

1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

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Scouts Cook – No One Poisoned!!

Recently the Scouts had a couple of evenings of cooking at the hut. They looked at food safety as well as having a go at preparing their own snacks. Whilst the cooking was going on some of the Scouts also tried their hand at shelter building using a tarpaulin and ropes slung between trees.

On the menu (cooking on a camping gas stove) were pancakes. Whilst on the open fire (which the Scouts had to light and tend themselves were foil parcels containing potatoes, carrots, pepperami and stock. No pans were used for the cooking on the open fire. All the vegetables, pepperami and foil packets were prepared by the Scouts. After 20 minutes in the hot embers the Scouts tucked into their gastronomic creations. Although one or two of the meals were on the black side of done there was not much left over when the clearing up was finished. From the sounds of the Scouts they were all pretty pleased with their culinary efforts.



And as far as we know, no one was poisoned!

Does Your Car need a Little TLC?



Tyres a little flat? That pesky oil light keeps coming on? Or an annoying noise from the back of your car?

If your answer to any of these is yes, then how about letting the Scouts have a look at your car? Over the next few weeks the Scouts will be working towards their mechanics badge.

Or are you having a DIY disaster?



The Scouts will also be looking at their DIY Badge. Hopefully we will be doing some woodworking and electrical work, as well as some tiling.

Did you know this guy?



The Group Bonfire Party was held last Friday 2nd November and a great night was had by all.

As well as the social aspect of the Bonfire Party it is also a way for the Scout Group to raise funds. One of the fund raising schemes is the "Who's the Guy? What his Name?" competition. This raised £200 for the Group funds, with Isaac Wright being the lucky winner of £50. The guy's name was Hubert.

Regretfully shortly after Hubert's name was revealed he met an untimely end with the 3 other guy's the scouts had made as they went onto the bonfire!

Fundraising – What's it for and where does it go?

Over the last 12 months we have undertaken various fundraising events for the Group's benefit. These have included; Scout Christmas Post, Christmas Fair, Easter Fair, Games Night and Bonfire Party. We

are fortunate that the parents of the Group have supported our efforts at a time when the financial pressures on everyone are increasing. Thank you for this.

So what is the money used for?

Firstly none of the leaders, assistants or helpers receive any financial reward for the time that is spent at the Scout Group. We are all volunteers (must be mad!).

Subscriptions go to help pay for the running costs of the premises, our minibus and the fees that we have to pay to the Scout Association (this is called capitation).

We are an active Scout Group, with both Scouts and Cubs away for several camps over the year (and Beavers joining in for a number of one night camps). We have to replace and improve some of the equipment that is used for the children's benefit.

Over the last 12 months some of the equipment we have purchased includes:



a gas fridge for keeping dairy products fresh whilst we are camping.



a new kit trailer (are old one was starting to wear out).



a new events shelter (our old one was lost during high winds at the Bala Canoe Weekend in May).

Each year we have to replace a number of tents. A new leader's tent was purchased and two 5-man tents for the Cubs and Scouts to use



The Following Badges have been Awarded Recently

Invested

George Rudd
Chief Scout Gold Award
Matthew Costall
Kieran Barnes
James Webster

Year Awards

G J White – 7 years
Edward Rudd – 7 years
Jamie Parr – 7 years
Ben Grinstead – 5 years
Matthew Callaghan – 3 years



Next month's edition will have a fairly lengthy list of investitures due to the ever increasing number of scouts!! If you can help out on Friday nights please do not be shy in coming forward.