

September 2014

Scouting

Poole District Scouts


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District Cub Camp

It had been just over 31 years since I personally had last camped at Butchers Coppice and I too was a cub, and a member of Parkstone, St Peter's 'Brownsea' Cub pack and it was there I learnt to swim in the open swimming pool!

So, 31 years later I was now taking my Cub pack – Parkstone, St Peter's 'Brownsea' Cub pack to a District camp also at Butchers Coppice but alas no swimming pool!

Proceedings started on the Friday eve at 7pm after all the cub's had arrived with a lovely opening ceremony held in the centre of the camping field. The cubs then went off and played a wide game before returning back to their respective sub-camps where they enjoyed a light supper before retiring to their sleeping bags!

After a night of not much sleep Saturday had arrived and it was time to get up (Cubs were already up!) and have breakfast before the Flag break at 9am.

After Flag Break it was time for the Leaders to go and set-up and run their allocated base while the cubs were put into their 7 groups for the various activities for the day.

We as a pack were running the Inflatable obstacle course which was really very popular! After the morning session had gone by and with the heat of the day upon us we decided that the introduction of water onto the obstacle course would be an idea! We weren't wrong and although the Cub's enjoyed it in the morning without water the afternoon session was unbelievable – The Cubs absolutely loved it.

Because it was so warm they were now doing an activity to actually try and cool them down! The other activities the cubs took part in included Code Breaking, Craft & Mini Golf, Crate Stacking, Team Challenge & Backwoods cooking!

With all of the day activities by now done we had a very tired pack albeit a pack that had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was time for the evening meal followed by a fantastic

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Diary dates

September

- 5-7 Beaver Family Camp - Butchers Coppice
- 10 YL Module A - Emerson Hall
- 13 Module 16 - DGC
- 16 Module 1 - DGC
- 23 Module 3 - DGC
- 24 AAC - DGC
- 27 Scouts 5 Aside Football Competition
- 29 Explorer Leaders Meeting - DGC
- 30 Beaver Leaders Meeting - DGC

October

- 8 YL Module B - Emerson Hall
- 14 Open Surgery - DGC
- 17-19 Explorers Scouting Together Camp
- 21 Executive Meeting - DGC
- 24 AAC - DGC

November

- 4 Beaver Leaders Meeting - DGC
- 6 Cub Leaders Meeting - DGC
- 8 Module 16 - DGC
- 12 YL Module F - Emerson Hall
- 18 Module 1 - DGC
- 22-23 Module 10 - DGC
- 24 AAC - DGC
- 25 Module 3 - DGC

Camp Fire at 8pm held in the original Pit albeit with a few more seats than I remember back all those years!

A few songs were sung by one and all and I think the singing of Kum-bye-yah starting at the camp fire site and then back to camp will stay with some of us for a long, long while! After a hot chocolate back at Sub-Camp it was time for the Cub's to quieten down and get some rest after what was a truly good day.

On the Sunday morning we found we were waking the Cub's up as obviously the previous day's activities had caught up with them. Anyway with breakfast done it was Flag-Break time and then it was time for the Cub's to make their Fort at either end of the Camping field. Each Cub was allocated to be either a Cowboy/girl or Indian and this was the time they went to their respective group to make their fort in readiness for a huge and I mean a huge water-fight!!

With the Forts constructed it was time for the water-fight to begin! Of course we Leaders didn't get involved! Of course we did! In fact some of us got wetter than others!

All too soon it was time for final flag-break at 12noon and for the Cubs to go home after what was a truly fabulous

weekend had by everyone either by those involved with leading or generally helping and also the Cub's too. We were all very fortunate indeed with the weather and because of that, it showed on everyone's faces as they had a very fun if not tiring weekend.

Thanks must go to Callum and Roger for all of the organising, and thanks also to my fellow leaders for all of your help in making this a fabulous weekend for everyone including the Cubs.

