

Scouting

Salendine Nook Baptist Scout Group



March 2020

Just to update you with some of the many things that have been happening recently.

We have now received a nice donation of £400 from Elland Roundtable. This is for manning the gates at the Elland Roundtable Bonfire in November - I think all that helped had an enjoyable evening - we will be repeating this, so please pop it in your diaries - it will be the Saturday nearest bonfire night - not sure yet - but will give you the date as soon as possible.



If you were involved, we would like to thank you for your support for the bag-packing just before Christmas - on the two days we took over £1100 - this is absolutely fantastic - and a big thank you for Dave Bottom who did all the planning, and spent most of the weekend there. We would welcome more support from the children if we repeat this event.

For anyone who has been down Gilead Rd recently (past the Scout Hut), you will have seen that the work on the

stone wall has now been completed. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this piece of work, and especially to Stuart Brown from the

Kirkby Foundation who has donated all the money for the work to be undertaken (roughly £5000).

We have been fortunate to make links which

benefactors who can support our group, including Stuart (whose son was in our Explorers), Elland Roundtable and Sainsburys - there is still a lot of work involved in forging these links, but it is obviously worthwhile in the end. If anyone has any links to charitable funding for future projects, please let me or one of the leaders know.

Dates for Your Diary

Group Executive Committee Meeting (Scout Committee)

The next meeting is on Monday 20th April 2020 - 7:45pm for a 8pm start - Dusty Miller Pub.

“The Group Executive Committee plays a vital role in the running of a Scout Group. Executive Committees make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to young people in the Group.”

We are pleased that some parents have started to regularly attend these meetings, however, we do not currently have any representation from the Beaver section. **It would be nice to have one parent from each section.**

Speak to any leader for further information, or to register interest.

Church Parades

- to be advised

Future Events

- **National Litterpick - Longwood Edge Road - 21st March 2020 - 10am to 12noon - bring gloves etc**

Annual Census and Capitation.

Every year at end of January, we have to send the Scout Association details on the number of children we have in the group. This data is then used to calculate the capitation for the year.

This year we have had to pay the Scout

Association (which includes a sum of money to support the local organisation as well) a sum of £40 per child. This is then topped up with about £25 per child which is given to the Church on Gift Day as a donation to the running of the Church - the Church do not charge us for the use of the building for our meetings - so the

annual donation is a way of supporting them.

In Scouts we have a subs of £10 per month, so you can see that over half of that sum is spent each year before we spend on activities. This will be similar for the other sections.

We are able to maintain subs at this level by being able to undertake fundraising activities - that is why we ask you to support us in these events so we can keep the subs at a manageable level.

Future Events

For the last few years we have participated in the Annual National Litterpick weekend.

In previous years we have concentrated on the wooded area between Lindley Moor Rd and the motorway.

This year we will do the work on Longwood Edge Road, the event will take place on Saturday 21st March in the

morning - please put this in your diary - all sections will be involved, but Cubs and Beavers need to be accompanied by adults.

We will be doing the litter pick there 10am to 12noon on Saturday 21st March 2020 - starting at the Raw Nook Road end - come in warm clothes and garden gloves etc. Come for all the morning, or pop in when you can.

Treasurer Needed

You will all have received a letter from Peter Derych, the Group Chairman, asking for a volunteer to take on

the role as Treasurer for the group. Please consider this to support the group and get back to Peter, or one of the leaders as soon as possible - this is not an arduous role.

Recent Activities

At the weekend at the beginning of February half-term the Scouts and Explorers spent the weekend at Wharfeside Hostel in Kettlewell. The weather was honestly awful, with Storm Dennis moving over. On Saturday the Scouts walked to Starbotton and back along the swollen River Wharfe, about 4 miles, in pouring rain. The Explorers went a little higher, but due to horizontal rain dropped down into the valley as well. In the afternoon we went to Keighley Swimming Pool, where everyone got wet again. The weather had subsided a little

on Sunday morning so we walked on a 4 mile circular from Hubberholme - the usually dry valley bed that leads up to the "Smartie Tube" was a raging torrent - something we have never seen before in all the years that we have visited.

Irrespective of the weather, everyone had a great time.

Hopefully the camps in 2020 will bring us better weather than some we have experienced in 2019, when we have had a couple of wash-outs.

Current Membership in the Scout Group

The membership of the Scout Group has stayed relatively constant over the last few years. As you will be aware in the local area there are another 4 Scout Groups (can you name them all?). As a result we have spaces in all sections. If you know anyone who would benefit from the excellent programme that your children enjoy, please contact any of the leaders. If they are of the correct age we should be able to accommodate them.

Church and Church Parades 2020

As a uniformed organisation affiliated to the local Baptist Church we try to attend a number of Church Parades each year. In the past this was every month, in recent years this has changed to 4-5 per year. We urge everyone to attend at least a couple a year. We are heavily supported by the Church, and this is a way of thanking them for that support.

Did you know that as members of the Scout Association you can get discount at some of the camping/ outdoor equipment shops. Leaders sometimes get a little more (perk of the job!!). I hope that the information is still current - it's worth a try - update me if you have a problem.

- **Cotswold Outdoors** – 20% discount for Leaders, 10% discount for members. To get the discount, simply show your appointment card or necker.
- **Blacks/Millets** – Offer a 10% discount for Leaders, show your appointment card/necker to get the offer!
- **GO Outdoors** – If your group uses Online Scout Manager, leaders can get an additional 15% discount and scout parents a 10% discount. Further details at <http://scouts.ritdns.co.uk/gooutdoors>
- **Mountain Warehouse** – Offer a 10% discount to Leaders and Scouts show your appointment card or necker, ask for the website discount code over the phone.

**Any comments/suggestions for items to be included please contact
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