

1st Thurstaston Scout Group Newsletter

October 2013



Above: What his name?



Lord Derby Challenge: And just how well tied was your "A" frame



Who is that Guy? What's his Name?

It's the first newsletter of the year but already our thoughts are turning to dark winter nights, a roaring fire and fireworks. The Groups Bonfire Party is being held on Saturday 9th November.

Over the last few years we have held a guess the name of the guy competition. In the first few weeks of Scouts, the troop made 5 guys who will all take their place on the fire on the 9th November. The best guy is pictured left, but what is his name? There are 500 names to choose from. Each name cost £1 a go and the winner receives 20% of the value of all the names sold. So for every name sold 80p goes towards the Scout Groups funds. The more sold means the bigger the prize, which was won last year by one of the people attending the bonfire party.

Names for the guy will be on sale at the Bonfire Party, with the name being revealed at the end of the fireworks. Full details of the rules of the competition will be available on the night.

Lord Derby Challenge & County Backwoods Cooking Competition.

At the end of September 13 Scouts from the Troop took part in the Lord Derby Challenge and County Backwoods Cooking Competitions which were held on consecutive days at Tawd Vale campsite.

1st Thurstaston, along with a number of other Scout Groups decided to make it a weekend camp. We were very fortunate to have a dry weekend.

On the Saturday we entered two teams in the Lord Derby Challenge. This involved a number of challenges over the day. The teams took part in pioneering, puzzle solving, fire lighting and first aid amongst other activities. One of our teams came a very creditable fourth.

In the evening the Scouts attended a camp fire. One of the Troops attending the event for the first time was a newly formed group from South Liverpool known as UAL. In the evening it was also a time for spotting wildlife including a "Lemon" zebra!

Left: Scouts crowd around the "Lemon" zebra.

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County Backwoods Cooking Competition

At the start of the competition the two teams of Scouts were presented with a selection of food to make a two course meal and a hot drink.

The only utensils they had were penknives, foil and two small pans for boiling water. They were also provided with a tarpaulin, several staves, string, an axe and a saw.

The challenge set to them was to build a fire suitable for cooking on, build a shelter and make gadgets that would score them extra points.

The food that they had to make the meals, which they and the judges sampled, included:

- ☺ Rabbit
- ☺ Pigeon
- ☺ Pineapple
- ☺ Various vegetables
- ☺ A spider (this wasn't on the list but one team's nettle tea had a spider having a bath in their hot drink!)

A variety of dishes were prepared by the teams and considering how young some of our team members were we finished a very good 6th and 11th out of 20 teams.

What We Are Doing Now?

Currently the Scouts are working on their ICT Staged Activity Badge (1) and the Guide Badge.

In a few weeks time we are hoping to take part in JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet).



