

# 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scout Group

Easter 2014



One of the challenges the Scouts faced was to balance a beaker on 3 knives which were themselves balanced on 3 beakers. The photo above shows the answer (no beer was involved in the Scouts challenge!

## International Morse Code

1. The length of a dot is one unit.
2. A dash is three units.
3. The space between parts of the same letter is one unit.
4. The space between letters is three units.
5. The space between words is seven units.

A	• —	U	• • —
B	••• —	V	•• — —
C	• — ••	W	• — — —
D	• — ••	X	• — • —
E	•	Y	• — — —
F	•• — •	Z	• — — •
G	• — — •		
H	••••		
I	••		
J	• — — —		
K	• — — —	1	• — — — —
L	• — ••	2	•• — — —
M	• — —	3	••• — —
N	• —	4	•••• —
O	• — — —	5	•••••
P	• — • —	6	• — •••
Q	• — — •	7	• — — ••
R	• — •	8	• — — — •
S	•••	9	• — — — •
T	• —	0	• — — — —

Photo captions speak volumes of their subject matter, so spend a moment to explain what's really going on in graphs and photographs.

## Creative Challenge

Over two nights the Scouts took part in a variety of challenges to enable some of them to complete their Creative Challenge Badge.

The first night saw them dealing with a number of puzzle and logic problems to solve.

On the second evening they were challenged with designing and building a vehicle to transport an egg down a very steep slope. Unfortunately few of the eggs survived. The scouts had also been asked to bring along their own lego cars to go over the same course as well.

Most of the Scouts have now taken part in these activities plus building the Guy Fawkes in September and taking part in the film making in January. We will arrange to give out those qualifying for the badge shortly.

## Communicator Badge

We have recently finished working on the Scouts Communicator Badge.

Over a two week period we looked at Morse Code (both sending and receiving messages) and we had an evening of looking at using a mobile phone safely.

To receive the badge the scouts had to decode a Morse Code message that gave them instructions on what they needed to do to be awarded the badge. The message is on the group's Facebook page along with photographs taken by those Scouts who qualified for the badge.



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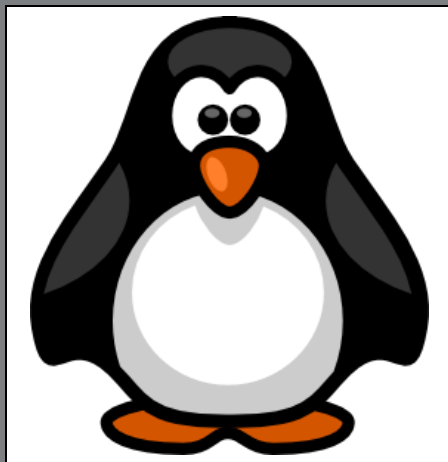
## The Great Escape 2014

On the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April, 13 Scouts from the Troop took part in the County event called the Great Escape. This is a weekend at Tawd Vale campsite near Ormskirk, where teams of 6 take part in 15 challenges all based around the theme of escape.

This year for the first time, 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston ran one of the bases. Our base was entitled "Escape from the Puzzle Room". The base took part in our old party tent, which had its windows blacked out and was divided into two rooms. To move from the first room the team had to complete 4 puzzles to obtain the combination for a lock on the door dividing the rooms. They only had four minutes to solve the puzzles. If they did not solve the puzzles in the four minutes then the team played "balloon roulette". This involved each member of the team standing under a balloon partly filled with water. They could not see which of the balloons would be burst. The balloon(s) for the unsolved puzzles was then burst over the unfortunate team members head.

Once the team made it to the second room they were faced with an unexploded booby trapped bomb that they had to remove from a crater with the aid of string, paper clips and an elastic band. All without touching the bomb!

Once the activities were done for the day the Scouts had the opportunity to relax around a fire, which was just as well. Whilst camping that weekend the temperatures dropped so low that all the Scouts qualified for a penguin Badge issued by the site.



# More Great Escape Pictures



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## New Troop Starts on Tuesdays from 29<sup>th</sup> April

As the Scout Group has increased in size (and is expected to get even bigger), we have had to split the Troop into two. Meeting on a Tuesday evening will be Martin Troop. They are starting with 12 Scouts, although these numbers will increase. On Friday evening, Richardson troop will continue to meet and their numbers will be 20 from the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

The decision to split the Troops has been taken so that the leader team can deliver better quality scouting to a smaller number of Scouts. However with the expected growth in number of Scouts we are always looking to add to the leader team. If you would like to help then please let us know.

### Scout Programme Summer 2014

Both Troops will be following the same programme.

29/04/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Team Building
02/05/2014	Fri		
06/05/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Intro to Survival
09/05/2014	Fri		
13/05/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Shelter Building
16/05/2014	Fri		
20/05/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Fire Building Axe and Saw Safety
23/05/2014	Fri		
27/05/2014	Tue	Half Term	
30/05/2014	Fri		
03/06/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Food Prep and Backwoods Cooking
06/06/2014	Fri		
10/06/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Map Work
13/06/2014	Fri		
17/06/2014	Tue	Troop Night	First Aid
20/06/2014	Fri		
24/06/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Incident Hike
27/06/2014	Fri		
01/07/2014	Tue	Troop Night	Orienteering
04/07/2014	Fri		
08/07/2014	Tue	Joint Troop Night Tuesday	Kit Check
12/13th		Survival Camp	Location? One/Two nights
18/07/2014	Fri	Joint Troop Nights	Wide game and Sleep over
02/08/2014	Sat	Chamboree Camp	