



The Wansdyke Way



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Start Up Grants

This is just to let you know that there is a new version of the Start Up Grants form available to download from ScoutBase.

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/development/grants/>

Please check that the form that you are using is dated April 2006.

In case anyone asks you, we are currently setting up the system so that the money gets paid straight into a bank account, but in the meantime, some groups may still receive a cheque.



Reminder

Young Leaders - Just a reminder that Explorer Scouts helping out at Scout meetings should be part of the Young Leaders Scheme, it is the responsibility of the GSL to ensure that this is the case

Alcohol ? by now you should have all received the directive from Janet regarding the advice that consumption of alcohol by under 18's is not recommended. Please would all leaders be vigilant especially on camps.

Have you been to Cub Scout Island?

The fantastically fun and wickely cool new Cub Scout website has arrived! It brought back memories of Nancy McGovern, And this is one visit your Cub Scouts won't want to miss out on.

www.scouts.org.uk/cubs

Have you signed up to the Scouting membership database?

If not, read our Sign- up Guide

<http://newsletter.scout.org.uk/t/247/28/21/0/>

This explains everything you need to know about making the most of your membership. If you have already signed up, log-in at:

<http://newsletter.scout.org.uk/t/247/28/3/0/>

My caption for the photograph would be:

"Janet, do you usually have white streaks on your back"

(It brought back memories of Nancy McGovern, GSL.High Littleton who had a knitted wool parrot on her shoulder at all camps. She was affectionately known as Polly Parrot)

Les Leatherbarrow
(Badge Secretary)

- Thank you Les, for your kind comments regarding the new style WW.



The following Groups contributed to this edition of WANSDYKE WAY :

- 2nd. Clutton
- 1st. High Littleton
- 1st. Keynsham
- 1st Midsomer Norton
- 1st Salford

Letter from Janet:

Can we through the pages of Wansdyke Way, thank all those people who sent good wishes and gifts on the occasion of our Silver Wedding.

I'm sorry our cake was not big enough to go round the whole District

Many thanks

Janet & Dave

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A few 1st Mid Norton leaders may remember a very young Sarah Travis. Although Sarah was not a member of the Group she never the less agreed to be the Gang Show piano accompanist despite having to travel from Clutton for rehearsals and show nights.

Since those days, Sarah has really made it in American theatreland having been presented with a coveted Tony award for the best orchestration for a musical whilst being the first woman to be nominated.



2006 Course Registration

	Module Number	Date		Closing date
Nights Away	16	#####	2 days	26/08/06
Skills of Leadership	8	#####	am	16/09/06
Working with Adults	9	#####	pm	16/09/06
First Aid	10	#####	day	16/09/06
Behaviour	15	#####	am	30/09/06
Young People	14	#####	pm	30/09/06
Balanced Prog	12	#####	am	30/09/06
International	19	#####	pm	30/09/06
Activities B/C	17	#####	eve	07/10/06
Valuing Diversity	7	#####	am	21/10/06
Fundamental	5	#####	pm	21/10/06
Growing	13	#####	am	21/10/06
Administration	11	#####	pm	21/10/06
Growing for Mang	21	#####		28/10/06
Safety for Mang	23	#####		28/10/06
Admin for Mang	20	#####		28/10/06
Sec Support	22	#####		28/10/06
Mang & Supp	24/25	#####		28/10/06
First Aid	10	#####	day	04/11/06
Activities S/Ex	17	#####	eve	04/11/06
Assessing Learn	25a	By arrangement	eve	

The Tony awards celebrate achievements in live American theatre. Sarah won her award for a production of the Stephen Sondheim musical Sweeny Todd.

VISITORS FROM THE USA

1st Midsomer Norton played host to 40 young Americans on the 28 June-giving them a taste of a "typical" evening of Scout activities.

Eight of our Patrol Leaders and some Explorer Scouts from the Saxons Unit instructed small groups of American students aged 14-17 in the art of pioneering.

"It was nice for us to get the chance to work with young people our own age doing something different"- Alex (aged 14) from Wisconsin.

The visit was a great opportunity for our scouts to work with people from a different country and exchange experiences with each other about life as a teenager in each country.

We look forward to being able to host a similar event next year.

