

1ST GREAT MISSENDEN SCOUT GROUP
SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

Welcome to 2011! We thought now was a good time to update you on some of our plans for the coming year for parents and young people and some more general information.

FINANCE

Given the current economic position for all of us I hope the following information is useful.

If you shop online you can help the group raise funds at no cost to yourself, simply go to: **www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gtmissendenscouts**, register an account and then when you shop online from your usual places e.g. Amazon, access the online store through easy fundraising and a % of your order value will be donated to the Group. You will pay no more than usual and if we spread this to our friends and family we will soon have the funds to buy the new mess tent and other items of camping equipment needed to make our outdoor adventures fun and safer.

Switch to Good Energy electricity - When you change to the same electricity supplier as the Group uses both you and the Group will get £25 off the next bill. If every family switched, the Group would get free electricity for the next 3 years! To find out more go to **www.goodenergy.co.uk** and if you decide to switch quote ref 3055495 to make sure you get your discount.

If any parent is having difficulty paying subs they should speak to Katy Wade, our Treasurer in confidence, to see what arrangements can be made.

LEADERS

I would like to welcome Ruth, Jenni and Jess to the Beaver Leader Team. Ruth is a Beaver mother and has been helping regularly for some time and, Jenni and Jess bring valuable experience with them. They will soon be taking up appointments as Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders so the Beavers and parents will see them in uniform.

I would also like to welcome Rachel ('Jacala'), to the Cub Leader Team. She has been helping regularly and will soon be taking up an appointment as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader so the Cubs and parents will see her in uniform.

BEAVER AND CUB VACANCIES

We have space for more new recruits in both these sections so if you know of any young people who would like to join or just come along for a taster session contact one of the Leaders.

PARENTS

If you would like to get more involved on a regular or ad hoc basis with the Group there will be something you can do that fits with the time you have available. You can help with Beavers or Cubs or just come along to watch a session to see what happens - please contact the appropriate leader for more information.

In addition we have vacancies on the Executive Committee for Beaver and Cub Parent Representatives. Both of these roles involve attending the Group Executive Committee meetings, of which there are four a year and the AGM, and contributing at the meetings to the effective running of the group.

In addition we are considering establishing a fund raising Committee so if you have skills in this area or lots of enthusiasm we would like to hear from you.

For more information please contact Chris Daltry (Chair) or any of the Leaders.

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY PARADE – Sunday 1st May

This is the one occasion in the year when Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts from the whole District come together for a parade and Church service, arranged for us with a Scouting theme. This year the Beavers and Cubs will use St Mary's Church in Chesham and the Scouts and Explorer Scouts will use St Mary's Church Hall. The nearest car park is Star Yard, on the other side of St Mary's Way.

All young people should report to their respective Leaders by 2.30pm above the playgrounds in Lowndes Park. Young people will be dismissed about 4pm, lower down in Lowndes Park.

This is a significant event in the Scouting year so we would like to see as many young people as possible from the three sections that are able to attend.

MISSENDEN SHOW

This event is being held on Monday 2nd May at the Misbourne School Field and being run by the Misbourne Explorer Scout Unit. We will be having a stand which will include cakes sales, marshmallow toasting, lucky dip and a space hopper race. We are looking for parents to supply cakes, co-ordinate the events and to provide an hour to support one of the events. Please let your leader know what you can do to support and sign up on the 'Stall Rota' that will be on the notice board in the scout hut.

AGM

This year the AGM will be held on Thursday 23rd June and will follow the same format as last year with entertainment by the Beavers and Cubs and a slide show from Scouts.

HUT TIDY UP

This annual event will take place on Saturday 21st May from 10am until 1pm. This is an opportunity for parents and young people to give the hut its annual spring clean you can come along for the whole morning or just for an hour. Jobs will include, cleaning the cobwebs from the ceilings, cleaning windows and other similar tasks. If you can't come along on the day another way to help is to take some of the crockery & cutlery home to wash ready for summer camps.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please see attached sheet for forthcoming dates of activities / events.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
19 th -20 th March	Bivvy Night	Braidwood (tbc)	Scouts
2 nd April	Conservation work	Holy Trinity Church grounds, Prestwood	Scouts (must be accompanied by parents)
Saturday 2 nd April	District Beaver outing	London Zoo	Beavers, parents and siblings
Friday 8 th April	Beaver Sleepover	Brushwood School, Chesham	Beavers
Saturday 9 th April	Beaver hike	From Chesham	Beavers, parents and siblings
Sunday 1 st May	St George's Day Parade	St Marys, Chesham	All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders
2 nd May	Missenden Show	Misbourne School field	All parents & young people
6 th to 8 th May	County Water Activities Camp	Longridge	Scouts (now fully booked)
Thursday 19 th May***	Visit to Church	St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden	Cubs
21 st May	Hut Tidy Up	Scout Hut	All parents & young people
Thursday 26 th May**	Cubs pitching tents	Braid Wood	Cubs
27 th to 29 th May	Cub Camp	Braid Wood	Cubs, with Beavers for part of the time
18 th June	Bucks Beaveree	Chalfont Heights	Beavers
23 rd June	AGM	Scout Hut	All parents & young people
Thursday 30 th June**	Cubs pitching tents	Braid Wood	Cubs
1 st to 3 rd July	District Cub Camp	Braid Wood	Cubs
9 th July	County Beaver picnic	Coombe Hill	Beavers
15 th October	County Orienteering Competition	Wendover Woods	Cubs, Scouts and Leaders

** Please note that this is instead of the normal meeting at the scout hut and parents are encouraged to car share and lend a hand!

*** Please note that Cubs will need to be dropped off at the Church and collected from the scout hut.