

January 2018

Celebration of the Group Camp in September 2017



Update on Elland Bonfire

We have just received a cheque for £400 from the Elland Round Table - not bad for 2 hours work. Again thanks for all those who helped. Hopefully we will be invited back next year.

The money raised has been used to buy a projector that will be available for use by all the sections. Infact the Cubs and Scouts used it for their Christmas social meeting when they watched Despicable Me 3.

Again Thanks

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 8th January 2018
Group Executive Meeting Dusty Miller - 7:45pm for 8pm start.

Everyone more than welcome.

15-17th February 2018West Yorkshire Scout
Gangshow at Haifax Victoria
Theatre.

Kettlewell Weekend for Scouts and Explorers - February 16-18 2018

Saturday 24th March 2018 Quiz Night at the Longwood Mechanics - questions for the family - including supper and bar. Details to follow.

Weekend - 8th - 10th June 2018

Group Activity Weekend - details to follow.

Summary of the Scout Group Executive (also known as the Parents Committee)

It was great to see some parents attend the meeting in November, and for several apologies from some parents who couldn't attend on that day. **All are welcome.**

The minutes have been sent out, I have highlighted some of the points below from the meeting at the end of November.

- **Income** we have received some more income into the Group, about £450 from a Sainsbury's bagpack, about £200 from the Curry evening, and £400 from Elland Bonfire.
- Expenditure it was agreed that we would buy some more juice barrels for drinks during activities, a new parachute for games (not for throwing children off cliffs honest), and a projector (already used for the Cubs and Scouts Christmas parties).
- **Grant Opportunities** we are still looking for grant opportunities to help fund the work on the wall at the Scout Hut if anyone has access to such funds, please let us know.
- Quiz Night we will be having a Quiz Night at the Mechanics Hall on Saturday 24th March details to follow.
- Church Parades as we are a Group affiliated to the Salendine Nook Baptist Church we do try to attend a number of Church Parades during the year. It would be good if people could make an attempt to attend these details of dates to follow.
- Secretary Wanted the Group Executive could do with someone to volunteer as a Secretary involvement limited to about 6 meetings, and 6 sets of minutes not considerably more than that. Please let us know if you can help.
- Newsletter/Promotional leaflet the newsletters are now being produced, and we will be producing a leaflet to promote the group. The feedback has been positive.
- **Group Activity Weekend** the event has been booked for the weekend of 8-10th June 2018 details to follow.
- **Beavers** continue to have about 20 members, with new members starting and olders children moving to Cubs. They have a full programme, and attended the District Beaver Christmas Party and are [lanning to attend the gangshow in February.
- Cubs a full programme, they are intending to attend the gangshow as well.
- **Scouts** have had a number of Cubs move up recently, and several joining that have not been in our Cubs or Beavers. About 8 will be attending the Kettlewell Hostel in February.
- Explorers there are vacancies available if any one is interested. A number will also be attending the Kettlewell Hostel weekend.

Scouts Census

Each year the Scout Association require information about all members. We have to send this information at the end of January. If one of the leaders asks for information, can you provide it as soon as possible.

Did you know that as members of the Scout Association you can get discount at some of the camping/outdoor equipment shops. Leaders sometimes get a little more (perk of the job!!). I hope that the information is still current - it's worth a try - update me if you have a problem.

- Cotswold Outdoors 20% discount for Leaders, 10% discount for members. To get the discount, simply show your appointment card or necker.
- Blacks/Millets Offer a 10% discount for Leaders, show your appointment card/necker to get the offer!
- **GO Outdoors** If your group uses Online Scout Manager, leaders can get an additional 15% discount and scout parents a 10% discount. Further details at http://scouts.ritdns.co.uk/gooutdoors
- **Mountain Warehouse** Offer a 10% discount to Leaders and Scouts show your appointment card or necker, ask for the website discount code over the phone.

Any comments/suggestions for items to be included please contact John Yorke (Scout Leader) - j.yorke@ntlworld.com