all set for a once in a lifetime trip to London, to witness the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Procession...By 7.30 am we had arrived in Park Lane, after a short walk across London we were shown into the Youth Enclosure on the Mall. We set up "Camp Trentham", proudly

displaying our 114th Trentham flag, and we marked our territory with 2 ground sheets. Then the fun began. The Royal family passed by in cars en route for St Paul's Cathedral, the Queen waving with a beaming smile!! There were Military bands, a 60 gun salute and the Royal family returning back to Buckingham Palace in open carriages. To top it all we were invited to join the Royal procession on

the Mall, leading down to Buckingham palace to see the Royal family on the balcony and see the military fly pass including the amazing Red Arrows. The group were so well behaved and smartly dressed, they were a real credit to the Trentham Scout Group.



The Groups view of Buckingham Palace and the Royals



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Be Prepared



Jamie "helps other people"!!

As a scout we all hopefully learn the Scout Law and Promise, and try to where possible follow them. Lord Baden Powell our founder wrote this over a 100 year ago.. Well recently on August 15th Jamie our most recent recruit to our leadership team did just that, but first some background. Jamie Chatfield joined Trentham Scout Group as a beaver, he then progressed to cubs and onto scouts. When reaching the upper age limit of 14 and a half Jamie moved up to the 'monkees' Explorer Scout unit to continue his Scouting. At the first opportunity Jamie came back to Trentham as a young leader within Gold Colony, a scheme set up to enable young people to learn leadership skills whilst continuing to



Jamie Chatfield, our Beaver turned Leader, turned hero!

enjoy the benefits of scouting. Jamie has spent the last 3 years as a young leader and has recently turned 18. Jamie can now become a full leader and is now helping at Gold Cub Pack before heading off to University. Jamie will continue to help with the

group when he is at home. This is a real success story in the recent times of a beaver turned leader. Now back to the Story on 15 August, Jamie witnessed a Road Traffic Collision that resulted in a motor cyclist being injured, on the A34 near to the Poachers Cottage, rather than walking away Jamie went to the assistance of the injured motor cyclist until professional medical assistance arrived. In modern life we don't always put others before ourselves but Jamie in this instance did just that, and kept his part of the Scout Promise by 'Helping other people'.

Well done Jamie on helping the injured motor cyclist and well done on being the first Trentham Beaver on moving from Beaver to Young Leader to a full Leader.