



At a time when people's hearts and minds remember all aspects of conflict it was so good to see such a strong turnout from our young townsfolk from our Group for the 90<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Parade which took place in Calne this weekend. The good behaviour did not go unnoticed with very positive comments from the public and in particular recognition going to our Beavers who won the cup for best on parade, they certainly stood out for the right reasons, including their light blue jerseys...if you want to see them in the parade then a video link has been loaded to the News Section of the website.

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

1<sup>st</sup> Calne Scouts has joined the wonderful world of social media and launched our own Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account, you should be able to find it by typing "First Calne Scouts" in the Search box. We would like to get lots of "likes"! This should be a great way for parents, leaders and older Scouts and Explorers to keep in touch and share useful information about activities, fundraising events and more. **Keeping young people safe online is very important to us, so we will be circulating some guidance on usage in due course.**



**Note:** We've recently sent out and had returned photographic permission forms, which included permission for use of photo's taken at events to be used in this newsletter and website. Therefore will be respectful of



Top of the parade, well certainly at Calne's Remembrance Day parade where our Beavers were awarded the cup for Best on Parade. Kim would also like to say a great big thank you for all of the leaders and helpers during the sleepover on Saturday night before the parade where there was lots of fun making it a great night (perhaps not a great nights sleep though).



November has been a busy month with 8 new Beavers being invested into the colony, but life has been made easier with Leanne joining as an assistant. A great big thanks to all of the parents who helped during the Harry Potter themed fun night as well as the Fire Safety evening which followed. We're really sad to say goodbye to Fran Elliot, from Nighthawks Explorer Unit, who has been helping within the colony but very happy that she's not going too far away as she is becoming a Young Scout Leader, well done Fran!!

We're now concentrating on making lanterns for the Winter Festival that is later this month but also some interesting artwork which will be available for parents to buy at the Christmas Market which is taking place at the Scout Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 11:00am.

**cubs**

High-Level Ropes, Zip Wire, Quad Bikes and Raft Building were some of the activities that kept 1<sup>st</sup> Calne Cubs, together with 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Devizes, buzzing on the first weekend of November. Hats off to "P.G.L. Swindon", for the great team building experience enjoyed by cubs and leaders alike.

Definitely worth another visit!





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# [SCOUTS]

It has been a busy time across all sections, the Beavers enjoyed a memorable Halloween Party on the 31<sup>st</sup> with traditional games and a camp fire to cook marshmallows on. Buzzard scouts who meet after them on that Monday would like to say a big thank you to the Beavers for allowing them, along with members of Eagle Troop to finish off the Halloween themed party food. Buzzards, as part of their Promise Challenge Badge had organised games and activities for themselves and Eagle Troop.



Over the first weekend of November both Eagle and Buzzard Troop had a truly nautical time down in Portsmouth. Staying in the head quarters of Southsea Scouts we visited the Historic Dockyards, the D-Day Museum and quite pertinently so close to Armistice Day we visited the Royal Marines memorial. It was not all Naval history since there was an enjoyable walk along the beach, throwing stones, making stone angels, slipping on the seaweed (with a soft landing in the sand) and also amongst other things we watched the hovercraft come into port.

A highlight for me as a leader was when they allowed us to take a photograph of our newest scout Olivia (invested into the troop on the Thursday before we went) in one of the hammocks on HMS Victory. Finally for this trip a well-deserved thanks go to Martin Rushforth for organising the weekend.



“Countdown only 9 months to go” - The Essex Jamboree is on for all current members of the Scout section who wish to attend – If your Cub comes up to Scouts before Easter and you would like to consider this camp please contact Aline Robertson (Monday scouts or 01249 817032 / 07867 650987).

Currently all sections are busy making Lanterns for the parade on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November. Aline.

## DISTRICT SHOOTING WINNERS

The annual District shooting competition this year was won by Calne Eagles. 14 teams took part in the event at Wiltshire Scout Centre. The team now goes on to shoot in the county competition in December. A training night will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November.



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# THE NIGHT HIKE

by Catherine Hopkins



On the 22nd of October, six intrepid groups of scouts from the 1<sup>st</sup> Calne, Eagle and Buzzard troops, Cherhill and 1<sup>st</sup> Derry Hill completed the **2011 Mid-Wiltshire District Night Hike**.

Each group had a minimum of six scouts and two adults. The historic route was a total of 8 miles, starting at East Kennett Manor Farm, partly tracking the Wansdyke, which is a series of early medieval defensive linear earthworks consisting of a ditch and a running embankment, then skirting around West Kennett Longbarrow and finishing on the outskirts of Avebury.

The scouts started at timed intervals from 8pm to 10.30pm, with an estimated walk time of around 4-5 hours. As it was already dark, they had to rely on map reading skills and a list of instructions. Some groups chose to use torches on the way, but others simply relied on their night vision. As well as having to pass through checkpoints, each group had to complete 3 challenges and were marked on their teamwork and attitude.

