

1st Keyworth Scouts Newsletter

July - September 2013 Events



In July we have our final big event of the Scouting year at the Keyworth Show. The Sections close during the summer holidays to give the leaders a well deserved rest. Thank you to all the leaders, helpers and Explorers who help out. Without your help the Group wouldn't be able to put on the brilliant diverse activities it does during the year.

Keyworth Show

As usual we had a strong turnout to help cook the hot dogs. It was great to see some new faces who slotted in easily to the tasks given. No experience necessary so if you would like to help next year please come forward. We always have a lot of laughs.



This year we were, at last, lucky with the weather and a beautiful hot sunny day was really welcome. Perhaps not in the cooking tent where it

felt like a sauna! We kept the sides off which helped a bit but I'm sure I lost a few pounds that day!



Our team of Paul Nott, Mark Barron, Graham Finch, Karl Lewis and Oliver Lumb managed to retain the Tug Of War Trophy.



There were only two teams this year so it's just as well they beat the Morris Dancers!



Boddington managed to get around the Show with a little help from his friend Tony.



He was helping in the marquee at one stage but we made him leave as we didn't want him getting scolded with the hot dogs.



The Scouts allotments managed a second place for vegetables and a second place for strawberries. Boddington helping to look after the certificates.



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Memorial Walk

Now in its 9 year the Memorial Walk took place at Holme Pierrpont in aid of Cancer Research UK. Organised superbly by Janet Worrell (Blakey), Diana Ives and Steve Wong to commemorate Steve's Wife Moira who lost her fight with breast cancer at the age of 40.

The 5 km course was completed walking, running, cycling, scooting, even a unicyclist but no one walked backwards this year! I understand some Scouts were thinking of being pushed in a wheel barrow - perhaps next year!



As usual 1st Keyworth Scouts were well represented again, with members of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all taking part. We also had representatives from Crossdale Primary School, Burnside Hall Playgroup, Wolds Preschool,

Willowbrook Preschool and BusyBees Preschool at Crossdale. Before the walk a presentation was given to Kate Read (Towny Owl) of the 4th Keyworth Brownies with a card and gift for her 25 year as Brown Owl. Crossdale Drive Primary School had a Pink Day at school to tie in with the walk.

The first walk in 2005 attracted about 70 people. Since then it has grown in popularity and in past years we have attracted up to 300 people. Many of you were at that first walk and have been every year. £819.86 has been raised so far this year, thus the event has raised nearly £6500 in the last 9 years. Well done to all of you for your effort and supporting such a worthy cause.



A Pack Cubs

The final Cubs meeting held on Friday 19th July and in traditional Cubs style with a BBQ, cakes and an evening of

games and fun. We presented badges to the Cubs who worked hard to achieve them. Alistair Milne, our oldest cub, received the Chief Scouts Silver Award. Congratulations to him.

Cubs

Thirteen cubs from Keyworth A and B Packs joined approximately 400 Cubs from the County for a day of fun and activities at the Sherbrooke Scout Camp, Calverton, Nottingham on Saturday 21 September.

The activities were split into the Continents America, Asia, Australasia and Africa and included hands on and physical games and skills. The activities were designed to help the cubs achieve their Global Challenge badge. Some of the many physical activities included Giant inflatable slides, KMX (3 wheeled) and BMX bike courses, Zip wires, tunnelling, archery, crate stack, climbing and abseiling and Joey Racing which involved B Pack leader Graham racing the cubs in sacks, bouncing to the finish line. Some of the hands on tasks included making water rockets, Chinese bookmarks

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and lanterns, pedal powered smoothies, fire lighting and back woods cooking.



A picnic lunch in the sun, ice creams and penny bags from the tuck shop (with inflation probably a bit more expensive), topped off a great fun filled day. Many new friends were made and hopefully new skills learnt. Lots of energy was definitely used up, not only by the Cubs but also the numerous leaders who gave up their time for the event.

Scouts

A group of Scouts were lucky enough to go gliding at Darlton Flying club, Tuxford nr Newark.

They were given safety instructions before being strapped into their parachutes and shown to the gliders.



The gliders were attached to a winch and pulled up into the sky. A great time was had by those who attended. I understand that one lucky parent managed to get a go!



