

**1st Thurstaston Scout  
Group**  
Registered Charity 520279



### Christmas Post

Thanks to everyone involved, this major undertaking went very smoothly. All the Tesco slots were covered, mostly by the Committee and Leaders, District Sorting at Royden was equally well covered by the same people. A good number of Parents and Scouts of all ages helped at HQ with the sorting each night and most importantly the deliveries on the two weekends. Stamp sales were slightly up on last year, cards handled and delivered about the same. A great team effort – thanks again.

### Easter Fair Monday 10th March 6.30pm

Our Christmas Fair is such a popular and successful event we thought we would do it again with an Easter theme. Put the date in your diary and there will be more information nearer the time, a great opportunity for us to get together and raise some money for our Group.

Autumn Jumble Sale  
Saturday 4th October

### 75 Years Old in 2008 !

1st Thurstaston Scout Group celebrates its 75th year in 2008, Wirral Scouting is 100 years old and all this after a busy Centenary Year of Scouting. We are planning a Group Celebration on Friday 23rd May, probably with a family BBQ and Camp Fire to round off the evening, watch out for your invitation and more details nearer the time. We are having a competition amongst all the children, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to design a commemorative badge. There will be a prize for each Section and then an overall winner, the badge will then be made and issued to all members for them to keep. The closing date is March 3rd, so hand your entry to your Section Leader soon.

### Scout Group Website Launch

Yes it's here at last - please take a look and let us know what you think, once fully developed it should be a great resource for the Group.  
[www.firstthurstaston.co.uk](http://www.firstthurstaston.co.uk)

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers 08  
Please collect and hand them in to your Leaders



### Wirral Centenary Celebration

7th June 2008

At Hadlow Fields Camp Site, Willaston this event will celebrate Wirral Scouting hitting the 100 year mark. A day event for the Beavers with the opportunity to Camp for the weekend for the Cubs and Scouts, it promises to be every bit as good as last year - let's just hope for better weather !



### Group Executive Committee

This small group of people meet 10 times a year and manage the Group behind the scenes. This includes financially, House and Grounds Maintenance, fundraising etc. The people currently involved are either Leaders, or ex parents of many, many years ago. We really do need some of the current parent body to join us and get involved. We share the workload amongst us, but long standing members leave and are not being replaced by current parents, this will become a problem sooner rather than later. We are asking for you to join us, even if only whilst your child is part of the Group. We have to have new blood to survive, we are a successful Scout Group let's keep it that way. Please contact Ray Dugdale \*\*\*\*\* or Sue Flush \*\*\*\*\* to find out more and how you can help us.

### Group Leader Team Crisis looming

Another small group of people, Census Jan 2008 has us numbered at 14, age range 70 to 18, with most of us falling in the middle of that ! Six of us currently have children in the Sections - at Census Jan 2008 there are 80 Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, allowing for some siblings that's about 75 families, take the six of us out that are already involved - that leaves 69 families not involved - times in most cases two adults - approx 130 people. So I ask you how can we be short of Leaders, you can't all be too busy all the time ! Many Leaders in Scouting join when their own children are involved, some stay on, some don't. We need more help in each Section, regular weekly help if you can give it but any help is better than none at all. Scouting is a family, a growing family, that needs more help, please join us.

### Deaf Ear Syndrome

Each and every newsletter has a plea for help - be it new members for the Group Executive, more Leaders, help with Fundraising events and each time it seems to fall on Deaf Ears. Please, please, please can you look at your commitments and see what you can do to help the Group.

### 1st Thurstaston Scout Group 100 Club Renewal

*At this time of the year the 100 Club membership is due for renewal, if you have a number/s, please complete and return to Sue Flush or your Section Leader who will pass it on - thanks.  
The 100 Club raises valuable funds for the Scout Group each year, with the opportunity for you to win a prize each month, the membership currently stands at around 70, so the prize money each month is pro rated at a percentage, if we had 100 members the prize money would increase and we would still make the same fantastic profit for the Scout Group. Please consider joining if you haven't yet, your renewal is also welcomed - thanks for your continued support.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_

Number/s \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick as appropriate*

*I wish to renew my 100 Club membership for 2008 and enclose £12* \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to join the 100 Club and enclose £12 per number* \_\_\_\_\_