

Sevenoaks Newslink

A Monthly Magazine for Leaders and Supporters of Scouting in Sevenoaks



CUBS CELEBRATIONS GO ON AS SEVENOAKS PACKS JOIN THE COUNTY AT KINGSWOOD

Cubs Scouts from the 1st 4th and 7th packs joined 300 other cubs for a weekend of activities at the Kingswood

Activity Centre in Ashford. The cubs and leaders had the luxury of sleeping inside nice warm buildings with running hot water which was something that the young people and probably their leaders could have only dreamt about in 1916.

The cubs first job was to make their bed (put a duvet cover and pillow cases on) and then the fun started.

Cubs I accompanied had to dress one of their team up into a robot out of old cardboard and scraps. If robots are our future I hope they are nothing like these creations but give the cubs their due they did the best they could with the available materials.

On Saturday, the fun started with plenty of climbing type activities, blind trials, orienteering, fencing, team building, zip wire, 3G swing and much more right into the early evening.

A camp fire was planned but at the crucial moment the heavens opened and we were all hurriedly diverted into a building. Although attempted the camp fire sing along didn't work inside so the cubs made their way back to their bunks and a well-earned early night.

I did hear that two of our packs managed to commandeer a hall and put on their own 80's disco (Cubs, 80's Disco? Ask Nick Roberts what he's got on his I pod) so the night was not a wash out for them at least.





Scrummy Yummy, green icing!



Being of a certain age I couldn't resist this shot.

How brave is that.





A HAPPY DAY HAD BY ALL

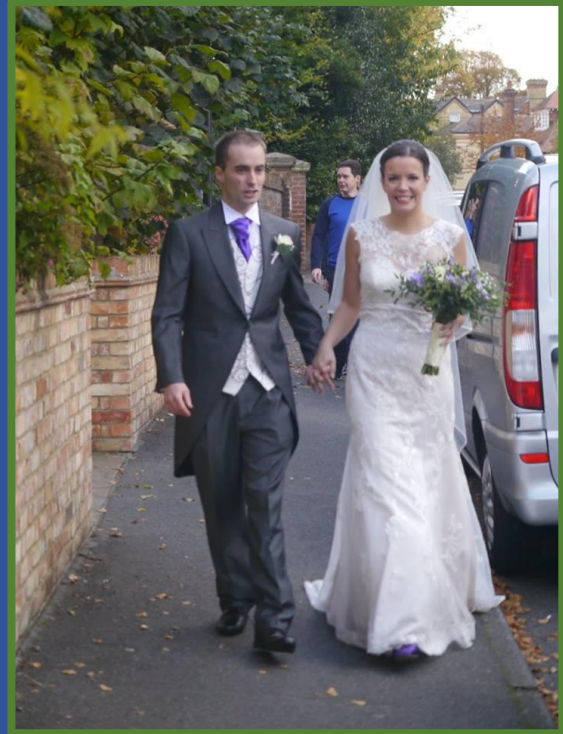


Although no longer working in our District I am sure many of you remember Simon Corrigan. Simon now heads up the Media team at County level and he recently returned to his home town of Sevenoaks to wed his lovely bride Clare.

The wedding took place at St Thomas's Church with a reception at West Heath School. Several Sevenoaks and County Scouters attended the ceremony and evening reception and had a jolly good time.

*Of course, Clare does understand that Scouting only takes up 2 hours a week.
Ha ha ha.*

We all wish Simon and Clare many years of married bliss.



CUB SCOUTS PROMISE RENEWAL

Cub Scouts across the Country will renew their PROMISE on the 16th December. Cubs from the Sevenoaks District will meet at Sevenoaks School at 6.30 pm where they will watch a film and see pictures of each of the Sevenoaks packs in action over the years. Richard our ADC cubs is desperately trying to get as many packs to send in pictures as he can so this will be an exciting display of what goes on and has gone on in Sevenoaks over the years.

