



1st Cuddington & Sandiway Scout Group Newsletter July 2011

THIS YEAR'S AGM

The AGM in June saw the nomination of a new Chairman, Martin Sykes, taking the role from Ian Smith. Ian also received recognition for his 5 years of service to the Scout Group. Stuart Goodfellow continues as Treasurer and Hazel Foster continues as Secretary. The meeting also heard from Neil Molyneux regarding the proposed kitchen refurbishment which is to be undertaken over the summer holidays. This refurbishment has been made possible through the fundraising efforts of leaders, parents and the children.

A slideshow of the groups' activities during the past year was also shown and a further appeal made for more parents to get involved. Any parents interested in helping out should talk to any one of the leaders or can find out more through our website www.cuddingtonandsandiwayscoutgroup.org.uk which contains links to advice for potential helpers. Also on the web site there are over 1,200 photographs showing the wide range of activities we are involved in and how the parents can enjoy themselves as much as the children do.

Cheshire Hike

Two teams of scouts took part in the Cheshire Hike Competition in April. They had to hike over 30km over two days carrying all the kit they would need (including a tent!!) They did very well (they even thought the practice hikes were harder than the actual competition!).

Practice hikes for next year's competition will be starting again after the holidays, let's see if we can get some extra teams as well.



Hiking Scouts

Monday Cubs

The Cubs entered the District Mini Hike Competition in May and they ended up having three teams in the top ten.

Well Done

First Beaver Camp

Thursday Beavers were one of the first Beaver colonies in the District to go on camp for a night. They went to Forest Camp in Sandiway and had a fabulous time. During the day on Saturday they joined Scouts on a hike which was part of the worldwide Scout hike – Jamboree on the Trail. They played a wide variety of games including “kick the can”, had a camp fire and songs, toasted marshmallows and cooked twists. Some even had their first taste of washing and drying up! Beavers managed a good night's sleep and woke refreshed ready to make their own fruit kebabs for breakfast after which they conquered the low ropes course and took part in their own ceremony before heading home.



Thursday Beavers pictured enjoying their fruit kebabs on their first camp.

Caring Beavers

Earlier this year the Beavers helped raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care by planting and growing seeds which were then used to make hanging baskets and containers. They also held a family tea party and sold the baskets and containers. In addition to serving refreshments they held a bring and buy stall. The Beavers also learnt all about Shelterbox. They raised £60 for each charity.

A selection of photographs from District Camp and County Beaver Party.



District Camp

Beavers visited District Camp for the day and took part in lots of the activities that were going on. They held birds of prey, played on a carousel, firelighting, bushcraft, zipline, blind trail, catapults, inflatables, crafts, archery, climbing and drumming. It was an action packed day and ended with a tea party as we are celebrating 25 years of Beaver Scouting this year.

County Beaver Party

Thursday Beavers were one of only two packs in our district who attended this day. They had a science lesson, made cards, bookmarks, keyring, puzzles and necklaces. They also played games, listened to stories and saw a funny show then finished the day with eating some of the large birthday cake.

Shop Online?

Don't forget if you shop online to register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk and help raise funds for Cuddington and Sandiway Scout Group at no extra cost to you.

Cubs District Camp

The Cubs also visited the District Camp but they camped for the weekend and enjoyed many of the activities that the Beavers did as mentioned above.

Lighter Nights

The lighter nights mean that Beavers, Cubs and Scouts can get out more.

Beavers have been pond dipping, walking on Whitegate Way with picnic and visiting Davenport's where they played games and learnt all about rare animals.

Cubs went to Queen Charlotte's Wood near Frodsham to enjoy outdoor games, a forerunner for visiting in the autumn and winter when the nights are darker.

Two Cubs being invested whilst visiting Queen Charlotte's Wood near Frodsham.



Well done Monday Cubs for retaining the trophy for the District Kickstart Cycle Competition for the second year running.

Raft Race

Six Scouts took part in the District Raft Race. They had 1 hour to build a raft to carry them round a course in the Mere. They came first in all their races but because the leaders helped them they were relegated to second place overall. Not a bad result even so.



Monday Cubs with their Kickstart trophy

JOTT Camp

Six Scouts attended the JOTT camp in May. Jamboree on the Trail is an annual day where Scouters all over the world try and hike on the same day. To make the hike different Andrew contacted the Parish Council and arrange to clear footpaths. Permission granted the Scouts set off with shears, saws and gloves to clear a mass of nettles, brambles and trees. It took three hours of hard work to clear a metre wide path from Bag Lane to Pinfold Cottages. After a brief stop for lunch they continued walking on clearer pathways and met up with the Thursday Beavers for the walk back to camp.

Scouts have been busy learning about electrics and plumbing as well as preparing the Scout Hut ready to be repainted. This helped them gain their DIY badges. You might have noticed the brighter looking hut!

They also helped Cheshire Police with a speed initiative programme. They helped at speed camera check points in the village and spoke to motorists about the dangers of speeding.

