

1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

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The Following Badges have been Awarded Recently

Hikes Away Badge

Matthew Costall	10 hikes
Jamie Parr	10 hikes
Paul Hunt	10 hikes
Josh Youds	1 hike
Connor O'Shea	1 hike



Christmas Holidays

Scouts will finish on Thursday 13th
December and reopen on Friday 11th
January.

Have a great
Christmas and
fantastic 2013.

Orienteering - Just Like Buses!

You wait ages for some success at 1st Thurstaston Scouts and then 3 come along close together. Following on from Isaac Lancel's success at the Bevan Competition, the Troop enjoyed double honours at the District Orienteering Competition.

The competition took place at Ashton Park in West Kirby for scouts across the district. Teams could compete as either teams of 2 or teams of 3 over a course through the entire park against the clock. The competition was run as a relay with the scouts initially finding control points individually and then joining as a team to find the remaining control points.

In the doubles competition, Edward Rudd and Jamie Parr came second in the competition. They finished the course in the quickest time however due to age handicapping in operation in the competition they came second, missing out on 1st place by 14 seconds!

In the triples competition, we entered what must be one of our youngest teams with two scouts who have been invested only in the last 6 months and one cub who is currently "moving on" to scouts. The team of Chris Baker, George Rudd and Adam Parr had the advantage of age on their side with the handicapping and did brilliantly to finish second.

Congratulations to both teams who have now received their medals and certificates.

Re-Organisation - New Patrols

Due to the increasing numbers of scouts in the Troop and some of our senior scouts departing to Explorers or becoming Young Leaders, we have taken the opportunity to re-organise the Troop. We have formed a new Patrol called Bulldogs and a number of the scouts have been promoted to Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders.



Senior Patrol Leader *Carrick Hurley*

Senior Patrol Leader *James Webster*



Tigers

Jamie Parr

Assistant

Patrol Leader

*Harry Poole
Chris Baker*

Connor O'Shea

*Jack Cohen
Jack Shaw*



Cobra

GJ White

*Kieran Barnes
Lloyd Edwards*

Isaac Lancelly

*Paul Hunt
Missy Arthur*



Peewit

Edward Rudd

*George MacDonald
Sean Conroy*

*Lucas Hughes
Ethan Horton-*

*Friend
Jacob Foley*



Wolves

Joshua Currall

*Matthew Costall
Ben Grinstead*

*Matthew
Callaghan*

*Jamie Jenkins
Sean Collins
Josh Youds*



Bulldogs

*Dan Callaghan
David*

*Jamieson
Will Brady*

Dan Fieldhouse

*George Rudd
Adam Parr*

Now that the Patrols have been reorganised this gives us the opportunity to run inter-patrol competitions. The first of which, a First Aid competition, was run in the last month.

Patrol First Aid Competition

In November the five Patrols took part in an inter-Patrol First Aid Competition at the hut. Five different incidences were staged at the hut dealing with a number of First Aid situations that the scouts have previously been given instruction on. The incidences involved; a severely cut leg, a broken arm, a diabetic emergency, a severely scalded arm and hypothermia.

The new Patrol, Bulldogs, led the way to become the winners on the night. Dan Callaghan was singled out for the way he effectively dealt with the diabetic emergency. Well done Bulldogs.

Thank you to all the victims who helped stage the incidences. In particular to Brian who despite supposedly having a badly scolded arm nearly ended up with frostbite after his arm was cooled down in icy water 5 times!



Mud, Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud!

As the Scout Hut is currently out of use to the Group due to the Christmas Post sorting, it was time for our annual night hike. Twenty scouts took part (along with several parents – thank you). Unfortunately due to the heavy rain over the preceding few days the route was akin to Glastonbury/Somme mud trail. All the scouts put up with conditions valiantly. The hike did emphasise the need for the correct equipment when hiking e.g. Correct footwear, trousers, torches and whistles. It did however give the Troop the opportunity to wear the new hi-vis jackets kindly obtained for the Troop by Fiona Hurley.

