

Yarnton Scout Group Summer 2014



Woodstock Carnival.

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On Saturday 21st June, the Beavers were given the honour of leading the parade at Woodstock Carnival. They were dressed in historical Scout uniforms dated from before 1968 and up to the present time. They looked amazing. Members of the Committee also ran a bottle stall and 'duck race' which made an amazing total of £150. We accrued another £75 from the parade and winning the 'judge's

special prize award! Thank you for everyone's efforts involved. We were all really chuffed with how it went. We spent an evening at St Bartholomew's Church, giving it a quick wipe over with our dusters as part of Scout Community week, thanks to Nathan for allowing us access to his Church.

Looking forward to having fun for the rest of the term.

Rose, BSL



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Summer BBQ and Presentation this Friday 11th July at 7pm



Cub Section

Cubs have been very busy across this term; first we prepared for camp and then worked towards their water activities badge which included for most participating in District Cub Boating. There will be lots of badges to be awarded as a result at the Group BBQ and we are still to complete the pioneering badge at the end of this term!

The District programme for the coming year has also been planned giving the Cubs the chance to take part in 6-a-side football, chess, boot and compass challenge, and scrapheap challenge. A centenary camp is also being planned for July 2016 as part of celebrating a 100 years of the Cubs section

Cub Camp



Cubs go camping in June.

The Cubs had a great time at Cub Camp in June. Despite a wet Saturday morning, when they took the opportunity to carve knives, they had the opportunity to cook around the camp fire, improve their camp skills and build and sleep in shelters. Having cooked burger parcels,

salmon and sausage twists on the camp fire they all earned their backwoodscooking badge along with working towards their outdoor challenge badge and camp badge! After a hectic, warm and enjoyable weekend they all went home for a well-earned rest.

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Cub Boating

The Cubs took to the water on the 21st June as part of District Cub Boating Day. Across the afternoon they all went out in row boats, Canadian Canoes and Kayaks. Thankfully the sunny weather stayed throughout the day keeping them warm but definitely not dry, as they

jumped out of the boats into water! Having completed their water safety passports before the day they all gained their water activities badge and will earn their first time on the water badge (a new staged badge for water activities

Scout Section - Community Challenge

Scouts completed part of their Community Challenge badge on a beautiful summer evening in the historical town of Woodstock. The Scouts followed picture clues that took them on the Woodstock Town Trail as they explored the local community and took in local tourist attractions.

As a second part of the community challenge badge, Scouts and other helpers cleaned the ditch between the Scout hut and the village hall. In addition to work for the community, the Scouts then painted the inside and outside of the Scout hut and tidied the garden while other helpers mended the leaking roof and painted the ceiling.

Scout news Athletics Activity Badge

Mid-June saw completion of the Athletics Badge for twenty two Scouts on the field at Gosford Hill School. Scouts participated in the field events discus, long jump and throwing a cricket ball and classic track events 400m, 4 x 100m and the hilarious assisted blindfold. Great fun was had by all and a huge thanks goes to the parents who helped at the event.



National Pedal Car Racing Championships

The adrenalin was pumping as three teams from Yarnton Scout Group took up the challenge at the 24 Hour National Pedal Car Championships in Shenington at the end of June.

After a few practice runs the pedal cars set out at noon on Saturday to follow the pace car, 24 hours to go! Competition was fierce as our

groups battled against the elements and the professionals on the track. As the weather worsened and the lightning threatened, the Scouts sat it out for a few minutes. Scouts and vehicles alike sustained injuries and were dealt with in the first aid tent and the pits respectively - patched up and ready to ride a few more laps. For first-timers the Scouts showed real determination and great teamwork and were a credit to our Scout group. The Scouts earn themselves 2 nights away and 2 hikes each.

Notnray Network (PC1) 311.87 miles (18 th)	Notnray Duo (PC1 D) 179.29 miles (30 th)	Yarnton Scouts(PC3) 185.61 miles (29 th)
Tom Heydon	Alex Ralphs	Isabel Hedges
James Heydon	Jake Gerring	Theo Andrews
Ben Hedges		Leon Slade
Samuel Jones		Joseph White
Daniel Ley		Anthony (Grimsbury North Oxford District)
Alan Crane		

Chairman's Chatter

Summer is on its way and there is no let-up in the activities we have going on at Yarnton Scouts over the next few months.

The different groups have already been busy over the past few weeks with camps, parades, peddle cars, and usual weekly activities, DofE work and more. Thanks goes, as always to our great leaders who keep the troop growing and active an exciting for everyone who comes along.

We had a tidy up week around the scout hut as well as the buildings getting a patched roof and a lick of paint inside. It looks a lot better as a result, and the



drainage might work down the newly cleared ditch now.

We have our presentation evening on 11th July which will have a BBQ and Raffle beforehand so we look forward to as many of you as possible being there for the evening. It is a good time to meet the leaders in a social setting and see the fruits of the hard work all the kids have put in.

Thank you also to the new executive members on the committee. We look forward to getting to know you better and putting you to work on fund raising and other events over the year!

Thanks again and see you on 11th.

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