



BAG PACKING AT SAINSBURY'S

# Yarnton Troop Newsletter

## Autumn 2014

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## Chairman's News

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter and I hope everyone has enjoyed the sunny September as we move into a more traditional November weather wise.

As of our last executive meeting we are, as a result of a lot of hard work from the team, in a great position with regards to the numbers of scouts, cubs, beavers we have across the troop. This is good news for the pack and for all concerned as it means we have a popular and fun environment in which the groups can thrive.

We have a packed schedule leading up to the end of the year with a range of activities from hiking and sleepovers to climbing, training, D of E, RaidOx and Gold Queens Scout awards.

The summer period was dominated by attendance at WINGS in Windsor Great Park where over 50 badges were earned and a lot of friends were made, not least with the Canadian team who

shared our camping area and the food that was produced by the catering team.

We have a range of fund raising events, the bag pack has already happened which raised £462.65. We have a quiz night to come. See further down for more detail. Other ideas for fund raising are always welcome. For instance we attended the Woodstock Carnival back in June and with great selling and a little effort we raised over £200 for our on-going funds.

As always, a huge thank you goes to our team of leaders and their assistants for running each of the groups and keeping it all running smoothly. Thanks to the committee and we look forward to our upcoming events.

Richard Dorey, Chairman



**Beaver Halloween fun**  
Halloween crafting

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**Cubs 'Onesie' night**  
Lots of fun for the cubs when they dressed up in their onesie's and played games

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# Beavers

by Rosemary Ralphs

Beavers are enjoying a varied programme at the moment including simple knots, map reading and soap modelling. The map reading resulting in a lovely 'hike' in the grounds of Blenheim Palace where they all managed to navigate themselves around the park. We are now looking forward to a sleepover and Halloween crafts. If you feel you have a skill or interesting job or hobby that would interest the Beavers please contact me.



# Cubs

by Wendy Tatham

It's been a quiet summer for the cubs however there are lots of activities planned over the coming months. Before Christmas the Cubs will be working towards their Disability Awareness activity badge and Global Conservation activity badge with help from the explorers. They are also going climbing (indoors at Youlbury), learning to light camp fires and will be learning some new games...



# SCOUTS

## CPCW Weekend

Henry, Alex, Izzy, Leon, Joseph, Zulfi, Theo, (Rowan).



## CPCW Weekend

For the first time in several years, Yarnton Scouts were represented at this year's County Patrol Camping Weekend.

The weekend was held at Horley Scout campsite from 3rd to 5th October and during that time the Scouts undertook a number of challenges and managed their own site and meals under general supervision by CPCW staff.

Our Scouts had a fantastic time and finished the weekend placed 14<sup>th</sup> out of 50 teams – great representatives for Yarnton.



The Scouts also joined 10 other teams in this year's Midnight Exercise held at Youlbury Scout Camp. Teams scored points on 11 bases that tested various skills and their ability to work together as a team. Challenges included a giant jigsaw, a pressure-pad blindfold path and an off-floor challenge with a start and finish point, an array of barrels, and planks that were deliberately too short to span the gap between barrels.



# EXPLORERS

This term the explorers will be running cubs for 3 evenings to complete the environmental values for their chief scout awards. They will be climbing and doing airsoft. They are also heading off to curborough for the last pedalcar race this season.

Yarnton's team mixed a small number of experienced team members with Scouts that were completely new to the challenge and they finished in a very respectable 5th place.



## Summer camp WINGS 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014, 30 Yarnton scouts, leaders and explorers, boarded a coach, towards Windsor Great Park, for WINGS 2014. WINGS stands for "*Windsor InterNational Guides and Scouts camp*". After the 2 hour journey on the hot coach, passing Windsor castle, we finally arrived at WINGS 2014. As we got off the coach, we headed over to the main entrance, where we got thin, florescent ID bands that were slightly painful when put on our wrists. As we went over to the campsite, the van arrived with our camping equipment and we all went over to get the tents and chairs and tables. After we got all of the things, we put up all of our tents and waited for our camping mates. After some time, The 1<sup>st</sup> Creston scouts from British Columbia in Canada who we were twinned with, arrived. They were good fun and very generous and gave us maple syrup along with a goodie bag each! . They started putting up their tents; each group had a huge 5 man tent!

At 5 o'clock we finally had our first food at wings- we were starving! A couple of hours later, at about half past 8 that night, there was the opening ceremony, with several songs, it was amazing to have so many scouts from all over the world. At 10 at night, everyone went back to their tents extremely tired, and falling asleep almost instantly after such an exciting day.

The next day, we woke up early, and everyone was talking about the opening ceremony, and afterwards, we got up and had breakfast with the Canadians. After eating breakfast we went to our first base. We did a lot of activities there, and then we had our lunch. After lunch, we did another base. This was, in fact, the schedule for the rest of our great days at WINGS with lots of exciting activities and team games. On the second to last day, after the activities and dinner, we went to the closing ceremony, it was raining heavily, and so, the fireworks were hard to see, the music constantly blared in everyone's ears, yet most people ignored the rain. Again, after the ceremony, everyone collapsed into bed exhausted and went to sleep within minutes.

On the last day, everyone got up late, after having such a tiring week, and then we had to take down our tents, it took us about an hour to take them all down- it was hard work as it had been raining the previous night, and then we packed up,

put everything back in the van, and sadly we left WINGS 2014.

During our time at WINGS 2014 we gained over 50 badges for a range of challenges such as: more nights away, hikes away, time on the water, the adventure challenge and the global challenge.

I really enjoyed going away for a week with Yarnton Scouts, it was an unforgettable experience and our leaders did a great job. Thank you all.

Patrick Twine

## **Yarnton Scout Group 'Bonus Ball Club'**

The Bonus ball is a monthly draw where you get the chance to win the pot! The pot is made up of £2 per month contributions from **you**, and any of your **friends** and **family** who would like to join.

Assuming there are 49 members you get the chance to win £49 every month.

### **How does it work?**

Bonus Ball Club members pledge to pay £2 each month (£24 for the year) and each member will be given a number between 1-49 (you will keep the same number for all 12 draws) and on the first Saturday of each month the winner on that day will be the person with the same number as the National Lottery (Lotto) bonus ball they will receive a prize equivalent to 50% of the total contributions £49, if all the numbers have been taken.

The other 50% (£49) will go towards funding activities for the Beavers, Cubs, Scout and Explorer sections. So not only do you have the excitement of the draw each month but you will also be supporting the children. If we get 49 members we will be able to raise a fantastic £588 for the Scout Group.

Please pick up a leaflet from the Scout Hut or your leader or contact Jo Jones on the following email: [samjojones@aol.com](mailto:samjojones@aol.com)

**Many thanks for supporting the Yarnton Scout Group.**

# Ragbag:

Following the latest collection the Ragbag bin has made its first £1,000!!! The total raised from the Ragbag to date is £1,058.50 - so thank you for all the donations of clothes, bags & shoes. Please keep the donations coming and tell all your friends and family about the bin too!



**Date for your Diary**

**The New Year Quiz**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 3PM**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Fun for all the family  
on **Sunday January**  
**18<sup>th</sup> at 3PM**

A maximum of 6 per  
team.

More details to follow

Yarnton  
Troop  
Newsletter  
Quarterly