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## St Georges Day Parade

The parade took place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. All of Rushcliffe's Scouts and Guides walked from the park in West Bridgford to Nottingham Forest's ground by the Trent.



District Commissioner Jock Shaw welcomed everyone present. All the young people present renewed their promises. It was lovely to see so many from Keyworth taking part. This year we also had the Scouts from Feignies taking part. They were here for a camp over the bank holiday weekend in early May.



## Visit from Feignies Scouts

A group of 7 scouts and two leaders made the trip from France with the choir. We set up camp at Hollygate with two marquees and lots of

tents. A group of hardy scouts camped for the night which was, I am told, very cold! The scouts played lots of wide games as there is lots of space. They were joined by the cubs for the day. In the evening a BBQ was organised with our new BBQ. It passed with flying colours - only problem is it's a little heavy! Still at least I don't have to lift it! In the evening we had a campfire with songs. Aiden Blakey did a great job, with a little family help, to keep us on track. After breakfast the Scouts were picked up by their parents. The hardy French had another night under canvas.

## Allotment

It has been really busy down at the allotment. The Explorers are doing their bit to help along with Boddington who seems to be keeping busy!



There has been a bumper crop of strawberries and potatoes as far as I can see.

## A Pack Cubs

The cubs enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the

village, tasked to find a variety of objects such as ice, bus tickets and a four leaf clover. All the teams did an excellent job and enjoyed meeting members of the Keyworth community whilst exploring a variety of locations.

Tim Ball, a parent of one of our cubs and an expert cyclist/bike maintenance guru, spoke to the group. He talked about road safety, what to wear to be seen and safe, and how to ensure our bikes are kept in good working order. By the end of the evening all bikes were fit for the Tour de France. Thanks Tim for giving your time and making bike maintenance so interesting.

The cubs became detectives for the night and had an opportunity to use a variety of property marking techniques, see if you can spot any in the hut next time you are there. They had their own fingerprints taken, apprehended some dubious looking scoundrels (George Flewitt and Patrick Milne), and become eye witnesses to the hut crime scene. This involved giving detailed descriptions of the previously mentioned scoundrels.

Off to Lings Lane, fishing nets and glass jars in hand

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ready to explore the Keyworth Meadow. Again, an expert was on hand, Neil Pinder, to talk about the Meadow and give an insight as to what creatures/birds they might find. Everyone was amazed by the sounds of the birds that could be heard, when there was any silence!



The cubs made their way down to the various streams and ponds within the Meadow and spent a wonderful time dipping in the water to find what was living in it. Neil again was able to help to identify the wildlife found within the nets and jars. All wildlife were returned to their natural habitat. Then everyone returned to the main part of the Meadow for a welcome cup of tomato soup, kindly provided by cub parent helper Martin Findlay. The soup gave all the much needed energy for the return journey home.

Both Neil and Martin received a well earned BRAVO from the pack. Many thanks from the leaders to Neil and Martin and all the

parents who turned up to help.



These types of activities always need helpers and A Pack Cubs never seem short of offers when in need. Many thanks again to all our helpers especially Rob, Robin, Andrew, George and Patrick.

## AGM

This year we decided to try and make the AGM more fun. A quiz was kindly organised by Mike Wilson who acted as question master. There was a one round before the AGM.



Richard Lumb - Group Leader

We then rushed through the business part and handed out the Duke of Edinburgh Awards to the following:-

## Gold

Oliver Lumb



Geoff Briggs/Oliver

## Silver

Harry Townsend

Eleanor Blakey

George Aldridge

Oliver Cox

## Bronze

Rebecca Dorman

Austin Shepherd

Daniel Wilson

Joanna Butler-Williams

Millie Wilson

Congratulations to all the Explorers and well done to Oliver for his Gold. We hope this will be the first of many now that Karl (the leader) has found his way round the computer format (with a little help from his son Martin)! A big thank you also to Jeff Briggs, District Commissioner, who presented the awards.

We finally managed to hand out a leaving presentation to Wendy Belz's together with one for Tony Clifton. A big thank you to both of them



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for their long service with the Group.

Two new members have joined the committee who are Oliver Lumb (Treasurer) and Christine Shepherd. Hopefully this will be the start of a rush as we are always looking for new people with new ideas. You even get your own purple t-shirt!