Clinic Nepal Jun 2006

From : Hari Bhandary
To: Mark Turner & Janet
Subject: Namaste!
Warm Greetings with best wishes from Clinic Nepal Meghauri, Chitwan.
I'm back in Katmandu from Meghauri.

In Meghauri the Clinic staff, water project staffs, Kindergarten teachers, children and sponsor children, Family, friends are doing well. The Clinic, Scout water project staffs, Kindergarten are running well. The weather in Meeghauri Monsoon has been stated the farmers are happily busy planting rice, but in mid afternoon the temperature goes up to 35 to 40 degrees for few hours. On 4th. July two volunteer kindergarten teachers and on 15th. July two teachers will arrive in Katmandu from Barcelona, Spain and Kirchheimbolanden, Germany to go to Meghauri to work voluntary in the Kindergarten School and computer project

The Clinic is running well. The visiting doctors from Bharatpur Hospital are regularly visiting the Clinic and the number of patients is growing mostly infected disease due to our growing reputation in the area and high temperature and people coming from other areas.

From the area of safe drinking and sanitation project the number of water born infected disease patient comparatively 60-70% has less than last years. ?

We are running the antenatal Clinic door to door our nurse Basanti Chaudhary working specially for this project

Scout is running continue every Friday and Saturday Friday 20-25 children and Saturday 20-30 children are coming.

Safe drinking and sanitation project Sajapur has 90% of construction work has done. In the Clinic area slums (landless) every house hold toilet has build and water pump also.

My grateful thanks and appreciation to you all on behalf of the very many people in Meghauri who benefit greatly in the improved quality of their lives due to the continuing efforts of the staff at Clinic Nepal.

This letter has been abbreviated. It was written by a young man who helped Peter and Beryl Shore initially and who sparked them to set up the Nepal Clinic and the water well projects



CUB COMMENT COLUMN
(On their 90th Birthday Camp)

Archery:
"In Archery we had to be very careful because if you waved the bow and arrow, you might hit someone"

Wesley

Treasure Hunt:
"----My favourite part was on Sunday in the morning when we had to go in a forest and we were scavengers looking for CD's. The pirates were the ones with massive water guns----"

Ryan

Footie:
"I played in defence all the time but I scored the only goal"

Anonymous

Airport:
"---we had to put our luggage in the luggage room but before that we had to check into the office and then wait in the departure lounge----"

Jack

"I played football. The football was yellow. I hit the ball and won a thing for something"

Olly

DISTRICT SPORTS

The Cubs have just had their District Sports and this year introduced a completely new format which was well received by everyone. The cubs were divided into equal teams and undertook 8 sports based activities which included hockey dribbling, basketball shooting, velcro targets, frisbee throwing, bean bag toss, shuttlecock target, circuit training etc. They all had a brilliant time, making new friends from other packs along the way. The new format meant that every cub took part in every event and a real team spirit was created. The scores were phenomenal with the 5th place team scoring 1,571 points and the 1st.team scoring 2,355.

Special thanks to the three Keynsham ESU helpers and everyone who helped in any way.

The winning team - Badgers: George MNC, Wesly MNA, Ross MNC, Laura Radstock, Daniel Keyn. Chiltern, James MNA.

District Football

On a very hot day in June, the 5 a-side Football Tournament took place at Keynsham and this year it included the Scouts for the first time. In both sections a "round robin" tournament was played and the boys and girls quickly settled into the games. It didn't matter whether you played every week or just came along for the fun of it, everyone joined in an afternoon of great fun.

Cubs:

Keynsham Quantock (Winners)
Midsomer Norton C (Runners up)
Norton Radstock Rovers (Fair Play award)

Scouts: "The Turner Cup"

High Littleton A (Winners)
Keynsham (Runners up)
Clutstock (Fair Play award)

Next year these competitions will run during WanJam so it is hoped that as many teams as possible will take part.

Thanks to Malcolm, Phillipa, Ian and Ali for organising such a successful event and passing over the proceeds to the WanJam fund.

District Cub Camp

Party, Party, Party - that's exactly what the cubs did at District Camp this year. During the course of the weekend the cubs visited an Unbirthday Party, Christmas Party, New Year's Party, Mardi Gras, Party in the Park, Pirat Party, Beach Party to name but a few and a Football Party where they watched the first England match - what an atmosphere! On Saturday evening the traditional campfire was held and probably heard in Pensford! Cub's Own on the Sunday was very entertaining as the Mad Hatter, Phil Sherborne from Clutton held an Unbirthday Party to which he invited one cub from each group and a very special guest who made a terrible mess when eating his food. All the food represented different aspects of scouting, including the sick bowl. The tug-o-war competition was fiercely contended as usual with a team from Midsomer Norton winning.

