



# GSL Chat

Stotfold Group Scout Leader's Newsletter

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*Group Secretary needed*

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*Group Camp 2012*

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*New cooker for the  
Scout Hut*

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## Group Scout Leader's Newsletter

Now that the clocks have gone back, I always feel we are getting into winter.

I still do not have copies of all the section programmes for the web site. Have a look on the website and if your section programme is blank, then please email it to me.

If you have any feedback or comments about any issues I raise then please get in touch, either by email [npeace@rmpc.co.uk](mailto:npeace@rmpc.co.uk) or phone 639356.

New interactive Group forms are now available on the website.

## Group Secretary

Jan Peace, our Group Secretary for several years, has decided to hang up her pen and concentrate on the Chickasaw Beavers where she is Section Assistant.

Jan will be stepping down at the AGM in May and I am very keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in talking up the post.

The Group Secretary takes minutes at the Group Executive meetings (five a year) and the Annual General meeting. The secretary also deals with correspondence to the Group and any matters arising from the above meetings.

This is a very important position within the Group. Please drop me an email if you are interested and I will talk further.

## Group Camp

Letters have gone out to the young people for Group Camp and I am expecting deposits back by 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please can you keep reminding your people about this camp and the need to get deposits in?

I will be emailing Leaders soon about availability for this camp.

## Heating in the Scout Hut

The heating in the Scout Hut is now turned on and is on automatic settings. It is not necessary to adjust it for normal meeting times. Please let me know if the automatic settings are not suitable for your section and I will adjust it. Please do not change the settings yourself.

If you need to override the automatic settings for a daytime event, then this can be done on the control panel in the kitchen, but please remember to set it back to the automatic setting (twice a day) when you leave. I have already found the heating on all day and night.

## New Cooker

A new cooker has been purchased and is being fitted by Ray. We also hope to put down a new floor covering in the kitchen. I am very grateful to Stotfold Town Council who provided a grant for this work.

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*Wood Badge awarded*

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## Leader's News

I am delighted to say that Jim Dent has been awarded his Wood Badge for Explorer Scout Leader. This is his second Wood Badge, the first being in a "different life" as a Scout Leader.

I also have great pleasure in announcing that Jane Britten, James Evans and Vicky Evans have received their full appointment as Leaders and Julie Boughton her full appointment as a Section Assistant.

Lawrence Peace is back in Stotfold and has taken up an appointment as Assistant Explorer Scout Leader until March. At this time he will go back to the Lakes to work in an outward bound centre.

With Gemma Vaughan away in Scotland, Anton and I are running Cheyenne Beavers on a Tuesday evening until Christmas. We are receiving fantastic support from Sarah Gayfer-toms and Jason Church who are going through the appointments process.

## Leader's Training

We hosted the Open Training & Validation evening at Stotfold on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and welcomed the District Training Advisors. All our Leaders under training were able to attend and speak to a Training Advisor.

The next two Open Training & Validation evenings are at Boyd Field on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Both these sessions are "drop in" although an email to Maggie (itm.biggy@talktalk.net) will prepare them for your visit.

The next Module 1 training course is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 7:30pm at Boyd Field and the next Module 3 course is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm, venue to be arranged. Please book a place on these courses with Maggie.

Details of the County training programme can be found on the County web site at [www.bedfordshirescouts.org.uk/](http://www.bedfordshirescouts.org.uk/) and select Adult Support. Here there is a list of the dates of the training courses for the remaining of 2011 and all of 2012. Please book any course by emailing [cta@bedfordshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:cta@bedfordshirescouts.org.uk).

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*Leader's Training*

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## Remembrance Day Parade

Please keep promoting Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at The Cemetery at 2:15pm.

I am visiting a number of sections to speak about Remembrance Day. I welcome any feedback after these visits.

## Steps to Building a Camp Fire

- Split dead limb into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.
- Bandage left thumb.
- Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.
- Bandage left foot.
- Make a structure of slivers (including those embedded in the hand).
- Light match.
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- Repeat "A Scout is cheerful" and light match.
- Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of flames.
- Apply burn ointment to nose.
- When fire is burning, collect more wood.
- When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
- After thunderstorm has passed, repeat the above steps.

### Don't Forget

Group Leader's Meeting  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 8:00

Group Executive Committee  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 8:00

Group Camp  
over the weekend of  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
at Gilwell Park

All other dates can be found on the  
web site [www.stotfoldscouts.org.uk](http://www.stotfoldscouts.org.uk)

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*Remembrance Day*

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