Steve Anstey/Akela Parkstone, St Peter's – Brownsea Cub Pack

Local Recycling

Aft (Thursday) Beavers at 1st Lilliput have been recycling in a big way. Used printer cartridges and old phones go in RNLI envelopes, milk bottle tops go through a friend who collects them and the cash payment then goes to a local homeless charity; used batteries go to a supermarket collection point and used postage stamps go to RNIB. This goes a long way towards Recycle for Poole and lessens the amount to land-fill. If anyone would like stamped addressed envelopes to send stamps for RNIB or an address for milk bottle tops please email liz1sbk@talktalk.net. Liz Seabrook (Assistant Beaver Leader - 1st Lilliput)



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Lilliput Beavers Recycling



Branksome St Aldhelms

SCOUT BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Come and treat yourself to breakfast for just £2

Sunday 5th October 2014

***Before Church From 8:00am to 9:30am
In the Branksome St Aldhelm's Scout Den***

Lindsay Road, Branksome, Poole, Dorset

Choice of sausage or bacon or egg bap and tea/coffee/squash

Tickets can be purchased from BSA GSL Lisa Thresh: gsl@bsta.poole-scouts.org





Mayor's Youth Escorts

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Congratulations to two of 1st Hamworthy Scout Troop's Patrol Leaders, Jamie and Marianne who have been chosen to be the Mayor's Youth Escorts for the forthcoming year!

Poole Scout Shop Closure

Poole Scout Shop will be closed on **Saturday 20th, Tuesday 23rd and Saturday 27th September**. Please make sure you stock up on any essentials before this date! Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this.

Cycle Badge Evening

Dorset Police recently ran a cycle badge evening for Parkstone St. Peter's Beaver Colony. If you'd be interested in this for your group the contact details are:

Name: Kurt Turner - Email:
kurt.turner@dorset.pnn.police

Sunday Funday!

1st Hamworthy Scout Group are holding a special fundraiser on Sunday 21st September 2014 from 11am to 4pm at their Scout Hall on Beccles Close in Hamworthy.

All members of the District are welcome! Some of the activities and stalls that will be running on the day include: Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, BBQ, It's a Knockout, Outdoor Games, Bric-a-Brac stall, Hand Made Jewellery Stall, Lucky Letters, Prize Raffle and more...

All proceeds raised will be split between the Mayors selected Charities for 2014-15 (1st Hamworthy Scout Group, YMCA Shore Ideas, Poole Young Carers). We look forward to seeing you on the day if you can make it.

Beaver Family Camp

Beaver Family Camp took place last weekend (5th-7th September) at Butchers Coppice campsite. The camp theme was medieval (if you couldn't tell from the pictures to the left!). There will be a full report from the camp in the next issue of the newsletter.

Marquee Hire

1st Lilliput Sea Scouts Group have recently acquired a 40' x 60' marquee which can be hired out and erected to other groups for a reasonable cost.

For more details contact GSL Roy Farnham on farnham@tesco.net.

Brain Teaser

The Brain Teaser from last issue was "What ends in W but has no end?". The answer was of course a Rainbow!

This issue's Brain Teaser is: What mathematical symbol can be placed between 5 and 9, to get a number greater than 5 and smaller than 9?

Check for the answer in the next issue of the newsletter!



Crate stacking at Beaver Family Camp



The Knights at Beaver Family Camp!

Unseen Disabilities

With the increasing number of Young People being diagnosed with Unseen Disabilities (ADHD, Asperger's, Autism, Dyslexia) and because of demand from leaders the UK Diversity Ambassadors will be running sessions on how to best manage Young People's needs.

These are taking place on Saturday 11th October from 9:30-11:30am and 2-4pm (if there is demand for a second session) at the Denis Gooding Centre. To sign up for a session simply register online and select your preferred session time at <http://www.poolescouts.org.uk/unseen-disabilities> or email anthony.dakin@poolescouts.org.uk stating which time you would prefer.



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