The second part of the quiz was finished off in a hurry as everyone was keen to get stuck into the BBQ and drinks. A big thank you to all the Committee who worked really hard all evening.



There was a prize of a family ticket to Showcase cinemas for the winner of each Section (5 prizes in all).



The children made the most of the unusually warm weather and played games on the Rec.

## Roverway

Harry Townsend, Harry Stockwell and Eddy Snow were lucky enough to attend Finland last year. The Scouts had the opportunity to listen to their stories of the event and see some photos.

The explorers spent time raising money together with a donation from 1<sup>st</sup> Keyworth Scouts in order to attend the event.



Boddington with Harry T

Harry Townsend said "My group had advantages in Jamboree and Roverway which really made us see that Scouting is not something that you go to once a week and plan an expedition. It is an international movement that reaches 400 million people across the globe whether they are beavers, leaders or the old man round the corner."



Harry S/Boddington/Friend

Roverway is a fabulous Camp where 3000 or 4000 Rovers and Ventures get to hangout together, chill, or go mental doing lots of activities together. Roverway is a chance to get inside the culture of a country while having great fun. An opportunity for personal challenge, group challenges and new adventures. Whether it's Fun, Adventure or Challenge you want Roverway is one of the best experiences you're likely to have in your Scouting life.



Harry T/Boddington/Harry S/Friends

The event works with your own group (5 - 15), for the first 4 days being on a 'path'. A group of about 50 people together form a tribe, and

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each tribe will follow a different path. There will be 60 paths of varying levels of skill and physical activity, you choose what will suit you best. The last 4 days was an amazing camp in the magical Evo Forest, along with 3000 others, enjoying all



of the madness and mayhem that 3000 people in one place creates, but with a Finnish twist. Watch this space for information about the next international event.

## Scouts

A water weekend was organised for 10 lucky Scouts. They spent the time kayaking, sailing and a ride in a powerboat on the Trent near Farndon. The event was over two days with them camping not far from the river.

A bike ride sent them to Ruddington Park and back. Well done to all the Scouts who kept going through the pain barrier.



An evening was spent at Holme Pierrpont canoeing and kayaking. All the boys are fully briefed and have life jackets. Just as well as one scout managed to capsize not once but twice! One of my sons! Another fell trying to step into the canoe which moved! They still enjoyed the evening though which is the main thing.

## B Pack Cubs

At the start of the term a litter pick around Keyworth was organised. Items found included the usual paper litter along with glass bottles and a discarded tray. The parish council provided collection bags for us to use.



For the early part of the term Graham and Jeff earned themselves a reputation as rain gods! They sloshed their way through Clipston woods back to Normanton. This was then followed by a damp wide games at Hollygate.



Their reputation did not last as the sun was ever present for canoeing at Holme Pierrpont and the tennis session.



A free taster session of tennis was kindly provided by Patrick Smith the coach at Keyworth Tennis Club (he can be contacted on 07909787393 or emailed at [patrick@insideouttennis.com](mailto:patrick@insideouttennis.com))



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The leaders even managed to organise this during the Wimbledon fortnight. Well done Andy Murray 77 years since a British man won the trophy. Only 36 years for the ladies though!

## Group Gathering

Our annual camp took place in June at Willesby Scout Camp. The usual activities were on offer with a few extras. Richard Lumb, our leader, used the camp to try out a selection of children's games which will be on offer at the Keyworth Show. Boddington had yet another new outfit!



The camp is a very relaxed affair with lots of time to catch up with friends and make new ones.



The usual campfire is always fun and Aiden Blakey very kindly lead the singing.

## Explorers

This term we have been concentrating on making sure those who are on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions are well prepared. So far we have had one bronze and one silver expedition completed. Well done to everyone. Another silver and gold to go before the end of the summer. More details in the next newsletter.



Silver DofE Group

Silver Group at the end of their walk!

## Newsbits

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh was attending a garden party

in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. He spotted Kate Royse, County Commissioner for Girl Guiding in Nottinghamshire wearing her gold Duke of Edinburgh Award badge. He said she was the only person worth speaking to. So anyone out there who is doing their DofE take note people do notice! Go for Gold.

## Future Events

Parent Committee Meetings  
9<sup>th</sup> September  
14<sup>th</sup> October  
25<sup>th</sup> November  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## Turkey Trot

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

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