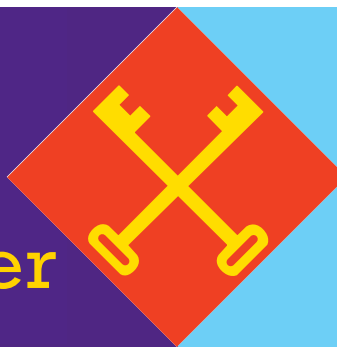




2ND NORBITON
(ST. PETER'S)
SCOUT GROUP

Newsletter

Spring 2008



**LIGHT
TO THE
RIGHT**



Grass sledging proved to be very competitive.



The cubs soon got the hang of all the activities.

cubs

Cubs go mad at Broadstone Warren

February's weekend camp took place at Broadstone Warren in deepest Sussex. The UK's largest Scout campsite, at over 400 acres, was only an hour's drive from Kingston.

Luckily, the weekend was dry and rather mild, although this didn't stop the cubs getting incredibly muddy! Luckily they were housed in splendid accomodation with all mod cons, so they cleaned up quite nicely after an exhausting day of grass-sledging, rope-walking and pot-holing. They also managed to work for their D.I.Y badge, producing a deluxe wooden keyholder, in the shape of a boat.



Beavers go exploring

The district Beaver exploring afternoon took place at Southwood activity centre. Despite the rain we managed to have fun and even had half an hour outside between the showers.

Ben, Gerry, Madeline and May learnt about famous explorers, and they also learnt to identify various trees and landmarks too. The intrepid Beavers also had to think of important items to take on an expedition. There are lots more adventures ahead for Beavers of all ages so we look forward to continuing scouting activities, come rain or shine, in the months ahead.



Bad weather does not stop scouting events!



[SCOUTS]



Before the Easter break, the Scouts enjoyed a wide game in Oxshott Woods. Senior Scouts and Leaders were cast in the role of Vampires with the rest of the Scouts battling against them. A Scout caught by a Vampire obviously switched to the dark side so the object of the game was for the Vampires to catch all of the Scouts or for the Scouts to capture the Vampires "Sceptre of Evil" (a Tea Towel on a stick) before that could happen. To make it easier, the Vampires had to leave the Sceptre in plain view surrounded by two candle lanterns. Not sure how hiding the Sceptre in the minibus equates to "in plain view" but who said Vampires were anything other than evil.

Great fun was had by all running around in the dark and only a few wood ants joined the party returning to the hall in the boots of certain more adventurous Scouts.

On return after Easter Scouts will be continuing their theme of devising comedy skits and air rifle shooting. You can't say the programme isn't varied!

Right: The Pack entry gained Highly Commended.



Above centre: A First-place awarded, for a very creative owl model made by George.

Above right: A first-place awarded for an aboriginal snake painting by Matilda.

Hathi's Trumpet

Since you're reading this, you are viewing the latest edition of Light to the Right, which has been rejuvenated after several years of absence with the gracious efforts of Rann - thanks, Rann! (If you don't know who this is, ask a Cub.) And great it is, too, I'm sure you'll all agree.

All three sections in the Group are highly active, so what you see in these pages is only a small selection of what they get up to, and even these are impressive. Don't miss out: if you haven't joined yet, talk to the relevant section Leader.

Finally, please take full note of the 'Dates for your Diary'. We have a few very important ones coming up: St George's Day Parade, Group AGM and Group Camp. I'll see you there!

Dave. AKA Hathi.

Fun stuff :-)

What is a vampire's favorite mode of transportation?

A blood vessel.



cubs Arts'n'Crafts show

2nd Norbiton cubs proved to be exceptionally arty at the beginning of the year. They came 2nd overall in the Arts and Crafts show, held at the Hook HQ. Their hard work was also rewarded by achieving the Creative Challenge badge, together with the Artist activity badge.

Interesting websites to look at

If, like me, you haven't got a clue where all those badges are supposed to go on a uniform, then why not look it up on the web?

There's loads of really useful information on the scout website, not only for the leaders and children, but for parents too.

Here are the links to type into your browser:

www.scouts.org.uk/beavers

www.scouts.org.uk/cubs

www.scouts.org.uk/scouts

If you ever want to discover more about the Scout Association itself, then please visit:

www.scoutbase.org.uk

This is where you can find useful help and support about any aspect of Scouting, and even information about joining the movement.

or visit our website:
www.2ndnorbiton.org.uk

LIGHT
TO THE
RIGHT
explained

Did you know that it's all to do with the colour of the 2nd Norbiton scarf?

Yup. That's right.

The pale blue half, always appears on the right.

And for the observant ones among us, there is even a painted section up in the rafters of the church hall.

Dates for your diary

Summer camp

Cubs: Walton Firs: July 27 to August 1

Event

St. George's Day Parade and service: April 27

Group AGM: May 17

Group camp: May 23 - May 25

Look out for

10 Km walk in Wisley area: May 10

Cub Scout 5-a-side Footie: May 18

Scouts Sink or Swim at Longridge: June 6 - 9

Beavers sports day: June 14

District Cubs sports day: July 12

Beaver Scouts outing: Jul 13

Raksha Challenge

Three cubs represented the 2nd Norbiton pack at the recent quiz evening. The team did us proud, answering all sorts of questions, not all of which were scout related.

They achieved a very respectable 3rd place out of nine teams participating. Well done!

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Fun stuff :-)

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What's black and white and read all over?

A newspaper !

Why can't the England football team own a dog?

They can't keep hold of the lead !

What's the tallest building in the world?

**The local library.
It has the most stories !**



Do you have a hobby or interest?

Due to the action packed activity programme there simply isn't a lot of time to work on some badges.

Don't let that stop you though!

If there's something you're collecting, doing or participating-in at school then tell your leaders about it!

Take a look at the following website to discover what all the badge requirements are:
www.scouts.org.uk/cubs/badges/index.html

Don't forget your annual subs!

We really hope your children are enjoying their Scouting. Like everything else these days, it costs money. Every year, we ask you for an annual subscription which covers the cost of things like the HQ, personal insurance for members, property rental, equipment, minibus maintenance and leader training, although the Group pays 25% of these training costs.

Please remember that a Gift Aid declaration (if you're a taxpayer) really helps, because as a charity, we can claim some extra money back from the taxman.



Got something to say?

No animals or cubs were harmed in the production of this newsletter.

If there's an article you'd like included in the next issue then please e-mail the editor rann@2ndnorbiton.org.uk

Wanna join us?

Scouting is open to all young people aged 6 to 25 of every faith and background.

Beavers: (Age 6 years to 8 years)

Contact: Mhairi Kelly
Meeting night: Tuesday 5.30pm
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Cubs: (Age 8 years to 10.5 years)

Contact: Tim Evans
Meeting night: Tuesday 6.45pm
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Scouts: (Age 10.5 years to 14 years)

Contact: Peter Morris
Meeting night: Friday 7.30pm
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**or visit our website:
www.2ndnorbiton.org.uk**

Helpers are always welcome!

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