

Scouting

Salendine Nook Baptist Scout Group



September 2018

Group Camp at Bradley Woods Campsite - 8th - 10th June 2018

In June members from the Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections attended a great camp at Bradley Woods. In total we had about 12 Beavers, 10 Cubs and 14 Scouts attending during the weekend.

The Beavers slept in tents for one night, spent time in the cave bus, archery, and other activities while they were there.

The Cubs slept in tents for one night, spent time climbing on the indoor climbing wall, archery, and other activities.

The Scouts camped under tarps for two nights, they tried archery, air-rifle shooting and spent time on the high ropes.

Everyone who attended the weekend went to the campfire on Saturday evening.

What have the your children being doing in their Scouting sections this year?

At the AGM, which very few parents attended, the reports from the sections were presented by the leaders to show what your children have been doing throughout the year. I thought that you would be interested to know what each section has been doing. I feel that we should celebrate what your children have had the opportunity to do during the year in Scouting.

The Scout Group has its AGM every June, EVERYONE is welcome, details in Spring.

Beavers - the colony is made up of about 20 children aged around 6 to 8 years, there is a healthy waiting list, and the older Beavers regularly move up to Cubs. The Colony is run by Becky with support from Gill, Anna and from various parents.

This year the Beavers have had the opportunity of attending 3 camps, a District event at Reinwood School, the Group Camp at Blackhills and recently the Group camp at Bradley Woods. Some of the Beavers slept away for 5 nights (of which 4 were under canvas) at those events, and some parents slept in tents for the first time!

Their meetings have been varied, from a visit to "Pets at Home", building fires, scavenger hunts, visits from hearing dogs, orienteering, walks, pop-bottle rockets.

The Beavers of the Year is Ethan Punchard, who "has been a good role model, and has helped look after a number of new Beavers".

Cubs - the Pack has about 12 Cubs aged 8 to 10½. The Pack is run by Matthew, with help from Margaret, Jo, John.

They have attended a number of camps, at Reinwood School, Blackhills and Bradley Woods. They have undertaken climbing, archery, canoeing, visits to Rastrick Fire Station and walks to the chippy in Outlane as well as a variety of meetings to support badge work.

The Cub of the Year is Alex Dyson-Bell, who



Dates for Your Diary

Group Executive Committee Meeting (Scout Committee)

The next meeting is on Monday 22nd October 2018, 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 currently do not have any parents on the Committee. We would welcome parental input to help move the Group forward. **It would be nice to have one parent from each section.**

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

Elland Bonfire - Saturday 3rd November - 5pm to 7:30pm

We are fortunate to be invited again to help at the gates for the Roundtable Bonfire - we have been given over £300 for the group for 2½ hours support - you will be taking money at the gates. You will be able to stay and watch the fireworks.

In the past it has been the same people who have supported this. New faces would be welcome. Contact j.yorke@ntlworld.com to register support. Accompanied children are welcome.

Church Parades

- October 7th - Harvest
- November 11th - Remembrance
- December 16th

"always gives his all, helps the younger Cubs, and has gained a number of badges".

Scouts - the troop consists of about 15 Scouts aged 10½ to 14½. The Troop is run by John, with support from Dave, Barney and Andy.

Scouts have had the opportunity to attend camps at Blackhill, Bradley Woods, Whitley Beaumont and Kettlewell, and some have attended District Camps in the Lake District, and Poland.

There has been a varied programme, including conservation work at Pighill Woods, and the recreation area near Romsey Close, building fires and cooking, building tarp shelters, rope bridge building, walks, cooking, litter picks, etc. etc..

Explorers - numbers are limited at the moment following a number gaining their 18th birthday. Explorers caters for 14½ to 18 year olds. The group is run by John with support from Andrew, Ben, Rob and Richard.

They have had a number of weekends away this year including the Peak District, Conway, Kettlewell and the Lake District. A number have also completed the 42 mile, 4 Inns Hike from Holmbridge to Buxton.

Their meetings have included pioneering, obstacle courses, cooking, orienteering, 5-a-side football, climbing. Plus lots of other activities.

You will see that the Scout Group provides a wide variety of activities for the young people. As always more help is always welcome in a variety of capacities - leaders, helpers, administration support, ideas for meetings, skills that you could pass on. Anything is welcome. See one of the leaders if you want more information.

The Scout Group values the support of the Church during the year, and continued support into the future.

We need your help!

We have mentioned this on **MANY** occasions, but this time the group is on the verge of loosing the Cubs section due to lack of support for the existing leaders. We must have help **SOON** or the section **WILL** close.



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**



What is needed? - parental help, Cubs sectional assistant, Cubs leaders, help with planning meetings, etc,

etc, etc.

Whatever you can do will be helpful, full-time, part-time, anything. From the Cubs section report above you will see what a great time you could have.

Contact Andy Riley (GSL), or Matthew Bottom (Cub Leader) or contact me if you want any further information.

We have a current issue with Cubs, but could also welcome any support for the other sections, especially Beavers.

Help is ALSO needed supporting the Committee and volunteering to help at the Elland Bonfire (see the front page panel)

Church Parades 2018.

As a uniformed organisation affiliated to the local Church we try to attend a number of Church Parades each year. In the past this was every month, but in recent years we have moved to 4-5 per year. We would 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. The dates planned for 2018 are:-

- Harvest: 7th October
- Remembrance Sunday: 11th November
- Christmas: likely to be 16th December

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.rtdns.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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