

GSL Chat

STOTFOLD GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S NEWSLETTER

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Group Scout Leader's Newsletter

Don't forget that the subs have now gone up to £2.50 per session.

All documents referred to in my newsletter are on the GSL's page on the web site www.stotfoldscouts.org.uk/gsl.

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

New interactive Group forms are now available on the website.

New Floor in the Scout Hut

I am delighted to inform you that the new floor has now been put down in the Scout Hut.

The whole project has been given to us as a gift from Altro in Letchworth. The floor is a hard wearing, industrial covering which should last us about thirty years.

I estimate that this very generous donation is worth between £4,000 and £5,000 to us. Many thanks to Phil Barrett for all his efforts in this area.

A Cleaner for the Scout Hut

We have now appointed a cleaner for the Scout Hut. Penny Wheatcroft works two hours a weeks and usually cleans the hut on a Monday morning.

You may also notice that we have acquired a "Henry" to help Penny with her cleaning and disposed of the old cleaner.

The cleaning cupboard in the kitchen is now locked, but rubbish bags can be found in the cupboard at the entrance to the male toilet. Please try to sweep the hall after your meeting and put full rubbish sacks into the dustbins.

Penny hopes to be able to wash the floor most weeks, so I am suspending the monthly cleaning rota.

St George's Day Parade and Fun Day

Many thanks to all who came to the St George's Day Parade and you will find some photos on the web site.

Numbers were lower than previous years, but we knew this would be the case due to the parade being held during holiday time. However, there was a representation from all the sections and about 60 young people on the parade.

Many thanks to all the Leaders who attended, to Jim and the Explorers for the excellent bar-b-que, and to Duncan for organising the games.

Leader's News

I am sorry to say that Duncan has decided to give up leading Cherokee Cubs and will stand down at the end of the summer term. He wants to stay involved and we are still talking about what he will do next. Duncan has run Cherokees for several years.

However, I am delighted to announce that Sian Rogers, ACSL for Cherokees has agreed to take over as CSL when Duncan retires. Many thanks Sian. I hope to attract a couple more people into Cherokees to help Sian and Mark during the summer term.

Sian has recently been awarded her Queen's Scout Award and will be attending the St George's Day Parade at Windsor at the beginning of May. I went along when Lawrence received his Queen Scout Award and it is a very memorable day.

I announced in my last newsletter that Pam Craig was standing down as ACSL for Comanche Cubs at Christmas and I am very pleased to say that Rebecca Thurlby has agreed to become ACSL for Comanche Cubs from September. Rebecca has been an active member of the Supporters Association for the last few years and will be giving this up when she takes out her warrant.

Annual General Meeting

I would welcome your support at the AGM on Tuesday 24th May at 8:00pm in the Scout Hut. Please come in uniform or Group T-Shirt for Section Assistants.

The format will be slightly different this year. Ray hopes to complete the formalities of the AGM within half an hour and I will then make my GSL's Report for about half an hour.

My report will outline the progress the Group and the Sections have made this year and I hope to incorporate much of your section report in my presentation. So, please can I have Section AGM reports sent to me as soon as possible?

I am also inviting all the young people who have gained their Chief Scout Award during the last year and will honour them, and hopefully their parents, for their achievement.

Our two Queen Scouts will be presented at the end of the evening.

Group Camp

Group Camp is over the weekend of 10th, 11th & 12th June at Boyd Field. At the moment there are 19 Cubs, 12 Scouts and 7 Explorers who are camping and 17 Beavers who are visiting on Saturday.

I will be contacting you soon to find out which Leaders and wanting to attend.

Programme and other information on the web site.

Don't forget:

Quiz Evening to support James Evans Jamboree venture on Saturday 14th May in Scout Hut
 Race Night run by the Supporters Association Saturday 21st May in the Scout Hut
 Annual General Meeting 24th May 2011 at 8:00pm in the Scout Hut
 Group Camp over the weekend of 10th, 11th & 12th June 2011 at Boyd Field
 All other dates can be found on the web site www.stotfoldscouts.org.uk

*Please come along to
the new look to AGM.*
