

Derwent Green



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Please let me have your articles and ideas ready for the next edition.

April was the last Newsletter What have we been doing since then ??

2nd & 9th May, 2015 Bedding Plant Sales.

It seems a long time ago, and it won't be long before planning starts again for 2016

Many thanks to all those who helped, and I trust that we can rely on your support next year.

22nd to 25th May, 2015 (3 nights) : Spring Bank Camp



The pitch was a great size, it was flat, and the help to get the tents up on the Thursday evening was excellent. Thanks to those who gave us a hand, greatly appreciated.

We had two new tents, being a modern take on a 'bell tent' which attracted some attention from some other campers. We were able to have all the girls in one and all the boys in the other, which appeared to work well.

The Cubs and Scouts were able to take themselves off during the day - the Leaders only ever saw them at meal times, and bed time of course, and the Cubs and Scouts enjoyed many many varied activities, including shooting, petrol-driven go-karts, climbing, crafts, and team games to name just a few.

The Cubs had practiced a song to do at the Talent Show.

They qualified to be in the final 15 out of 32 acts, and on the night they 'did us proud'; no, very, very proud.

In front of an audience of some 1,000 + they came joint 1st- what an acclamation ... what can we do next year to beat that ????

Well done those Cubs. Brilliant.

The fancy dress disco was for everyone, and Shere Khan and Mowgli took part, and all went to the disco in the main marquee.



There's a story behind the amount of Yorkshire puddings we landed up with I think we got a good deal!

A further popular dish for inclusion in future menu's.



Having got all the props to sing the 'Wee wee Song' ... if you don't know it ask a Cub to give you a rendition we thought we would continue to use one item much to the confusion of passers by;

the (clean) potty was filled with diluted orange squash, and it was left by the edge of the mess tent for a wee while or so, and then Shere Khan drank it !!!!



Crrrrriiiiinge !!!!

As ever Spring Bank Camp was a marvellous weekend.
Bring on next year.

Two **Cubs** were selected to go to represent our Group, and the District on an **activity day in May**. They got to see **Bear Grylls**, our Chief Scout, and Shere Khan was able to get him to sign his Scout shirt.
The two Cubs had an excellent day filled with plenty of activities.
Bear Grylls flew in and out in a helicopter - quite an impressive sight.

The Bevers undertook a community project and helped to brighten up a play area in the locality. All of this went towards their Community Badge. Well done



In **June** we had a day at Drum Hill **Mountain Biking** with all **three Sections**. The scouts were divided into two groups - one Group was taken off for the activity and the other group played wide games and explored the woods and then two groups swapped later in the day.
The 'shelter' tent proved extremely useful for our lunch break.

Everyone enjoyed the day.



An evening session at **Burton Canoe Club bell-boating for the Cubs and Scouts** proved extremely popular, a first time on the water for some.

Excellent fun ... shall we do it again ?? I think so.

Beavers and Cubs went to Junior Peak for the day in **July**, and had a fun filled day of activities, and were able to see the extent of the Peak Camp - Chatsworth Park, Peak, becomes the largest village in Derbyshire for a week with some 8,000+ Scouts and Guides from all over the world camping. Hopefully this will be a memorable day for the Cubs and Beavers, and will give them the incentive to camp there themselves once they are Scouts. Next Peak 2020 !



Group Camp 2015

"Winter"

Cubs and Scouts camped for two nights, and the Beavers came along for the day.

Mr. Chairman, Mowglie, Shere Khan and Keeo set up their tents Thursday evening, and then put the remaining tents up Friday day ready for the arrival of the Cubs and Scouts later in the afternoon.

South Derbyshire County Camp site at Calke Abbey is somewhat basic, but is in a lovely setting - it does however have disposal challenges!

Friday night was eventually over - some of the Members were up at 6am, so was Keeo who suggested that they please go back into their tents for at least an hour and a half!

Somewhat sleep deprived we managed to forge ahead with the day.

After breakfast the Beavers arrived and all had a walk round to explore some of the grounds at Calke Abbey before lunch.

In the afternoon the three Sections set off for the Swadlincote Ski Centre, and had a super time tubing before coming back for dinner. The Beavers returned back to HQ early evening.

One of the activities planned for camp was to build an igloo out of milk cartons on site, but it was felt that it would be too cumbersome to get back (if ever we got it built). This became a project at HQ - but hasn't gone too well! Now we just need to dispose of 500+ milk cartons.....



Group Birthday

30/10 and 1/11/15

We celebrated our 107th birthday with a Halloween fancy dress party, and sleepover.

Many thanks to Mary, Tom/Skip, Shere Khan (aka Akela) and Mowgli for staying over. Thanks to Abi for all her hard work, and to Kevin for providing the disco music.

Fun was had down the spooky corridor, especially with the 'popping carpet'.

Great games throughout the evening including apple bobbing and dangling doughnut munching.

Many thanks to Helen for doing face painting.

We paraded to Church the following morning to the solitary beat of the bass drum, and participated in the Service at St Thomas' Methodist Chapel.

Refreshments and cake were enjoyed after the Service back at HQ.

During the past several months there have been some changes in the Leadership Team.

I am very pleased to introduce the two new adults to the 4th Derby (Derwent) Scout Group - Kaa/Stuart who has taken on the role of Sectional Assistant with the Troop, and Baloo/Connor who has gone into uniform and is the Assistant Cub Scout Leader.

Kevin has taken a step back from the role as Akela - thank you for all you have done throughout your time in office as Akela, and will be an Assistant Cub Scout Leader helping out on a less frequent basis.

Shere Khan/Gary has now taken over the role of Akela - thank you for stepping in.

As I know you are aware Shirley stepped down as Beaver Scout Leader quite some while ago now and Mary and Abi stepped up into the breach, for which I am very grateful. Abi has taken on the role as Beaver Scout Leader, and Mary will continue in her role as Assistant BSL.

What's next ...

Sunday 24th January, 2016 - Cubs and Beavers - Beauty and the Beast Panto.

Letters are available now and numbers have to be submitted immediately to guarantee our seats. Payment can be deferred until mid December.

7th and 14th May, 2016 : Proposed dates for the **Plant sale and deliveries.**

Spring Bank Camp : 27th to 30th May, 2015 ~ Hula, hula theme.

Cubs and Scouts - Cost likely to be in the region of £56.00 pp for three nights camping, all activities, food and travel.

June 2016 : Activate

Activity day at Carsington for **Scouts** - further and better information to follow. There is caving, climbing, sailing, canoeing off-site, and many other activities on site.

Connor went the other year, if you want to know anything more about what he got to do ask him !?!

The Leaders are looking to organise Saturday/Sunday day activities similar to last year Watch this space for further information in the New Year.

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