

Leader's Awards

It is very pleasing when leaders of the Group get recognised by the Scout Association, for the time & effort they put in to run the sections. So, congratulations are due to Martyn Thomas & Paul Steele (Scout Troop), Dan Ashman (Explorers) who have been awarded the Medal of Merit, and also to Emma Pryse (Kingfisher cubs) & Tim Pryse (Troop) who have been awarded the Silver Acorn. Well done all!

Fund raising

Group Bonfire and Campfire Sing-a-long

On Sunday 5th November - 6.30 doors open, 7.00pm fireworks, 7.30 Campfire sing a long, 8.00pm close. This is always a tremendous night, enjoyed by the whole family.

Tickets are £4 per person - £15 for group of 4. We appreciate that it's a Sunday and it's also part of half term, but from past experience is still better to run on the 5th

As always a selection of refreshments will be on sale. Offers of help in selling the refreshments would be welcomed. If possible please book by replying to rexh@btinternet.com or this email to book - payment can be made in cash on the night - no need to pay in advance.

Section news

Scouts - In the first week of the summer holidays 23 scouts attended our summer camp held at Gwent Scouts campsite, Botany Bay, near Tintern in the Forest of Dean. The weather was good, apart from the Wednesday when it rained continuously for 12 hours. This wasn't a problem at the time, but it caused the river Wye to rise by 0.5 metres and the SUP scheduled for the Friday was cancelled - so we went to a leisure centre instead. The scouts took part in lots of activities such as: 2 day & 1 day hikes, rock climber, cyclist and backwoodsman activity badges, wide games, camp sports, orienteering, crate stacking and gorge walking. 9 Gold Chief Scouts award were presented. The camping competition was won by the badgers - Isaac Furreedan's patrol

Kestrel Cub Camp - In Sept, normally the pack holds its annual camp at Miskin, but due to problems with the main drains which run through the site; it had to be held at Scoutbase this year. Cubs and leaders had a great time - full of fun and adventurous activities! Lovely weather - the cubs did all their usual activities - hikes, crate stacking, scout cars, bivvi building, cooking on a wood fire etc and archery (which we can't do at Miskin)
But closer to home!

Waiting Lists

We are always kept very busy with requests from parents for their children to join the 29th, and this year the demand seems to have increased more than usual. Unfortunately, we aren't always able to accommodate new joiners because all sections are already full, despite the fact that we have 2 beaver colonies and 2 cub packs, our numbers are high. With only 1 scout troop it is the largest in the area! Occasionally, spaces arise, but if you have friends who wish their children to join - the younger they put their name down the better their chance of getting a place.

Annual Subscription

Just some advance notice - the Group Exec decides the level of the annual subscription at their Sept meeting. Look out for a subs email from rexh@btinternet.com at the beginning of October

Help with Sections

URGENT! At this time of year, there is always a turnover of leaders as people go to University or change jobs etc. To maintain our programme we need a lot of adult help, so if any parent is interested in helping please let us know.