

# 1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

Spring 2018

**T**he Scouts undertook a variety of activities at the start of the year.

One of the first activities was practicing fire lighting and backwoods cooking. This will be an important skill for the Scouts to master in the spring term as in June there will be another Survival Camp for the Scouts.



The Scouts also had a session on local knowledge in which they identified landmarks/places of interest on maps of the area and plotted routes to these points.



We then spent a few weeks looking at fire safety. This will help as during the next term the Scouts will be practicing lighting more fires in preparation for Survival Camp.



**E**arly in February, both Troops took part in a night hike and sleepover at the hut. The route took the Scouts from Willaston Station along the Wirral Way, via Thurstaston to West Kirby. The route was nearly 10.5 miles long and broken up with a bbq at Wirral Country Park at Thurstaston. Although there were some tired legs and sore feet all the Scouts completed the route.



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After half term, the Scouts started working on their Electronics Badge. One of the activities they completed was wiring a simple light circuit and testing it worked.

They then spent a few weeks making a circuit using LEDs and a switch. This involved the Scouts learning to use a soldering iron and how to solder. The circuit when completed would mean that the Scouts would be able to make a board that lit up with the first letter of their name, similar to photo below.



**1**<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scouts won something this term. Doesn't happen too often, so it is deserving of a special mention.

Congratulations to Sam on being the highest point scorer at the District Ten pin bowling competition with a fantastic 95.



**A**s the term moved towards Easter, the Scouts attended the Great Escape Camp at Tawd Vale. The Scouts had a fantastic camp, competing in 15 different escape themed activities across the campsite. Although it rained on the Friday night (not a great way to find out there's a hole in the tent!) the weather for the rest of the weekend was dry. Considering Tawd Vale's reputation and the amount of rain we have had recently there was less mud than expected.

As well as the activities, the Scouts were free to explore the site or relax by the fire that was kept burning from Friday night until Sunday morning. Although the Scouts were well fed (and had popcorn from the fire in the

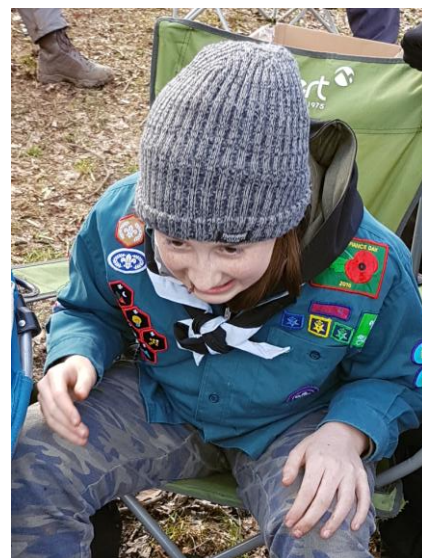


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evenings) one of the Scouts (with survival Camp in mind) did try to eat a worm!

If you have looked at the Scout Groups Facebook page you will see a video taken of how not to take down a tent. Two of the tents that we had with us had reached the end of their usefulness. Let's due say we had some fun whilst we salvaged as much as we could from the two tents.



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*Don't forget that both  
Martin and Richardson  
Troops are merging after  
Easter and will meet on a  
Tuesday night from 17<sup>th</sup>  
April 2018.*