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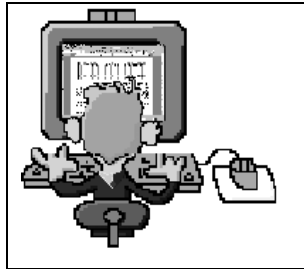
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From the Editor

May I introduce our first issue of 2002 even though it is March. It has been a long five months since the last issue was published at the end of October. There have been many events taking place including the annual Fish and Chip Supper, District Chess Competition and weekend camps. For those of you who were not aware I have now left the Scout Troop and due to our lack of Venture Unit have had to join 7th Malden's Unit. However I am still helping at Cubs, editing Light to the Right and representing 2nd Norbiton on the Jamboree, so you have not seen the last of me yet.



Magnus Kelly – Editor

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Congratulations

We were all very pleased to see a special award presented by Mike Wellman, the District Commissioner, at our Fish and Chip Supper. This was presented to Pam Farley, our Group Treasurer, who has never had a boy in the Group, but has been our treasurer for well over 15 years. The Long Service Decoration is presented to anyone who has been in an official Scouting position for at least 15 years.

I am sure you would all like to join me to congratulate and thank Pam for all her hard work over the years.

Through the Chair

First of all, many thanks to all those who came to our Fish and Chip Supper – it was a great success, both in terms of fundraising and as a social occasion for the Group. We had nearly sixty people there and there was of course the usual lively discussion over the answers to Janet's quiz. It was also nearly the Fish and Chip Supper that wasn't, as Rock 'n' Roe rang to say that they had "problems with the gas supply" and had shut the shop (on a Saturday night) in order to supply our order! All credit to them that they managed to cook it all and apologies to those of you who possibly got slightly smaller or less warm portions than usual. They did give us a discount for the inconvenience, so we felt they had been very fair.

The boys have been very busy at Cubs and Scouts since the beginning of the year – the Scouts have been ice skating and to camp and learned about mountain navigation and safety. There was also a District Cub quiz and a well attended Church Parade for Mothering Sunday. The next big date for your diaries is the Group AGM on Saturday 25th May at 6:30pm at the Scout hall. All boys and parents are very welcome and it's a useful way to find out what the little (and big) dears have been up to all year. With the Scouts providing the catering – how can you resist?

See you there!

Wendy Morris
Group Chairman

20th World Scout Jamboree Thailand 2003 Update

Since the last report on the Jamboree it seems like we have not stopped doing fundraising activities and training exercises.

The weekend after the last issue was published, there was a training camp held at Polyapes Camp Site in Cobham. Here we were taught about stereotypes and trying to avoid them and also about how to behave while in Thailand. We were told about the Thai customs and what not to do and were also taught the Thai word, for hello and goodbye, which is Sawaddee. The rest of the camp was spent getting to know the rest of the group and completing challenges, such as shaving balloons and getting your group to stand on the smallest piece of paper possible.

Since then the five of us from Kingston and Malden District have been busy carrying out fundraising activities. In November we served the drinks and did the washing up at a wedding party. Supposedly we were going to be finished at 11 o'clock, but we ended up finishing at about 1 o'clock in the morning. In the last few weeks before Christmas a postal service to the New Malden area was run, charging 10p per letter. After Christmas we took over the coffee shop at the Methodist Church in New Malden and were allowed to keep any profits that we made from the tea, coffee and cakes. The next week a quiz night was held at "Woodies" in the evening, which attracted a large number of people. On Saturday 16th February 7th Malden hosted a Valentines Day dance in the evening. We were treated to a live band, which played very loud music until eleven in the evening, making me feel very sorry for the neighbours.

A second training weekend camp was held from Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th March at Birchmere Campsite in Wisley. We thought the weather forecast was wrong when we had a morning of very warm sunshine, when we built "Flintstone Cars" out of cable drums and pioneering poles. After we had attempted to cook lunch, we started working on our songs for the Jamboree and to our annoyance groups started arriving for the County Night Hike. We finished our rehearsals quickly before preparing for the Night Hike and cooking our dinner. That afternoon it rained heavily and the few hundred people on the campsite turned the field to mud along with the surrounding countryside. After a night of torrential rain the sun



the following day dried the tents out in time to go home.

By the time the next issue is published I should be able to tell you the destination for our Home Hospitality and the date we leave the UK. Until then.

