



3rd Prestatyn Scout Group

New Year Newsletter

Happy New Year to all our members. I hope you are all refreshed and ready to face 2012

Membership fees reminder - Membership fees (Subs) for this half term are £15.00 for each Section. Please pay promptly

Updates – phew what a busy couple of months the Group has had. Here’s a resume of the many events

Remembrance parade – excellent turnout for this important occasion. Members were smartly turned out. Many thanks to all the parents.

Christmas carols/nativity for Beavers and Cubs – not very well attended but thanks to the very few parents that brought their children along. Also thanks to all the leaders that turned out.

Fundraising Bag pack – due to the lack of support this had to be cancelled. If we are to maintain our level of savings for the future we will all have to support fundraising efforts

Litter picking and tree planting at the Ffrith – In conjunction with Friends of the Ffrith, about 50 trees were planted. Despite the inclement weather (damp, cold and windy), Zac (Beavers), Ryan and Jamie (Cubs), Tyler, Amber, Philip and Sophie (Scouts), together with parents and leaders, worked tremendously hard. In years to come they will be able to proudly point out to their friends and families what they have achieved. The work was overseen by Denbighshire County Council’s Countryside Commission representative, Jim. Jim explained how to plant the trees and what trees were being planted. The trees were several types of Birch, Rowan and Pine. Friends of the Ffrith are committed to keeping the common land at the Ffrith in good condition for all who use it. This includes doing the occasional litter pick and maintaining the wild flower meadow which was planted last year. Work is ongoing to improve access routes through the common land. Hopefully the Group will be able to help them achieve this. We also did some litter picking whilst trees and equipment were being made ready.

Reptile road show - What a fantastic event! Held over two 90minute sessions on Saturday 10th December, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their families were treated to an experience to remember. Everyone who attended got to the chance to meet and handle creatures they would previously have thought to avoid at all costs. Simon Airey brought along a collection of unusual animals for all to meet. The presentation was packed with facts and loads of humour and the kids (big and small) enjoyed every minute. I wonder what these creatures thought of us – we had a choice about handling them. To find out more about Simon Airey’s Party Animals visit www.cornerexotics.co.uk

Bodyshop – we raised £100 from the sale of Bodyshop products

“Christmas parties”

The Beaver Christmas party was a bit disappointing as very few turned up

The Cubs enjoyed a night of ten pin bowling followed by an everything-with-chips meal. Not surprisingly there was nearly a 100% turnout. I don’t wish to boast but I had the highest score!!

The Scouts took part in rock climbing at Prestatyn Leisure Centre

Don't forget without the help of the leadership team and committee members many of the above events would not have taken place. If you feel you can help out in any way please talk to the leaders

Awards & Trophies

Best Beaver award went to James McKenna

Best Cub award went to Elliot Gilbert

Best Scout award went to Sophie Wild

Well done!

Wood beads

Congratulations to Sarah Spencer, our Scout Leader, who was presented with her Wood beads by the District Commissioner. This signifies the completion of her leadership training. Although this training has been completed she will continue with training throughout her Scouting "career" as all leaders are expected to do.

Endeavour Award

As many of you will have seen in the Journal the Prestatyn and District Lord Mayor's Endeavour awards took place in December. Our Chairman, Gerry Frobisher, nominated me for my Scouting work. I did not get an award but if I was successful it would have been due to the support I receive from all the leaders and committee members

Family Camp

This will take place on the weekend of 11th – 13th May at Hawarden. If your family or child wishes to take part please fill in the attached pro-forma. All parents attending will have to fill in a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) form. Please return the pro forma as soon as possible to give time to ensure the CRB forms are obtained and sent off in plenty of time for the checks to be completed. ALL Beavers must be accompanied by their parents or nominated adult. Cubs and Scouts can attend without their parents/guardians but the more parents that attend the more fun we can have. Adults will be expected to help out with all aspects of the camp. When the leadership team has completed the camp programme we will be having a camp meeting to decide who does what.

Although it would be nice for all to camp in tents (we have a limited supply for those who do not have their own) there will be limited bunkhouse accommodation. There are two rooms with 2 beds, 2 rooms with 4 beds and 2 rooms with 6 beds (accommodation includes small kitchen and bathroom facilities). They will be allocated on a first come first served basis (Beaver families will have precedence). So the sooner you complete your CRB forms the sooner you will be allocated rooms! Can you indicate on the pro forma whether you will be camping in your own tent, if you will need a tent or wish to stay in the bunkhouse. We will try to accommodate everyone appropriately. Please note that a non-returnable £10.00 deposit will be required from each family or each lone child attending. This will be needed when we send out the permission to camp forms closer to the event

Probable events will include – crafts, abseiling, archery, backwoods cooking, fire lighting, shelter building, and loads of fun and games. Be prepared to get wet and dirty.

Facebook

I am now on Facebook. I will hopefully be setting up a Group page. Feel free to be my friend. I am booked in as Keith Todd.

Website

Find out more about the group's activities at: www.3rdprestatynscoutgroup.co.uk