

January 2023

Firstly.... Happy New Year to you.

Another twelve months have whizzed by, and here's hoping 2023 will prove to be a happy, healthy, funfilled year for us all.

I would personally like to thank the Members, including, of course, the Leadership Team including the Young Leaders, the Chairman, and Treasurer for all you have done to keep the Group afloat, and on track through the past couple of years. Also the partners of the Leaders who give them 'time out' to attend Section meetings etc., and all those who have helped with fund-raising. A sincere 'thank you' for your continued support.

I am really pleased to welcome new Leaders to the Leadership Team, and thank them for joining 4<sup>th</sup> Derby (Derwent).

*Karen* Keeo/Group Scout Leader.

30<sup>th</sup> April,2022 ~ Bedding Plant Sale and Deliveries.



This is the Group's principal fund raising event -

It certainly proved very popular again in 2022.

Slight change of 'tack' culminating in one weekend of deliveries and a sale seems to have worked really well, but may be there is still some tweaking to be done for 2023.

A big thank you to those who helped with the making up of orders, and distributing orders etc.

It is hard work, but it is only one weekend and saves Sections/Members from participating in endless weekends of sponsored 'this and that', and tapping the same family pockets!



The hanging baskets still remain to be our best seller - we sold 328, and over 2,000 punnets and pots of plants.

Great achievement, and a 'big thank you'

Great Section activities throughout 2022 - a big 'thank you' must go to the Section Leaders.









Semaphore

Archery



~Spring Bank Camp 2022 - three nights ~



Great fun as ever ......

Brilliant activities, day long fun, and the party went on until 2200 hours with a disco and talent show. A bit of rain (most of which seemed to be inside Keeo and Mr. Chairman's tent in large puddles!!) didn't impede a fabulous fun filled weekend.



..... and if you didn't get to do it in 2022, there is always SBC 2023! Bring it on.



What a superb turn out - we filled a 50 seater bus, and managed to curtail a sing-song until only 3 miles to go! Phew!

Keeo and the Leaders were very pleased that almost all of the Members were able to take part in this activity. We had our picnic lunch in the Mill House, scaled the ramparts, climbed the towers, wandered the grounds, watched the birds of prey, and stalked the peacocks - a wonderful day at Warwick Castle.



The Pack and Colony had water slides and water fights earlier in the year - I think Hathi won .... she may have had the hosepipe, but was still the wettest!!!

The Pack went indoor climbing, and a sponsored walk round Elvaston Castle, the Troop went on a 'night' hike and also walked along the canal from Willington to Stenson, and to round off the year ......

Beaver Christmas party was fun-filled, and enjoyed by all with games and food. Dougie went too!



Cubs Ice skating activity - a great evening. Dougie went too!





Scouts went to Laser Quest - great fun; Dougie went too!

The Pack thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party games night, and Dougie went there too !!



## WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2023 ...... ?



Founders Day : Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

## 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Bedding Plant Sale and Deliveries.



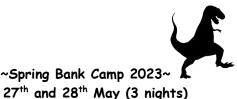
Group fund raising – we have to do it, and the Leaders need your support, and that of your family. <u>The Leaders cannot achieve the level of vital and necessary fund raising</u> on their own.

Further and better information will be provided nearer the date, but to give you advance notice we will need help with the (Thursday evening) off-loading of the plants when they are delivered by the Grower, and, on the following couple of days, the subsequent making up and distribution of orders.

Please note that the Group does pay mileage/fuel expenses for those making the deliveries, if you wish to claim.

A concerted effort over the weekend (plus the endless hours of background preparation, of course, which will start again at the end of January for 2023's floral frenzy) saves Sections/Members from participating in endless weekends of sponsored 'this and that', and tapping the same family pockets! This manner and level of fund raising we cannot do without you giving up your time to help us.





Just a little clue as to 2023's theme !!! It is anticipated that online details of the further and better information will be made Get the dates in your diary, mind.



camp will be available mid January, and available to you in due course.

..... are there any other activities planned? - we'll have to see!!



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