



1st Goxhill & Barrow Scout Group News

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Beaver Colony

We have said a sad farewell to Beaver Leader, Helen Margetson (aka 'Tigger') who has done a fantastic job as the Beaver Leader for the past few years. Helen was sorry to leave us but we hope to see her back as part of the group very soon. The group and the Beavers are very pleased to welcome Tracey Morley who has taken over the role and is doing a fantastic job with the youngest members of our group. The Beavers will be taking part in a fundraising event for Leukaemia in the summer and have also got lots of activities planned including planting plants around the scout field, drumming and crafts.

Cubs Section

The Cubs have been keeping busy from the start of 2007 up to now with lots of activities. Back in January we had an art night with the Cubs all helping to make 3 large wall posters, one showing the Cub Scout Law, another showing the Cub Scout Promise and the last showing the Cub Scout Rules. Cubs were given the opportunity to decide what rules they wanted and the finished products certainly brighten up the hut walls!

The baking night also proved a very enjoyable event (if not messy) and along with a quiz night and magic night, the dark winter evenings proved very entertaining! The last meeting before Easter saw the Cubs taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt in the back field (with a couple of cream eggs still missing - the

New Holland foxes will have had a treat!) A weekend Cub Camp was held straight after Easter at Primrose Hill and was for many of the younger Cubs their first experience of Cub Scout camping.

With the light nights upon us we are enjoying many outdoor activities and with plans afoot to make the whole New Holland Scout hut and site much more safe and secure we are looking forward to being able to use the back field for weekend camps for all the sections of the Group to enjoy and learn about outdoor pursuits.

Scouts Section

Although January to April are not the best months for good weather the scout section still managed to keep itself very busy. During January and February many of the scouts spent the weekends working with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust as part of the nature reserve working parties. The scouts spent the time with the working parties doing some general site maintenance and clearing some new pathways at Far Ings Nature Reserve. During February we sent several teams to the annual Wolds Challenge competition, it was the first year any of the scouts had entered this key scouting event and all managed to complete the course.

During March the scouts joined forces with the explorer scouts for a very challenging weekend of zip wires & rope bridges amongst the trees at the High

Ropes Adventure, Lindum Warren Scout Centre, Market Rasen.

More camping followed in early April with a weekend at Nettleton working towards the Outdoor Challenge Badge. This included a days hiking along the Viking way. Fifteen scouts took good advantage of the mild April weather spending a very entertaining weekend working towards their Survival Skills badge. This included camping out in a local wood without a tent, gutting fish and cooking them over an open fire.

During this time the scout section has grown ever larger and we now run scouts on a Monday and a Tuesday evening from 7:15pm until 9pm. If anyone would like to get involved, either as an adult helper or as a scout then please call 01469 532696.

Explorer Section

Whilst the Explorer section of the 1st Goxhill and Barrow Scout group enjoys only it's second year of existence the group itself has an enviable record in terms of the numbers of young people and adult leaders it attracts and the activities it completes every year. The Scout movement itself celebrates its centenary this year and although it retains links to the origins of Scouting it continues to progress to remain relevant in the modern world and has over 20 million members throughout most of the world.

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