

Autumn Newsletter



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Scout Programme – A Different Approach This Year

As part of the development of not only the Scouts as individuals but also the way that the Scout programme is drawn up for the Troops, we have taken a different approach to planning this year. The Scout Movement is a Youth led organisation and as such we are trying to involve the Scouts with planning the activities that form the core of the programme.

Some of the suggestions that the Scouts have come up with are either not allowed by the Scout Association on safety grounds, would involve a considerable cost to the parents or are not practical to complete in a 2 hour evening session. However in amongst the ideas put forward by the Scouts were quite a few suggestions on activities they wanted to do.



Scouts attempting fire lighting by hand drilling (no fire, a little smoke and one blister!)

We have already managed to complete some of these activities including axe work, fire lighting and looking the Fundraising Badge (more on that later).

Please encourage your child to make suggestions as to what they want to do at Scouts. We might surprise them and be to arrange it or at least plan put it on the agenda to do at a later date.

Scouts Achieve Chief Scout Gold Awards

Whilst at Scouts, many of the children achieve their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

The Award is given in recognition of the completion of eight of the Challenge Badges for Scouts. The Challenge Badges cover a variety of areas that the Scouts can participate in. Those Scouts who take part in most of the activities that the two Troops do will have every chance of achieving this prestigious award.

Congratulations to all the award winners this year.



Gold Award Winners; Sam, Matthew & James

Scouts Fundraising Target

£2000



Money raised so far
£524.10

Scouts Fundraising Badge – What’s it all for?

At the last Summer Camp one of the activities the Scouts did was Go-Karting which was a huge success.

To go Go-Karting takes a bit of organising and can be quite expensive. So the idea was floated that the two Troops should raise money to purchase some of their own Go-Karts for the exclusive use of 1st Thurstaston Scouts.

By raising money to purchase the Go-Karts (and safety

equipment) the Scouts will achieve their Fundraising Badge. Once the Go-Karts are purchased, they will need to be assembled which should give the opportunity to complete the Mechanics Badge.

And at the end of the process we should have a number of Go-Karts to be able to use at the hut and local Scout campsites that allow them to be used on their land.

Please see the pictures below of the kind of Go-Kart we are looking to purchase.



Scout Five-a-Side Football

Both Troops entered teams in the District Five-a-Side football competition this year and came 3rd and 4th (ok there was only 4 teams in the competition!).

More importantly in the derby match Richardson Troop triumphed over Martin Troop!



Beavan Camp – October 2015

This year we had our largest number of Scouts taking part in the Beavan Challenge Camp. For most of the Scouts taking part this was their first experience of the Beavan and even their first Scout Camp.

Although the Scouts did not win the overall prizes, one team did come first in their age group in archery.





1st Thurstaston Scout Group

We're on the Web!

www.firstthurstaston.co.uk/



First Scouts of the New Year will be **joint** Troop nights on Tuesday 12th January 2016 (no Friday Night Scouts on 18th)



Camp Dates for 2016 (so far)

- 18th / 20th March - Great Escape
- 29th April/1st May – Group Camp
- 23rd / 27th July – Summer Camp

JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) – October

Once again the Scouts took part in Joti this year. We managed to speak to Scouts in many countries including Malaysia, Norway, France, Ireland and the UK.

The Scouts also produced their own reverse video and stop animation video which can be viewed on the Groups Facebook page.

Irby Christmas Lights

This year the switch on of the Irby Christmas Lights was moved to a Saturday to allow for a larger event.

The Scouts took over part of the Shippons car park, where they offered burgers, a jamjar tombola, sold inflatable balloons and made smores. All proceeds raised went to the Scouts

Go-Kart fundraising target.

A long windy day but Santa did stop right next to us!



And All the Other Things We Have Fitted In!

Laser Quest & Ten Pin Bowling, Sponsored Wheel Barrow Push and wide games.