In July 5 scouts managed an expedition during the extremely hot summer we had. It should have been 6 but one couldn't make it as he had his appendix out instead! They cycled from Keyworth to Melton Mowbray, took the train to Oakham and then cycled to their campsite. The evening was spent in the local pub over a drink of

lemonade with the leaders. After a night under canvas they set off to cycle round Rutland water. Luckily it was cloudy for a while before the real heat of the day took hold. They were due to do the route in reverse but due to the heat and lack of trains on a Sunday the leaders decided to bring them back by car. The expedition is a taster of what is on offer in the Explorers for those who do the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Good luck to the Scouts who go up to Explorers after the summer.

Beavers

As you may have seen in the Keyworth News we are still looking for a leader to run the Beavers. We are really lucky to have 3 regular helpers who will carry on to help the new leader. Unfortunately Nic who is the current uniformed leader will be leaving at Christmas after being in the Beavers for as long as I can remember! If we can't find anyone to go into uniform we will have no option but to close the Section. With the health and safety of the children being our priority we cannot run

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Beavers without a uniformed leader. When my boys were in Cubs we had the same problem until Karl Lewis and Graham Blakey came forward to go into uniform. Perhaps two people could come forward and run it together. If you talk to any of the leaders they will tell you that it is very rewarding. You would not be alone as full training given at your own pace.

Allotments

This year has been a bumper year. The strawberries bought to the committee meeting didn't last long - thanks Robin for bringing them. I am currently working my way through pickled beetroot which is lovely in a cheese sandwich.



We are always on the lookout for people to help during the year. Anyone wishing to help with the allotments please contact me and I will pass on your name.

Explorers

Congratulations go to Oliver Lumb who went to St James Palace to receive his gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

He was 1 of 100 scouts to receive their Gold awards from HRH Earl of Wessex.



Over the summer there have been four teams out and about doing their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. One bronze, two silver and a gold.



The silver expedition who spent 3 days and two nights

camping out in the Peak District in Derbyshire.

The gold team managed 4 days walking and three nights under canvas.



Aidan Blakey attended the National Scouting Regatta on the Wroxham Broads during the summer as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is what he said about the experience.



"Until May 2013 I had never set foot in a boat. Through Nottinghamshire Scouts I took the opportunity to learn to sail at Hoveringham Sailing Club. After I had gained my RYA level 1 & 2, I was offered the chance to go to the National Scout Regatta in

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Norfolk. This is an annual event, involving Scouts & Sea Scouts throughout the UK. I crewed with Kam Khalil, of Radcliffe on Trent Explorers, we entered many races and our best position was 4th.

All in all it was a great weekend and I would recommend these courses to my fellow scouts and explorers. Next year I hope to go to South Shields".

World Scout Jamboree

For those who don't know a World Scout Jamboree is a gathering of Scouts and Guides from all over the world for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, friendship and fun. The next Jamboree will take place in the summer of 2015, when tens of thousands of Scouts from around the world will gather in Japan for the experience of a lifetime! The theme of the Jamboree will be 'Wa', which has many meanings including harmony, unity, friendship and peace.

The WSJ will be based in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan

from 28th July to 8th August 2015. You need to be born between 28th July 1997 and 27th July 2001 to be eligible. The overall trip is 3 weeks including a short stay in Tokyo. This will allow participants to immerse themselves in the cultural aspect of the city and a Home hospitality (HoHo) experience allowing them to gain knowledge and understanding of how Japanese families live and socialise.

An information evening will be held on 6th November 2013 at 7.30pm at Radcliffe on Trent Scout Hall. There will be a presentation to parents and young people about the entire Jamboree Experience, including the cost and fundraising to help meet the cost (the total cost per person is £2,995.00). A selection day will be held on Sunday 17th November 2013 at Tollerton Scout Hall 10am - 3.30pm.

Closing date for applications is 13th November 2013.

Forthcoming Events

6th November 2013 - Information Day for Jamboree 7.30pm Radcliffe on Trent Scout Hall

10th November - Remembrance Sunday

13th November - Closing date for Jamboree

Sunday 17th November
Jamboree Selection, Tollerton Scout Hall, 10am - 3.30pm

25th November
Committee Meeting

8th December
Turkey Trot

10th December
Carol Service

6th January
Committee Meeting -

Any items for the next newsletter please forward to Maria Lewis at

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For details of waiting lists please contact Joan Lumb on 0115 9147906 or email keyworthscouts.membership@hotmail.co.uk.

If anyone has issues with photographs of their children appearing on the website please contact me asap I will take their picture out.