

## March 2018

## **Kettlewell February 2018**

In February around 30 people went to the annual Kettlewell hostel weekend. We were lucky with the weather. On Saturday the older members walked to Malham Tarn and back, while the Scouts walked from Kettlewell to Grassington.



On Sunday we scrambled up the (what is usually a) dry valley to the

"Smartie Tube", this year there was water coming down, so some got very wet. On Saturday night we all took part in games.

Margaret and Suzanne helped with the catering (again).

A great time was had by all.

### **Litter Pick**

The litter pick was planned for the weekend at the beginning of March when it snowed, so we deferred it for a week as we could not see any litter under the snow. So on the damp Saturday morning the week after, about



8 leaders and two Scouts undertook a litter pick as part of the National



Litterpick weekend. We helped clear the wooded area between Lindley Moor Road and the M62.

Between us, in less than 2 hours, we collected 14 bags of rubbish, a vacuum cleaner and even a Subway sign!!!!!!.

We will be doing this again in 2019, so put it in the diary for March.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

# **Group Executive Committee Meeting (Scout Committee)**

The next Scout Committee meeting is on Monday 16th April 2018, 7:45pm for a 8pm start at the Dusty Miller Pub.

"The Group Executive Committee plays a vital role in the running of a Scout Group. Executive Committees make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to young people in the Group." We currently do not have any parents on the Committee. We would welcome parental input to help move the Group forward. Speak to any leader for further information, or if you are interested.

#### **AGM**

The Group AGM will be taking place in May/June on a Friday evening instead of the meetings. Please try to attend to support the leaders and find out what is happening in the Group.

Actual date to follow.

## <u>Weekend - 8th - 10th June</u> <u>2018</u>

Group Activity Weekend - details to follow.

#### **Church Parades**

- October 7th
- November 11th Remembrance
- December 16th

#### **Four Inns Hike**

While some of us were at the Scout Quiz, or tucked up watching TV, four of our Explorers were taking part in the annual Four Inns Hike (a Scouting Organised event), which is a 42 mile hike from Holmbridge to Buxton, over Black Hill, Bleaklow and Kinder Scout.

Our team finished the 42 miles in just over 17 hours, quite an acheivement. Well Done! Entries are open for April 2019!!!!!!.











## **Quiz Night**

The quiz night on Saturday 24th March was a great success with over 60 people attending. The main quiz was won by the Harles (without Barney) and the Olympics Quiz by Richard's team.

Thanks to everyone who helped to arrange the event and for those who attended. We made in the region of £270 on the night - this may be topped up - so really great event.

#### **Church Parades 2018.**

As a uniformed organisation affliated to the local Church we try to attend a number of Church Parades each year. In the past this was every month, but in recent years we have moved to 4-5 per year. We would urge everyone to attend at least a couple a year. We are heavily supported by the Church, and this is a way of thanking them for that support. The dates planned for 2018 are:-

- Harvest: 7th October
- Remembrance Sunday: 11th November
- Christmas: likely to be 16th December

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 <a href="http://scouts.ritdns.co.uk/gooutdoors">http://scouts.ritdns.co.uk/gooutdoors</a>
- **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