

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

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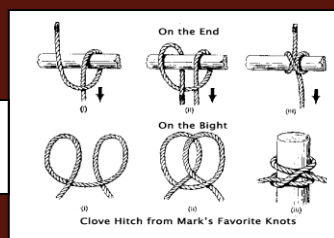
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston 0 - Barbarians 1

"Knot the result we were looking for!" This was the summing up of Maximus Decimus Costall, Commander of the Scouts of 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston. On the command of unleash hell the newly constructed two man catapults were fired. However rather than propelling their glowing munitions towards the barbarian horde, the catapults collapsed with much groans of dismay. A quick tightening of lashings and a second attempt did show some improvements with the projectiles at least making it onto the field.

Earlier in the evening the boys had been given the plans of how to make the catapults and some tuition on how to tie a clove hitch. It was clear from the results that a little more practice is required with knots. This however was very much a practice for the spring, when we will use the full size pioneering poles for the return match with the Barbarians!

Scouts – the picture to the right shows both ways to tie a clove hitch.



## Dad's/Parents Rotas

You will have recently received rotas from Julie Hobson asking for your help. Some of the Dad's have already committed to helping on a regular basis; they even come to camp with us! In the last 12 months or so the numbers of scouts regularly attending on a Friday night has steadily increased.

It is really important that your child has fun in a safe environment on Friday night. Having extra parent helpers at the hut helps us both run the activities and also make sure that they are done as safely as possible.





## Do you know this guy?

It could be with you up to £100\*



Last week the four Scout Patrols built 4 guys to help with our bonfire party on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The best of the guys is the one pictured above, but what is his name?

There are 500 names to choose from. Names can be purchased for £1 a go and the winning name will be revealed just before the guy goes on his "hot seat" on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The prize is 20% of the total sales of names, which if all 500 are sold means a prize of £100\*. Any unsold names are the property of 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scout Group and if the winner is aged under 16 then a parent or guardian must be present when the prize is handed over.

If you can help sell the names of the guy in your workplace then please email [alan.parr@talktalk.net](mailto:alan.parr@talktalk.net)

The remaining guys are pictured to the right. Further details regarding the bonfire party will come out nearer the date (which is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)



## The Following Badges have been Awarded Recently

### Nights Away

Matthew Callaghan – 35 nights

Jamie Parr – 35 nights

Ben Grinstead – 25 nights

### Hikes Away

Matthew Callaghan – 10 hikes

Dan Callaghan – 5 hikes

### Year Awards

Will Flush – 8 years

Ben Blanshard – 6 years

Josh Currall – 6 years

Keiran Barnes – 6 years

Will Brady – 5 years

Carrick Hurley – 5 years

Sean Conroy – 4 years

Paul Hunt – 4 years

Matthew Costall – 4 years

Lucas Hughes – 3 years

Nathan Harrison Clarke – 3 years

Dan Fieldhouse – 1 year







## Geoffrey Beavan Challenge Camp

The Geoffrey Beavan Challenge Camp was held over the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October. The competition was for teams of 3 split into junior, senior and explorer/young leaders. The junior competition was for scouts up to 12 and a half years old, senior scouts up to age 14 and a half and an explorers/young leaders section.

1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston entered 2 teams into the junior competition and 2 teams into the senior competition. Additionally Bethan Jenkins joined with explorers from 4<sup>th</sup> Moreton to form a combined team and Issac Lanceley joined with scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Frankby/Greasby in the junior competition.

Over the weekend the teams competed in a variety of challenges. These included: a low ropes course, a first aid challenge, catapults, shooting, a mountain bike ride, a night hike and a camp project. The camp project involved the teams devising a way of dropping an egg from approximately 2 meters onto the ground without it breaking.



We shared our camp with 4<sup>th</sup> Moreton Scout Group. As can be seen from the photo below both sets of children get on really well.



1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston did not win any of the competitions in their own right (see column to the right about Issac's success). However we did have the best teams in the First Aid challenge in both the junior and senior competitions.

We have a Winner!



Well done to Issac Lanceley. Issac joined with two scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Frankby/Greasby to form a combined team. Not only did the team win recognition for the team with the best spirit but they also came first in the junior competition. Well done Issac

## Catapult Curral

The look of concentration, the stretch of the catapult, the missed target! He looks impressive but as Harry Poole kept reminding everyone he was the highest scorer!





## Dear Father Christmas

I have been a very good scout this year and if possible may I have these cheap but essential items that I need to have to keep me safe when I go on a night hike?

1. A whistle. They are only 99p on ebay. If I need help then 6 short blasts on the whistle and repeated after a minute will tell people I am in danger.
2. A torch. If I'm out in the woods in the dark a torch would be handy. One of those fancy head torches that mean my hands are free and the torch is shining where I am looking are on ebay for less than £5.
3. Waterproofs. It just seems to rain so much! But there's no such thing as bad weather just bad clothes. It's not just an anorak I need but also the trousers (ebay has some Regatta ones for just under £6)
4. Gloves and a hat. It can get cold when you're out walking at night.
5. A little rucksack. Big enough to put my anorak, trousers, whistle, torch, emergency rations, map, compass, drink and those essential sweets for my hike in.

Hope you can get some of these for me Santa and I promise I will be a good boy again in 2013.

Thanks

A 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scout

At the Geoffrey Beavan Challenge it was clear that some of the scouts had not prepared as well as they could do for the night hike. The list of equipment that was given out before the event was not optional items. Those items are there to help your child should there be an incident on a hike. Whilst every precaution is taken with all participants' safety, each participant does have a responsibility to make sure they have the minimum equipment requirements.