The first challenge was to make a stretcher from 2 poles and some ropes which had to hold the weight of one of the explorer scouts. The second challenge was a memory game with 20 objects having to be remembered and the final challenge was a test of map symbols. All the challenges relied on the scouts working together as a team to complete them properly.

The weather on the night was warm but a little windy which meant that although waterproofs were carried, luckily they were not needed. The route proved to be quite tricky, with several groups going the wrong way and consequently walking an extra few miles! Although the adults were walking with the groups, they were not allowed to help with the map reading and so they had to go along with the scouts' decisions, even if they knew they were not quite right! The abundance of sweets and chocolate however meant that the scouts had plenty of energy for the detours. Some eagle-eyed scouts were lucky enough to spot some glow-worms on the way, but the rest had to be content with cows and sheep.

The first groups completed the route at about 2am, and the final group less than an hour later. From the finish point, a team of tired helpers ferried them back to the scout hall for an overnight stay. On arriving there, everyone had a delicious cup of hot chocolate before bedding down for the night.

In the morning, some more helpers cooked a full English breakfast, which was lucky because everyone was starving after the previous night's exploits! After everything was packed away, we had a medal ceremony and Aline told everyone the winning team, which was from Calne Buzzards troop. The winning team "The 935's" consisted of Kieran Harvey Erin Catherine, Megan and Lucy

The scouts would like to thank all the leaders who planned, walked and stayed the night and also to the parents who ferried them to the start point, manned the checkpoints on the route and provided our breakfast. Finally thanks to the Nighthawk Explorer unit who ran all the challenges and sat out all night getting cold and to Aline who organised the logistics and made it a really fun night.



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## YOUNG LEADERS

Rather too old to be Scouts, but not quite old enough to be adult Leaders, **you might have noticed number of young people wearing mid-brown shirts and bright green scarves helping at your child's Section meetings, but just who are they?**

They are Young Leaders! Aged between 14 and 18, Young Leaders are young people who have chosen to help out with the running of one of the younger Sections (Beavers, Cubs or Scouts). But they don't just turn up and make the tea or do the fetching and carrying, no, they are part of a properly organised scheme within Scouting.

All Young Leaders have to complete an intensive two-hour initial training course covering aspects such as the Aim and Method of Scouting; Child Protection; Policy, Organisation and Rules; and Safety, including conducting Risk Assessments. Only then can they join the Section they wish to work with, and can they wear the Young Leaders badge on their right sleeve. But that's not the end of the training, ten more modules are offered to them covering a diversity of topics, including Programme planning, leadership styles, communication skills, running games and First Aid. All these courses are designed and structured by Scout Headquarters, but are run locally by the District Team, and at the annual County Young Leader Day, and whilst not compulsory, all the Young Leaders working at 1st Calne Scout Group are keen participants.

Besides the training modules a Young Leader can work on four Missions, roughly equating to one a year throughout the time they can participate in the scheme. These Missions require the Young Leader to take an active role in planning and running the Programme for the Section they are working in – with guidance and assistance from the Adult Leaders, of course! Completion of each Mission is rewarded by another badge and these are worn around the Young Leaders badge on the sleeve. When a Young Leader completes all four Missions and all 11 modules of training they are entitled to wear the Young Leaders belt buckle, something which they can continue to wear as an adult in Scouting.

It' the badges and belt buckle the Young Leader can use their experience towards their Chief Scout and Queens's Scout Awards, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as well as being a great addition to curriculum vitae and university applications. Finally, completion of certain Modules and the Missions count towards the Adult Training scheme, when the young person turns 18 and wishes to take on an adult leader role.

**There are, of course, some limitations on what a Young Leader can do and the responsibilities they can carry, but in essence they should be seen as part of the Leader team of the Section – for that's what they are.**





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## DATES FOR THE DIARY.

19/11/2011	Christmas Fair (including Father Christmas) at the Scout Hall
27/11/2011	Lantern Parade
17/12/2011	Sainsbury's Bag Pack
13/01/2012	Thriftwood Winter Camp
Jan or Feb	Caving
2/06/2012	Family Camp
18/08/2012	Essex International Jamboree

There's more in the pipeline, they will be announced as we finalise details

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### We STILL need a Fundraising Co-ordinator

Thanks to the parents who volunteered in the last events, it was really positive to see how much support was available. Now it would be great to have some one to lead the fundraising committee, please contact Mike or Alan if you are willing and able.

### Have you heard about easyfundraising yet? It's the easiest way to help raise money for 1st Calne Scouts Appeal Fund!

If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay or HMV, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop! You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign for free and use the links on the site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. There's over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

Since registering we've raised over **£500** with easyfundraising so far but we'd like your help to keep donations coming in. Tell your family, friends and work colleagues and lets see if we can double the numbers that we already have signed up—currently there are 21 supporters. Also if you set your internet explorer home page to [easysearch](http://www.easysearch.com) you can raise funds by surfing the web.

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