The camp held a massive tea-party with everyone seated at tables which stretched across the field. During Saturday afternoon the Beavers came to visit and took part in different activities. To complete the camp the marauding Explorer Pirates came to intercept the cubs as they tried to collect the treasure. It was a brilliant weekend, with fantastic weather too. Thanks to everyone who took part or helped in any way.

Midsomer Norton and Radstock Birthday Camp

Cubs from 1st Midsomer Norton A,B and C Packs joined with 1st Radstock Colliers for 90th Birthday Camp at Cleeve Hill, Bath in May. The whole camp was based on the Air Activities Badge right from the minute they arrived when they had to go to the booking desk and show their boarding cards, tickets, passports and also put their luggage in the holding bays. Many airlines had flights to Cub Island that day and so the cubs had to sit in their departure lounges until the flight crew took them to their destination. The bleeper went off a few times for undeclared items, such as sweets, crisps etc.

The whole weekend revolved around the theme of flight, with the chance to try out different paper planes, make parachutes, Thai kites, hot air balloons etc. We were joined by Rex Phare, Chairman of 1st Mid. Norton who brought some of his model aircraft for the cubs to see. He did fly one but after a few circles it decided to land in a very tall tree, and the cubs thought that was the best part of the display. The cubs pretended that their plane had landed in the sea and they had to survive on an island until rescuers arrived. They learnt to light a fire and cook a meal, build a shelter to sleep in and also how to leave codes to each other and be able to read them. On one occasion they had an in-flight meal, served in appropriate dishes with a drinks trolley offering them liquid refreshment. They were also supplied with headphones to listen to the music. A tea party was held to celebrate 90 years of cubs which was followed by a very energetic wide game and camp fire.

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This was a really successful camp and the leaders and cubs were exhausted at the end of the flight.



1st Salford Scout Group



Salford Beavers have had an interesting few weeks, they learnt to juggle within 10 minutes when we had a circus entertainer visit. The sounds of broken crockery were replaced with colourful scarfs that take longer to hit the floor and so a little easier to juggle with! The circus theme continued the following week when a drama teacher taught some mime movements to the Beavers who then did a brief performance to the leaders of various circus acts. The jugglers used their skill from the previous week while we will never know where the trapeze artists learnt to fly!

The Beavers recently enjoyed a visit to the Brass Mill restoration project in Salford which was both educational and interesting.



Both Salford Cub Packs enjoyed a great District Camp and we have had a photo exhibition in the hut for parents so they can see just what their young ones have been up to. Both Packs recently had a very successful walk around the old village of Salford during which Mark (Explorer Leader and parent) told some interesting tales about the history of Salford. We

were also pleased recently that two of our cubs from Wolves Pack, Adam and Joseph, achieved their Chief Scouts Silver Award.



Our Scout Troop has grown further to 39. Recent events have centred around "Pyro Night" and a "Sausage Sizzle" near the cycle track learning skills in preparation for our summer camp near Charmouth.

STOP PRESS

New opening times of Scrapstore:

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Are the only groups who have currently paid for this.
Contact Dist. Treasurer if other groups wish to join.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

The collection made at this year's St. George's Day service raised £194.32. This was donated to the Wellow group of the Riding for the Disabled Association based at Horsecroft Farm, Wellow.

The Wellow group has about 150 riders of all ages and disabilities through its doors each week and they are very reliant upon donations such as ours to continue to offer riding to disabled people.

Their Chairman wrote to ask me to pass on their sincere thanks to all involved.

Thankyou.

Kit Primrose (District Secretary)



SOMER VALLEY CYCLE CHALLENGE

Last October the first Somer Valley cycle Challenge helped lots of local groups to raise money and was so popular the Rotary have decided to repeat it in 2006.

The Rotary will be organising the event on **SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER** on the Designated cycle routes between Radstock, Mells and Shoscombe and will be taking responsibility from start to finish for the marshalling, parking, refreshments etc. There should be something to suit all ages and abilities with four different routes varying in length from 3 to 23.5 miles.

