

Derwent Green



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Publication frequency will, of course, depend on what we have to share. *Get thinking, get sharing.*

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

Sunday 25th January, 2015 -

Cubs and Beavers had an evening at The Guildhall Theatre watching The Watson Players in Cinderella.



OH! YES WE DID

Fortunately the performance was not quite so late in finishing as we had been told. Thanks to Shere Khan and Kees for giving up their afternoon/evening.

The 4th are putting the OUT back in scouting, and we are certainly getting out and about.

Firstly a BIG THANK YOU to all the Leaders for giving up their time at weekends to support the activities.

Alter Rock Indoor Climbing Centre proved very popular, and nearly all of the Group attended.



I am sure that we will certainly go there again. The instructors were excellent, and from the smiling faces and enthusiasm of the Members everyone thoroughly enjoyed the climbing session. All were able to abseil, and try different climbs

Jayden makes a 6 metre climb look easy



Julia and Aimee have definitely got the 'hang' of climbing, and Alexandra abseiled down the 6 metre wall very gracefully and confidently.

They were taught all the appropriate safety aspects, helmet and harness, and were taught how to belay for one another



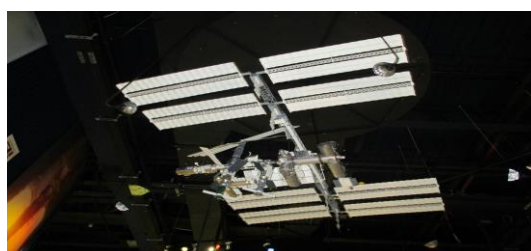
February we all went to The Space Centre at Leicester.
We ate our packed lunch and then set off for the space adventure.

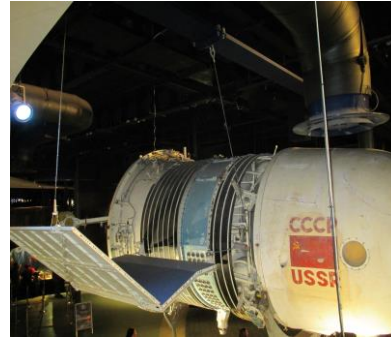


Keo, just had to take a photo of a toilet from a space module !!!!



There was plenty to see and lots of 'hands on' fun. There was a huge 40m rocket from the USA that we viewed from three floor levels, and a model of the Meir Space Station, and a Russian capsule





We went to watch a show in the planetarium which was magnificent. We sat in reclining seats watching planets hurtling towards us from all directions in the domed room.

Nobody asked whether it was time to leave so we think everyone found something to do for the four hours we were there.

Our last visit we went to Rangemore and watched Hawksflight bird of prey display. We saw the birds in their cages, some noisier than others as they were waiting to be fed. The keeper showed to us a 9 weeks old Bengal Eagle Owl chick, which he fed, and we saw the fully grown owl in flight and we were able to feed him.



Initially the keeper brought out a barn owl which we all flew and fed. Her name was Tilly, and she flew in total silence, not a sound. Her plumage was beautiful. Once she landed on your arm she had a problem seeing the food as she has excellent long sight, but very poor short sight, as do most birds of prey. We also got to feed and fly Jess, a falcon. She was much smaller than Tilly, but incredibly fast.



The keeper asked if we would like to fly the big Bengal Eagle Owl - he was magnificent. We tried to guess how much he weighed - he stood 18-20" high, but weighed less than a bag of sugar. However he was certainly a lot heavier than the other two birds.



The weather was very kind because had it have rained heavily or the wind hadn't dropped we would not have been able to see the birds in flight and get to feed them. Another day out, very different, but again well supported by Members.

The Leaders and Mr. Chairman also had the opportunity to fly and feed the birds.

2nd and 9th May, 2015 - Bedding Plant Sale and Deliveries.

Group fund raising - we have to do it to pay for the maintenance, insurance and services to the HQ, and the Leaders need your support, and that of your family. The Leaders cannot achieve the level of vital and necessary fund raising on their own. The Bedding Plant Sale & Deliveries is the biggest fund raising event in the year.

Thank you to those who so far have helped in the distribution of the plant order forms.

There will be plenty to do on the day of the 1 day sale on the 2nd May -

- the café
- making up of orders
- sale of raffle tickets



more importantly we will need help with the making up and distribution of the orders on Saturday 9th May : please note that the Group does pay mileage/fuel expenses if you wish to claim. As Leaders and Committee members we cannot do this on our own, and need your help please.

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



Booked and paid for and a kit list and permission forms will be distributed in the very near future. PLEASE HELP TO PUT UP TENTS ON THURSDAY 21ST MAY, PATENTS TOO !!! The bus will leave HQ at 5.45 ish. "Four people can do an hour's work in 15 minutes"

What's in store ?

Two **Cubs** will be selected to go to represent our Group, and the District on an **activity day in May**. They will also get the opportunity to **meet Bear Grylls**, our Chief Scout.

For **June** we are planning a **Mountain Biking** day for all **three Sections**, and an evening at **Burton Canoe Club bell-boating for the Cubs and Scouts**.

Beavers and Cubs are off to Junior Peak for the day in **July**.

The thought process and planning for our Group September Camp is underway !

We need you to bring some wool to your Section meeting one evening (before we break up in July) and make a pom-pom which will have to be worn on a hat (any hat!!!) - all of us, even the Beavers visiting for the day. You'll see what it is all about eventually !?!?!?

Generally

Gift Aid forms are available from Section Leaders. Please would you kindly ensure that you pick up the paperwork, and return it as soon as possible. Completion of the Gift Aid form allows the Group to claim back 25p in the £ from HMR&C on the subscriptions you pay, and we can back date the claim for five years. These monies will be of great benefit to the Group.

Bring a friend along to your Section meeting - how easy is that to double the numbers in your Section? Tell your friends at School what we do, and how much fun we have in Scouting - ask your Teacher if you can tell your class about something you have recently done through Scouting, and proudly show them the badges on your Uniform that you have earned

Ongoing fundraising

We continue to collect and recycle **used toner and ink cartridges and mobile phones** - please hand them to your Section Leader.

Historically we have collected **clothes, shoes** (pairs only), **bags, belts, bedding** (no duvets or pillows), and **curtains** - a collection is to be arranged for later in the year. If you have any items as above please ask the Section Leader for a recycling bag, and bring items to HQ in readiness for the next collection.

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