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PICTURES OUT THERE SO THE MESSAGE TO ALL THE CUB SCOUT LEADERS IS:

PLEASE LOOK THROUGH YOUR 'MY PICTURES' FOLDER AND SEND THE BEST OF THEM TO STEVE KELLY WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO PUT THEM TOGETHER. STEVE'S EMAIL IS

somersetthobbit@live.co.uk

Please do this sooner rather than later as the original deadline has passed already.

FIREWORKS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN AND MANY OF OUR GROUPS WILL BE PUTTING ON DISPLAYS OR JOINING IN VILLAGE EVENTS ON THE 5TH AND OTHER DATES

PLEASE ALL REMEMBER THE CODES AND KEEP YOURSELVES AND EVERYONE SAFE.

THIS IS A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR SCOUTING SO IF YOU ARE NOT HAVING YOUR OWN DISPLAY WHY NOT GET YOUR MEMBERS TO VISIT A SCOUTING ONE NEARBY

HALSTEAD SCOUTS HAVE A SCARY NIGHT AT SCAREFEST (WELL NOT THAT SCARY)



Over the Halloween weekend Scouts from the 7th Sevenoaks troop visited Gilwell Park for the annual Scarefest Halloween camp. With over 1300 scouts there the site was pretty busy but there were plenty of activities for them all to join in on. Bumper cars, not normally thought



of at Halloween, went down very well and were a great

hit with everyone. Also, The Cage, if you were brave enough, brought many screams but still not of the ghostly nature. Lazer quest was popular and at least in the dark but still no ghosts and even in The Caves, where it was very dark ghosts were nowhere to be seen. Nothing for it but to wait until night fall when Gilwell would surely dig up few old spirits of Scout Leaders from the past. And so it was.



Three very scary mazes were opened up and screams were in abundance. Not just screams but screams of the ghostly kind came from each of the terrifying constructions.



To add to this special lighting effects were placed along Essex Walk and other pathways to give the whole site an eerie look and the White House was the backdrop for some very spooky projections. At the end of the evening everyone gathered for the much-awaited Firework and Laser show. This was excellent and way more than what you would expect at an event of this size. The fireworks were timed to the music and for 20 minutes' ghosts and Halloween were forgotten about whilst everyone marvelled at the display

This was an excellent event where scouts had plenty

of time and freedom to roam amongst other Scouts and Explorer Scouts and is to be recommended.



TRAINING

THERE ARE TWO FIRST RESPONSE COURSES ORGANISED FOR 12TH NOVEMBER AND 4TH DECEMBER. BOTH TO BE HELD AT THE RIVERHEAD HQ.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT ON BOTH.

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SEVENOAKS LTM**



SEVENOAKS DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT SOCIAL

ARE HAVING AN EVENING BASED ON TV GAMES OF THE PAST
10 GAMES

FROM CRACKERJACK TO THE GENERATION GAME
FROM 15 TO 1 TO CRISS CROSS QUIZ AND BLANKETY BLANK

FANCY JOINING THE FUN
POP ALONG TO THE HALSTEAD SCOUT HQ ON THE 10TH NOVEMBER
'YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE'

NEWSLINK

It is a little disappointing that hardly anyone is sending news in of the activities that are happening in Groups or District.

This is not only noticeable in Newslink but on the Sevenoaks District Facebook page and the Sevenoaksscouts.org.uk website.

Admittedly some of the groups have their own websites, newsletters and Facebook pages but people searching to see what is happening in our District could easily get the impression that that we are in hibernation.

Not the impression, I am sure, any of us would like the public to get.

I do my best to keep Newslink and the Website full of the things that you are doing but if you don't tell me I don't know.

My scout role is Assistant Scout Leader; I do not get to hear anything from any other source except YOU. So, please, if you have done it and it's worth putting it out locally then Shout About It. Don't be shy give your news a wider audience.

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JUST IN FROM THE CCC. CONGRATULATIONS GO TO

RICHARD EVEREST

MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

JOHN GANDON

AWARD FOR MERIT

NICOLA HARVEY

CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

ADRIAN MAYDOM

CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

MICHAEL SCHWARZ

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