If you enter cyclists you will have the opportunity of raising funds for your own organisation as any sponsorship money raised by your group will be entirely for your benefit. All the Rotary ask for is a registration fee of £3 per adult and 31.50 per child under the age of 16.

The Rotary will issue packs with relevant details and sponsorship forms, to those interested during the summer in good time for you to get your sponsors. All you need to do now is return the form below expressing your interest.

Name of Organisation-----

We would like to take part in the Somer Valley Cycle Challenge-----

Please send an entry pack to:-----

Please send your applications to Somer Valley Rotary Club, The Poplars, High Street, Buckland Dinham, Frome. BA11 2QZ or email to tony.w@somer-rotary.org.uk

News from Clutton



Beavers Galore!

Since the Beaver Colony was started at 2nd.Clutton Group, Wednesday evenings have been particularly noisy in Clutton. Thanks to Sara and Phillipa, helping out from the District, and Georgina from Scouts, as well as a small army of parent volunteers and occasional helpers, there are now 21 invested Beaver Scouts in the Colony, and a few more to be invested soon. On 1 July, the Colony took part in it's first District Event, the Wansdyke Beaveree, and twenty-two Beaver Scouts attended and had a really great time.

Jamboree on the Trail 2006



Cubs and Scouts from Clutton took part in the ninth International Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT) in May. Meeting at Ubley, the Group hiked from the village, between the Chew Valley and Blagdon lakes, around the top through Chew Stoke, and on to the nature reserve where lunch was taken. Cubs joined the Group at that stage, and then the Group went cross country to the standing stones at Stanton Drew. The whole trip was about 20 kilometres, and took from around 9am to 4pm.

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At the end of the hike, three new Scouts were invested in the rather unusual location of inside the standing stones. Next year will be the tenth JOTT, and as it's the centenary year too., the Group were hoping to do something special. We would welcome any other Group to join us on the trail.

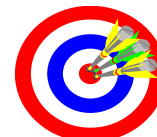
1st. Keynsham

Wild Woodlands

At the end of May, the Chiltern Pack held an indoor meeting at Manor Road Community Woodland in Keynsham with the aim of all the Cubs working for their Naturalist Badge. It turned out to be a really fun evening if a rather wet one! The Woodland is a fantastic place to explore (& hide in) now that many of the trees are more mature. The Cubs had a list of tasks they had to complete such as identifying trees, insects, flowers and making bark rubbings. All sorts of creepy crawlies were unearthed in their searches & being a damp evening there seemed to be slugs & snails everywhere. After we had gathered to show each other our findings & returned them to the wild, we ended the evening with an investiture. By then it was pouring with rain, so I don't think the cub in question will forget it in a hurry.

A really good website which helped in the preparation of this evening was www.naturedetectives.org.uk. It's extremely easy to navigate & has a wealth of downloadable resources such as ticklists & identification guides. I'd recommend the Woodland as an excellent place to take cubs but my only note of caution would be to watch out for dogs that may be off the lead as it's also a popular place with dogwalkers.

Alex Ford of Cotswold Pack has won the "Wansdyke District Cubs Robins Challenge Cup" for his Christmas card design. Together with a few other designs his card will be on sale in September, all proceeds go to Wansdyke 2007 Scout Centenary Celebrations. **WANJAM JAMBOREE CAMP.**



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Archery is available to both Scout and Cub sections. There is a session held at the Keynsham HQ on the first Sunday of each month with the Rifle Club.

1st. Radstock

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Entertain Parents at AGM

1st. Radstock Scout Group have recently held their AGM and this was preceded by a mini Show put on by the young members. The Beavers told jokes and carried out a couple of sketches which were linked to their Badge work on the life cycle of the frog. The Cubs told the story of an Emperor who loved chocolate raisins but sadly he could have no more as the royal rabbit had died-YUK! They also took us on a horse ride whilst being chased by Indians with poor Pablo getting an arrow in the back at the end.

The Scouts, with the help of John Chard and a brave dad, acted out the story of Cinderella, dead pan faces, with no feeling- NOT as easy as it sounds. John made a beautiful Cinderella and the dad a lovely ugly sister.

This was a very successful format for an AGM and the young people worked really hard to learn everything in a very short period of time.



