



SEVENOAKS SCOUTING

NEWSLINK NOTICES

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How Could This Possibly Be The Case?

In the different roles I have in Scouting I get to know a bit about how the Sevenoaks District is performing. Over the last months I have seen a new troop open, double in size and then double in size again. I have seen a new Beaver Colony open and flourish. I have been to a recruitment day where an abundance of parents came forward to help open yet another Colony and help with the Cub Pack. Leaders have told me that their numbers have been going up and up and waiting lists are being created. Sitting on the Warrants Committee I have witnessed a long stream of new leaders wishing to take out a warrant in one section or another. All in all I would say that Scouting in the Sevenoaks District is in pretty good order.

Did this come about by accident?

Are young people being told they have to attend scout meetings?

Are all these new leaders being told something we don't know about?

No, none of these things. The reason our numbers continue to grow, even though we are told that the population of youngsters is falling, is that the leaders in all sections are doing a brilliant job and putting on good and exciting programmes.

Now this brings me back to my headline. How could all this activity possibly be going on but hardly anybody is shouting about it and putting reports in Newslink or using the District website to it's full potential

It's obvious you are all doing something right, come on tell the rest of us what it is. We want to know!

Not everyone involved in Scouting can be out there on the front line. Many work tirelessly in the background in admin and support roles. They don't get to see the brilliant things that you get up to week after week. Things that you think are run of the mill are of interest to them. The theme night, the brilliant wide game, the good deeds, the junk craft, camping weekend, hike to some hill top, pioneering, orienteering or cooking competition –Shout about it.

Just send the stuff to me and I will circulate it around the district so that others can share in your success. And if you don't want to write something up get your members to do it for you. You know it makes sense.

'Tree for all' is a project from the Woodland Trust and started from the simple idea that every child should have the chance to plant a tree. For more information and a free proct pack with stickers visit <http://www.treeforall.org.uk/>

Did you know that in Kent there are 4.300 miles of paths? The same distance as from London to Bombay in India. For information about Public Rights of way for Kids go to www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent and apply for the booklet 'Kids trails'

Sevenoaks Cub Scouts have a great day out

*“Now lads you’ve got a roll of sticky back plastic, an old margarine tub, a piece of string and loads of papier mache’. I want you to knock up a Victorian war ship just like HMS Gannet.
Here’s one I made earlier”*



90 Cubs and 18 leaders from Sevenoaks along with about another 2,500 from around the County visited Chatham Dockyards. The sun shone brightly all day and this matched the smiles on the faces of the cubs. I’m not sure if a day was long enough to see all on offer at the docks so I am sure that many will be taking their families back for a return visit. From the history of the RNLI through to making rope it’s all there. The ship building experience where you follow the induction of an apprentice in Victorian England was well worth a visit not to mention going on board various ships, boats and a submarine. A trip up the Medway on Steamship

Kingswear Castle allowed the leaders to have a well earned sit down before going on to the cubs 90th birthday party bash.

Kent County Cubs presented a cheque for nearly £4000 to the RNLI of which Sevenoaks contributed about £200.

The cubs pictured above from the Amherst cub pack were lucky enough to bump in to Peter Duncan who was happy to have his picture taken with them.

What a brilliant day they had, all that water and no one fell in, amazing!



*Whatever you do
Don't pull the
Bung out!*

Directory Up Date

Special Needs Advisor Mr Sean Casey, 18 Crown Road Edenbridge, TN8 6AN 01732 863656 seankc1@whsmithnet.co.uk

Module 01

30th January 2007 at Seal HQ 7pm -10pm

Module 03

3rd November 2006 at Seal HQ 7pm – 10pm
26th February 2007 at Seal HQ 7pm -10pm

**Please email Rosepyne@aol.com to book onto
module 01 & 03**

Validation Evenings

Bring your evidence along to our drop in Validation
Evenings to speak with a training advisor and
validate outstanding modules.

Personal Learning Plans can also be done.

Thursday 26th October at Seal HQ 7pm – 9pm
Friday 24th November at Seal HQ 7pm – 9m

**Please email Rosepyne@aol.com to book onto
module 01 & 03**

**No Booking required for validation evenings –
just turn up with your evidence and training
folder.**

First Aid (Module 10)

15th October 2006

A few Spaces left – email Rosepyne@aol.com
today to book your space.

If you think you have booked onto this and have not received confirmation from the
County Office please email me.

Food Hygiene Course

11th February 2007

Only 4 spaces left – Book now if you don't want
to miss it.

Learning About Leadership Seminar - Free

16th November 2006

9.30am – 3.30pm

Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford

To Book Call Carole Tyrrell on 07933 179326

Or email her on carole@kentcan.org

Training DVD's, CD's, Video's

Should you still be in possession of any of the training materials above but have
completed your learning for that module, can you please return the learning
material to Rose – either at the Scout shop on a Wednesday evening or during one
of the drop in sessions.

I would also be grateful if any leader who does not want to keep the module 01
CD which came free with your Scouting magazine could let me have it to use for
training.

Many Thanks Rose

