

# 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

## Lord Derby Scouting Skills Challenge

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 9 scouts from the Group took part in the Lord Derby Scouting Skills Challenge. Carrick Hurley, Dan Callaghan, Jamie Parr, Matthew Costall, Lloyd Edwards, Sean Young & Ben Grinstead formed one team. Whilst James Webster and Edward Rudd joined with scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Frankby Greasby to form a mixed team.

We were fortunate with the weather, with only light showers spasmodically during the day. The boys enjoyed a variety of challenges from pioneering, fire lighting, erecting traditional scout patrol tents and other scout skills. Whilst we did not win the competition the boys did very well. In particular Carrick Hurley achieved one of the best scores for his team on a logic challenge.

The adjacent picture is of Sean "riding" an "A" frame the scouts had made. This was "walked" by the use of 4 ropes tied to the top of the "A" frame. Matthew Costall can be seen in the background getting ready to heave on one of the ropes.

And this team mates is why you must now call me "Genius"



## District Scout Ten Pin Bowling Competition

This was also held in March. And whilst we didn't carry off any prizes all those taking part had a great evening.

## Great Escape @ Tawd Vale, Lancashire

A total of 15 boys from the Troop took part in this year's Great Escape at the Tawd Vale Camp site. This is a scout competition over 2 days, with the boys taking part in a variety of challenges. Some involved teamwork, some a little bit of mental agility, some tested their nerve and some just involved getting wet and muddy!

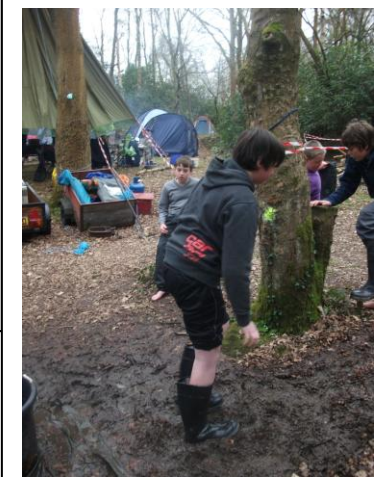
Between bases there was time to explore the camp site, including daring to walk across the tree trunk bridge which was stress tested by Mr Costall (pictured on the next page).

The weather over the weekend was very good during the day, although bitterly cold on the Saturday night. Space by the fire was much sought after.

We entered 3 teams (with some Greasby scouts making up our numbers). Our top team finished joint 5<sup>th</sup>, **our best ever result!**



# The Great Escape 2012



Q: Which of these 2 scouts ended up soaked? Dan clinging to the terrifying tree trunk or James carefully wading up the stream?



A: James made an impressively loud splash!



## Important message

# Olympic Games Night – July 13th



### 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Olympic Games Night

The following games will be played:

- Olympic Football (Great Britain were Olympic Champions in 1908 & 1912)
- Olympic Tug of War (Great Britain has won the most gold medals of any country in this event)
- Olympic Javelin ("I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here" star Fatimah Whitbread won a silver and bronze medals in successive Olympic Games)
- Olympic Team Table Tennis (Err this is one of those sports that was invented in this country but we are not very good at!)
- Olympic Crossbow Challenge (not actually an Olympic event but pretty good fun anyway!)

Last year we had a very successful Group Games Night which Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all took part in. A fantastic night was had by all and most importantly over £800 was raised for the Groups funds.

This year we are having an Olympic Games night (the actual Olympics start in London on the 27<sup>th</sup> July if you didn't already know!)

The list of planned events can be seen below but as well as these there will be a sweet stall, barbeque, raffles and a bar.

Last year we were very fortunate to have many parents spare us just over an hour of their evening to help make it a great night for the children. In the next month or so letters will be coming out asking for your assistance again, please help if you can.

As we did last year we will be asking the children to form into teams of five as most of the games we will play are team games.

Thanks

Alan