Sawaddee

Magnus Kelly

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Jamboree on the Internet 2001 20th –21st October

As well as the main Jamborees held every four years, since around 1960 a "Jamboree" has been held by communicating over the radio and since



1996 a Jamboree has been held on the internet. This is done by sending e-mails, using chat programmes and any other communication devices people have. Both of these events are held on the third weekend of October. This year for the first time 2nd Norbiton, (Thomas Morris, David Young and myself) took part in the Jamboree on the Internet over the weekend.

We contacted other people using e-mails and chat programmes online. We were online for two and a half hours on the Sunday, but had been receiving e-mails from Saturday evening. Full lists of those contacted and countries communicated with are on a notice board at the Scout hall. However briefly we contacted over 72 people from 24 countries including Australia, Japan, Cameroon, Lebanon, Sudan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Serbia and Norway. We spoke to about 17 people using chat programmes although it was difficult to know how many people were there. We even dared to enter a German chat room and tried to talk to them in German, without great success.

Overall we received 141 e-mails and sent 56 e-mails. We spoke to people varying from ordinary Scouts in the UK and USA to the International Commissioner for Sudan. It was great fun being able to talk to so many Scouts from all over the world and hopefully next year we will take part with more people involved and be able to contact more people.

Magnus Kelly

Cub Scout Pack

First Aid

Before the Christmas Holidays we were taught the things we needed to know for our First Aider Badge. First Aid is important because you could find someone hurt and you need to know how to help them. First we learnt how to do the recovery position when someone is unconscious and how to call an ambulance.



Next we were taught how to tie a sling if someone had broken their arm. We learnt how to keep cuts clean and about putting bandages on wounds. There were also lessons about burns and what to do if someone caught fire. Then we talked about how we breath and what could stop someone breathing. The last thing we were taught was how to give mouth to mouth resuscitation to someone. We had to pass our tests by doing role plays in the kitchen on a dummy and putting bandages and slings on the other Cubs. Just before Christmas after our last test we were given our First Aider Badges.

Jonathan Young

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Mapwork

In the last few weeks we have been doing mapwork at Cub meetings. Reading maps is very important so we can go hiking and not get lost. We learnt that a map shows a bird's eye view of the land and the different scales you can get. We were taught how to locate places on a map using grid references. We had to learn the symbols used on maps so we could understand what they meant and would know what to look for if we were hiking. We are going to be shown how to take bearings and will hopefully be going on a hike soon.



Christopher Bowes

Chip Survey

On the 5th of February we did a chip survey of the "Chinese Inn" and "Kingston's Best Kebab". We were split into two groups and bought chips and a bottle of Coca Cola. We brought them back o the Scout Hall and ate some chips and drank some coke. We then voted for which of the chips we thought were best. After all the Cubs voted the scores were level because Jack could not decide. All the leaders then voted for the Chinese Inn, so it won by three votes.

I was happy because I liked the Chinese Inn best. We then ate the rest of the chips and coke, although the leaders ate most of it! It was good fun getting the chips and eating them.

Nathan Bache

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The Pack had to say goodbye to Jack Lelyveld mid way through February when he moved to Moreton in Marsh, in Gloucestershire. Jack was one of the more lively members of the Pack and was Cub of the Month last November. We wish him the best at his new Pack.

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Scout Troop

District Air Rifle Competition

On Saturday 17th November, just a few hours after finishing at the wedding party I mentioned, I was forced to get up to cycle to the District Air Rifle Competition. Our team consisted of Thomas Holmes, Thomas Morris, Michael Rhodes, David Young, Tom Bowes and myself. The evening before there had been a practice session We were allowed four targets with five shots at each, the best two targets counting. Through the day everyone had a chance to shoot before the presentation in the afternoon.

Unfortunately many of the other groups shooting had better teams than us and we did not make it into the top positions. However between us we managed to get a gold and bronze medal. Thomas Holmes, who won our bronze medal, had only used a rifle twice before and Jean Jenkins who organised the event said he would be someone to watch out for in the future. Seeing as only two of our team had ever shot regularly before and some had never used a rifle this was a

reasonable result for us and one we can work on for the next competition.

The scores for the competition can be seen on the next page.

Magnus Kelly

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District Chess Competition

In December David Young, Andrew Grey and I set out to compete in the District Chess Competition. Our team had to compete against at least seven other teams taking part.

Everyone had brought their own chess sets and so I had to play games using conkers as rooks and twigs for kings, which was all very well but made it less satisfying to get checkmate.

