



THE NEWSLETTER OF 1ST WOKINGHAM SCOUT GROUP

FirstNews

January 2017

Happy New Year

2017 looks to be an exciting year for 1st Wokingham Scout Group. All sections have varied programmes for the coming year so our young people will be guaranteed a brilliant time.

Our fundraising team have been working tirelessly since last spring to raise the money needed to replace the hut roof and have made good progress. With your continued support, we will hopefully be in a position to carry out this essential work this year and ensure the survival of 1st Wokingham for the benefit of future generations.

Laser Tag

Our Cubs and our Scouts were lucky enough to take part in Laser Tag.



Keep in Touch

We have a FaceBook group for 1st Wokingham parents. If you would like to join, please email lizziehewitt@btinternet.com

New GSL

Welcome to our new GSL, Karen Johnson



Fundraising Update

Autumn 2016 was another very successful term for our hard-working fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who took part or helped in any way.

The Group Bonfire & Fireworks Night was, as usual, an enjoyable evening. It was very well attended and made a good profit. Just a few weeks later, the Winter Carnival was also a great success, raising £1000 before expenses.

If you have been collecting up your zops, please could you return your jars before the half term holiday. There will be a prize for the top collectors

Our fundraising team are always looking for new members. After all, many hands make light work! If you think you would be able to help, please email



info@firstwokingham.org.uk or speak to your section leader.

Section News

Beavers

The Autumn term got off to a great start this year with the new leadership team in place, with Jeremy Grand-Scrutton as the new Colony Leader, and no less than three new Deputy Leaders: Charlotte Walker, Sarah Walton and Claire Threlfall.

We are all immensely grateful to Karen Johnson, our previous Colony Leader, for her huge contribution and continuing support and guidance.

In addition, Jeremy Allcock and Lizzie Powell had very kindly stayed on as Deputy Leaders to assist with the transition.

A wide variety of activities filled the Autumn programme, including a Green Cross Code quiz, games and walk round Arborfield. A talk by the Bat Conservation Trust (with real bat!) was also popular. Two First Aid nights taught valuable skills, whilst the Christmas party provided the traditional highlight of the term.

Allison Hope, Section Assistant

Cubs

Cave Camp provided an exciting start to the Autumn Term, giving the Cubs the opportunity to do a number of exciting activities including caving in a bus, a trip to the Hell Fire Caves, climbing, a mammoth hunt, cooking on a fire and even a ride in a hot air balloon.

The focus for the rest of the term was the Our Skills Challenge Award. This involved problem solving, cooking toffee apples and the very useful skill of button sewing.

We finished off the term with a party, where all the Cubs re-took their Promise as party of the Cubs 100 celebrations.

Scouts

As usual, the Scouts have spent plenty of time outdoors. They had fun doing orienteering, night hike and wide games. The highlight of the term had to be the evening spent doing Laser Tag. Apparently it was brilliant!

Any Other Business...

Termly Subscriptions

Payment is due at or before the first meeting of each term as this ensures that your child is insured and also helps with our banking. If there is any problem with payment, please contact us so that we can discuss other arrangements.

Our preferred method of payment is by online banking (details on Subs Request

letter). Any other payment by cheque or cash should be deposited in the box on the wall inside the main hall doors attached to an information slip with the name of the child and his/her section. Other payments may also be made by these methods if full information is attached. For security reasons the box will be emptied at the end of each session.

For payments from January 2014, we will be registered to claim back Gift Aid on subscription payments. Approximately 60% have completed the form and we thank you. Forms will be going out again with the subscription request letters and we ask that you look out for these and those who haven't submitted one please do so and return them as soon as possible. It cost you no extra payment; the government pays us on your behalf on presentation of the form.

Save the Date

Please save the following dates, more information can be found at the events calendar on our website.

Monday	1 st May	Wokingham May Fayre
Friday	7 th July	AGM & BBQ
Tuesday	7th November	Group Fireworks
Sunday	26 th November	Wokingham Town Winter Carnival

Please can we ask anybody who sees acts of vandalism or antisocial behaviour at the hut to report to the police and get an incident number. Send incident numbers to Keith Winter via <http://www.firstwokingham.org.uk/contact/> who will keep a record.

If you wish to submit material for the next edition of the newsletter, or have any comments about this newsletter then please contact the Editor at firstnews@firstwokingham.org.uk

The police non-emergency number is 101 and the hut address is
1st Wokingham Scout Hut
Redlands Farm Park
Evendons Lane
Wokingham
RG41 4DX

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Our website is regularly updated.
Have a look at
www.firstwokingham.org.uk

Did you know?

You can hire the hut for children's birthday parties (primary age children only). It's a great space for running around in and is just as suitable for a disco as it is a football party. Rates are extremely reasonable too!

Contact Georgina Spalding for more details and bookings:
handgs@btinternet.com