



Group News

Is it really Mayhem in Scouting? Well not all of the time but last weekend it was. A large number of our Group from all of the sections went along to the Wiltshire Mayhem activity day held at Avebury Manor on Sunday 8th May.

On offer was the standard knot work and woggle making through to climbing on a temporary wall as well as making rockets powered by air pressure and much more. As an extra treat Chief Scout Bear Grylls arrived by "air wolf" type helicopter to have a short meet and greet and say a few words. I heard, through talking with some of my work colleagues who are also involved in Scouting, that Bear was in high demand across the region at similar events, hence his time was being tightly managed.



Image taken by William Curry - Buzzards Section

So lots of **positive feedback** that a good time was had by all, but the same might not be said for the volunteers from Scouting and National Trust whom were responsible for the car park marshalling, which might have accounted for the mayhem aspect. Seriously though over 2,500 children attended on the day many arriving in coaches and if it was not for the "back room" support staff putting everyone's safety and well being first this sort of event would not be able to take place.

Wide Games. Now after the extended absence from Scouting with the Easter Break followed by the public holidays which included the Royal Wedding we are as a Group almost back to normal with the section nights which for the Scouts has been involving wide games and outdoor activities at the Gallops or on Cherhill downs.

Prior Planning!! It's not exactly breaking news as only today I've had the opportunity to write this news letter but you will notice that a few of the "Dates for the Diary" have not actually taken place, we had to cancel the spring fair because of a clash with a craft fair in town on the same day and also supporting the river clean up as mentioned in earlier news isn't taking place due to some communication problems. Anyway on a positive note I am pleased to let everyone know that we will still be having a stall at the Duck Race in a weeks time (Saturday 21st May) and so any help between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm is encouraged.

Definite date for the diary. Our Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 9th June from 7:00 pm at the Scout Hall where once we've done our formalities (no more than 15-20 minutes) we will be making presentations to all members of the Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) so Parents and Guardians get the date in your diary, stick it on the fridge or load a reminder into your "smart" phone and come along.



Although Scouting meetings may have been few during the period between news letters but the activities still continued.

One which is worthy of announcement is Alberta Elliot, Mary Lonsdale, Rebekah Hulbert, Nicholas Hopkins, William and James Curry all navigated 30 miles around Poole Harbour as part of their Explorer Challenge Badge as well as raising funds for the Help for Heroes Hike that took place 29th April to 1st May.



Not only was this a great achievement but when you learn the story why this took place is also inspirational. Mary has witnessed many of the repatriations of our unfortunate service personnel when journeying to and from school in Wootton Bassett, Since her dad, Simon, is in uniform not only as a Scout Leader but also as a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force made Mary feel that it was important to do something for the charity that recently has such focus and does so many good things, Help for Heroes.



Pictures (Clockwise) from Day 1

- 8:20 am Start at Wareham
- 11:35 am Impressive view over Corfe Castle
- 2:30 pm Along Studland Beach



...EVERYDAY ADVENTURE

Dates for the diary.

Saturday 21/05/2011	Duck Race The Group will be raising funds on the day with a stall selling tomato plants, second hand books and we will be running a tombola.
Thursday 9/06/2011	AGM & Awards Please come along to the AGM and awards ceremony at the Scout Hall starting promptly at 7:00pm.
Weekend 27 - 30 /05/11	District Scout Camp Potterne, Nr Devizes
Saturday 25/06/2-11	Calne Summer Carnival The Group will be raising funds on the day with a burger stand
25 or 26/06/11	Water Activity Day Exact details to be confirmed, but a series of activities over at the Corsham Lake
Weekend 2 - 3/07/11	Calne Country Music Festival The Group's Volunteers, including help from Scouts will be running a catering stand to raise funds. We hope to make this a new annual fundraising activity and need lots of support
Saturday 23/07/2011	Motor Cycle Meeting The Group will be raising funds on the day with Cream Teas and other refreshments at the Scout Hall
23 - 26/07/11	Cub Summer Camp Taking place in Foxlease in the New Forest

A little more about Bear in the Air - South West

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We need more help with fundraising.

Over the next few months there will be some leaders as you know leaving the group who are very much still actively involved in fundraising - you would think they would have enough to do running the section nights that is why this is another message asking for more support.

We, I need to have a few more parents to join the fundraising committee, the next meeting is at the Lansdowne Strand on Tuesday 17th May starting at 7:30 pm please can we have some more attendees.

Mike

White Horse Challenge, we will be participating only on the Sunday 3rd July this year.

Calling all Caterers



We've agreed to supporting the Calne Community Music Festival with a catering stand. The Group used to do this in previous years. To match the Western theme our menu will include homemade chilli which will go down well. **Amazingly** the festival's organisers are also going to donate **50% of the ticket sales** to 1st Calne Scouts as they primarily want to support young people of Calne and also know about our plans for the Hall....**so we got to make this fantastic and need as many volunteers as possible.**