There were four rounds in the competition, of which David and I played four and Andrew played two. David won two of his four matches, Andrew won one of his two and due to natural excellence I won all four of mine.

These results succeeded in giving us second position in the tournament.

If any of this information is wrong, please send your complaints to David because he could not remember the dates and scores etc.

Thomas Holmes

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Explorer Scouts Camp

Over the first weekend in March a district camp was held at Polyapes Camp Site to discuss the new Explorer Scout section and how it should be run. It was open to all those of Explorer age in the district and six very lively members of 2nd Norbiton attended.

We arrived late because David had forgotten his permission to camp form and only remembered half way down the A3! We found everyone else was late as well so it did not matter. We walked over the main field where everyone else was camping and set up camp in a separate clearing (The eccentric 2nd Nobs way of doing things). We put up our tents and then played a “ravine” game, which involved getting across a ravine which looked remarkably like grass with barrels, crates and tyres floating amazingly on it. This was all to do with teamwork and not loosing items to the “current”.

Then we did the “Reactor” which involved getting a bucket out of a rope ringed area without touching the ropes – only using pioneering poles and rope. A lot of us “died” but we got the bucket in the end. The last activity before lunch was the giants’ leap where we had one pole tied between two trees very high up and used poles and rope to get ourselves up to it and over it. We did it in the end although going over was a little hairy!

That night we played a wide game. First we had to catch one of the leaders who had matches, in order to light the smoke bomb in the centre of the field. The next game involved us trying to sneak up to a particular tree without a torch being shone on us by the leaders. This produced some very amusing master plans from 2nd Norbiton.

First we hijacked a wheelie bin, put Thomas Holmes inside it and wheeled it onto the field before we were caught by a very puzzled leader, who was then completely baffled as Tom popped out the top. We then tried the amazing walking crates, followed by a walking tent which were both used to great effect! We did not however manage to reach the tree. This was all a great laugh and we really enjoyed the whole weekend.

Thomas Morris

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As well as playing games to get people to work together, some of the aspects of Explorers were discussed. We were asked for our opinions about where Explorers should be based in the District. We talked about the sort of activities people wanted to do in Explorers and whether people can belong to more than one Explorer group. On the Sunday we were shown the different awards and badges that have been developed for each of the sections. We were also shown the information packs for some of the sections to see what we thought of the training scheme.




Overall we gained a better understanding of Explorers and the way it will work (in theory).

Magnus Kelly

Group Honours

Congratulations to those who have gained awards

Cub Scout Pack

Patrick Uh Kieran Lewis	Invested as Cub Scouts	
Christopher Bowes Jonathan Young Jack Lelyveld Ji Ho Choi Nathan Bache	First Aider Badge	
Jonathan Young	Book Reader Badge	
Jack Lelyveld	Home Help Badge	
Nathan Bache	Collectors Badge	
Christopher Bowes	Cub Scout Award	

District Air Rifle Competition

All Scores out of 100

Under 12's

Tom Bowes 57

Under 14's

David Young 80

Thomas Morris 77

Michael Rhodes 52

Under 16's

Thomas Holmes 76 Bronze Medal

Under 18's

Magnus Kelly 84 Gold Medal

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Dates for your Diaries

Sunday 28th April St Georges Day Parade

Saturday 11th May Jamboree on the Trail Hike

Saturday 25th May Group AGM

FUND RAISING - PLEASE SAVE YOUR ALUMINIUM CANS FOR OUR FUNDS
 "Blue Peter" can do it, but we have been doing it for years. So please help your son's Group.



- 1) DRINK CONTENTS
- 2) WASH + CHECK ALUMINIUM.
- 3) CRUSH
- 4) TAKE TO SCOUT HALL AND PUT IN THE BIN.
- 5) WE GET CASH FOR OUR GROUP

ALLY CANS ONLY PLEASE. IF YOUR MAGNET STICKS TO A CAN WE DON'T WANT IT!!!

Group Directory

Cub Pack:

Nick Grey
(Cub Leader)



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(Assistant Cub Leader)



Scout Troop:

Dave Batten
(Scout Leader)



Jamie McConnon
(Assistant Scout Leader)



Roger Howard
(Venture Scout Leader,
QM and Minibus Carer)



Executive Committee:

Wendy Morris
(Chair)



Pam Farley
(Treasurer)



Mhairi Kelly
(Secretary)



Church Army:

Aidan Greenwood