WANJAM VENUE CONFIRMED

Fantastic news. -

We've had confirmation of the Race Course at Bath as the venue for our Jamboree next year. The Team have continued to work very hard in the background for this event and now we have definite confirmation we can really start to tie down activities etc. In September you will begin to receive regular news of the Jamboree and this is when we will really start to recruit help for different roles and work with the sections to get their "ideal camp programme".

We have an editor and sub-editor working on a newsletter which will be issued to members regularly from when they sign up for Wansdyke and a corporate brochure being put together by another team. There is a lot going on that you will not be aware of, but very soon the whole picture will start to form.

The early registration phase is nearly at a close and all the details will be issued again in phase 2 in September.

SUPPORT WANJAM BY SELLING TROLLEY TOKENS

When we initially ordered in trolley tokens the intention had been for the groups to buy them and sell them at a profit for the Group. The take up has been slow and the decision has been made now to target a much wider audience to bring revenue in for Wanjam that will benefit everyone.

We would now like to offer these through shops, places of work, etc at a cost of £1 with the profits going directly to the Wanjam fund. Could you please ask all your parents, leaders if they have the facility to do this.

They can order in as many as they like and there is no payment up front. We also have pin badges available at £1 each too. The badges and tokens can be ordered in quantities of 20 from Paula Lovelady 01761418122 or

Email

p.loveladycubs@tesco.net

WANJAM

WANJAM is the District Camp to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting to be held at Bath Racecourse from the 28th July to 4th.August 2007. The whole District is committed to taking part in this camp which will be the biggest we have ever seen in Wansdyke. Cubs will join the camp on the 31st July and stay until the 4th August. On the 1st August the whole world will be taking part in an international renewal of Promise Ceremony. Wansdyke will join the rest of the County on Weston super Mare beach. There will be a very large Closing Ceremony on the 3rd August on the last night of the Jamboree. A carefully balanced range of age specific activities is being organised for the day times on camp and in the evenings the whole Jamboree join together in the Jamboree village for different competitions, entertainment and to meet new friends.

Why should we send our child?

Can you imagine being part of the biggest celebration of Scouting across the world in the Centenary year. The Jamboree coincides with the World Jamboree being held in Chelmsford, Essex. It costs £1000 to go to the World Jamboree but the places are very, very limited and the cubs will not be the right age. At WanJam we can offer the next best thing for the price of £75 all inc. This is an experience that they will never forget - it is history in the making!

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What happens if they move Section?

Simple-registration secures a place at the Jamboree, regardless of what Section you may be in at the time: you will just need to pay the cash adjustment to match the Section you will attend the Jamboree with.

Why pay now - it's so far in advance?

The plans for this camp have been running for 18 months. We are having to find massive sponsorship for the events and we need to know what numbers we are looking at. We already have Scouts in Holland waiting to see if there is room for them to attend and they obviously need to know a good 8 months in advance, so that they can make the necessary arrangements.

**THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED
MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER SOON**

MESSAGE FROM THE DC

Hi everyone,
This one of the most hectic times in the Scouting calendar, with several camps already having taken place, and the Troops and Units preparing for their main Summer Events. I am pleased to say that for the first time in many, many years every Group is holding a Troop Summer Camp, they may be joint ones or individual ones, but every single Scout has been given the opportunity to experience a Summer Camp.

The Cubs have had 6 months of partying and are set to do even more in the later part of the year when they have "The Knights of Cleeve" and leaders camp in September. Birthday at the Zoo in October and on the 2nd. December it is national 90th. Birthday

when the ACC for Cubs will be visiting all District Cub Parties on the same day. Wansdyke will be partying at Wookey Hole and will visit Santa whilst there.

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The Beavers are celebrating their 20th Birthday and have already had a large County event and a very successful Beaverree at Chelwood just a few weekends ago. They have other activities lined up to see them through this special year.

As ever the Troops & Units continue to send in Nights Away & Activity Forms at a steady stream which proves just how much is being offered to the Scouts and Explorers of Wansdyke

A Summer shut-down awaits us so we are told but we all know it doesn't quite work like that. What ever you are doing, wherever you are going, find some time to yourself and have a brilliant summer. See you all in September as we start our build up to the Centenary year and the complete integration of girls into Scouting in all Sections

The future is exciting - let's continue to work together to give our young people the time of their lives in 2007.

Enjoy the break and thanks for everything.

Janet