



Shouting for Scouting

IN LOUTH & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

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CHILLING AT CHILLER

In November we and our friends at **1st Grasby Scouts** visited Walesby campsite for the annual Chiller camp. It was appropriately named this year as we had two nights of freezing cold weather – there was ice on the tents every night!

We completed many activities including laser tag, high ropes, crate stacking, cave maze, rope climbing, archery, the assault course and many others. Highlights for us were the discos, where we all danced to loud music. We also invested some of our Scouts on the climbing wall. Our favourite activity by far was the leap of faith. It was an amazing camp!

Harry and Alice, Grasby Scouts



FUN WITH FLAGS!

Marshchapel Cubs have been learning about Semaphore, which is a method used by the Royal Navy when communicating from ship to ship – each position of a flag represents a different letter. *The Big Bang Theory's* Sheldon Cooper would be proud! With our modern digital communication tools it was great for the Cubs to learn about an alternative method as part of achieving their Communicators Badge.

At another meeting they worked on their Skills Challenge when a local Taekwondo instructor taught the Cubs some basic moves.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DC



Fantastic news – Louth District has one of the highest numbers of growth in all of Lincolnshire. Not only do we have two new Groups, so that young people who live in and around Binbrook and Marshchapel can access Scouting, we also have more young people joining in the adventure in Manby and Grasby.

Already in this new year we're seeing more youngsters engaging in Scouting in our new Coastal Group and we are welcoming new Beavers at the Manby outreach Colony at St. Bernards School.

This year we are reorganising our provision for Explorers, which is our 14+ section and looking after those who are 18+ by providing a Network.

A big thank you to our many new Leaders who have joined us, as without you none of this could have happened. Finally thanks to the many adults who have been working for many years providing an exciting programme of activities week in and week out.

Tony Groom, District Commissioner

CONTACT US

If you want to find out more information about *Shouting for Scouting in Louth & surrounding villages* or anything to do with local Scouting, please contact in the first instance, Tony or Norma Groom on 01507 354389 or email dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk



TENT SUCCESS!

2nd Louth Cubs demonstrated great team work and listening skills when they put up a tent at one of their meetings. For many it was their first time and they were proud to bundle in for a photo!

They also worked together tracking signs.



A SPECIAL CANDLELIT MOMENT

1st Manby Cubs celebrated their 100th birthday with a party at Rimac Nature Reserve. They made their way by torchlight to the highest point, where they had a tea party. Once everyone was full they passed out candles and just before 7:16pm they were lit, so that everyone could renew their promise at the exact same time as millions of Cubs around the world. It was a very special moment.

The evening was rounded off with a hike around the nature reserve and the Cubs took home their 100 candle to remember the very special day.

ROAD SAFETY

4th Louth Beavers were visited by Mrs Andrews, the lollipop lady for St. Michael's School. She spoke to them about her role and the importance of road safety. The Beavers were quizzed and given an activity booklet.



NEW COASTAL GROUP

Welcome to the District the new **Coastal Scout Group**. The Group replaces the Mablethorpe and Sutton Group and meets at the Guide Hut in Sherwood Fields, Sherwood Lane, Mablethorpe.

Beavers meet at 6pm on Mondays, followed by Scouts at 7:15pm. Cubs meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

After just two weeks of operating they have 11 Beavers, 10 Cubs and 9 Scouts so far. Welcome also to the new leadership team led by Kate Marnoch.

We wish them all the very best with their Scouting.



CHRISTMAS SKATING & CLIMBING

For our **1st Grasby Scouts** 2016 Christmas party we travelled to Ghetto Park, Grimsby's indoor skate park, to not only skate but also check out the climbing wall.

The climbing wall is 8 metres high and 20 metres in length, and from the floor looks huge! It's covered with loads of different handholds and footholds, with around 30 route options.

We were allowed to free-climb across the wall, but needed a harness if we wanted to go up – safety first! Once we were strapped in, going up was great fun!

After our session on the wall we headed to the skate park. We got kitted out with helmets and scooters or boards and rolled over to the fantastic half-pipes and ramps. The upside to skating was that there was no waiting turns, unlike the climbing wall, but it was pretty packed.

Unfortunately I fell off my scooter and bruised my thumb very badly – it hurt then, but now looks bad and feels good!

Thanks very much to Dave, Janet, Joe and the rest of the team for a great Christmas party!

Matthew B and Noah, Grasby Scouts

KICKING INTO ACTION



In December **1st Grasby Scouts** took a trip to Grimsby Freestyle Kickboxing Club. We learnt how to kick, punch and build on our fitness. Danny and I were already part of the kickboxing club and showed the class a few demonstrations. We were taught by Olympic torch bearer and two time world champion John Tomlinson. Overall it was a kicking night!

Fynn, Grasby Scout



RABBIT RUN

Over 100 Scouts, Explorers and Network members from across the County attended last October's Rabbit Run. For those of you who don't know, Rabbit Run is an exciting annual team orienteering race that takes place in the middle of the night – with the twist that you are avoiding being captured!

Competitors are given a list of co-ordinates for checkpoints in the large area surrounding the campsite and a map. They then have to work out the answer to a question, which they can only solve by finding a clue at the checkpoint that they have navigated to. For example a question asked was what animal could be present in the field at the checkpoint? To which competitors had to look for the 'Bull in field' sign.

Answers were entered into Rabbit Run's interactive webpage in order to add up their points as they go. However, competitors lost points if they were found by a team of catchers, adding even more tension to the game. All teams thoroughly enjoyed the run. The team from Louth District Explorers took the trophy home again with over 40 points.

Can your team beat them this year?

NEW YEAR CUB FUN!

Cubs from across the District had their New Year party at Samuels Night Club in Louth on the 28th of January. They played many party games with prizes. Everyone was asked to bring a plate of food, which created a varied spread – with hardly anything left it clearly went down well. A friend of Karla's (2nd Louth Leader) made a Scout themed cake (pictured) and everyone took a piece home. Asked if they had enjoyed the party it was a resounding loud "YES"!

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY MARSHCHAPEL GROUP!



Congratulations to **Marshchapel Scout Group** who celebrated their first birthday in February. A great evening was had with all three Sections together having fun and games, and of course yummy birthday cake!

IN OTHER NEWS

In January **1st Grasby Scout Group** ventured out into the darkness for our Night Hike. We learnt how to map read, understand where we went wrong and how to trace our footsteps back to the path. We climbed many hills and some of us pretended to be explorers in the boggy mud. We walked in patrols for the majority of the night – one patrol went looking for bats and got lost on the way, but thankfully used their skills to find us again.

By the time we arrived back at Caistor Cricket Club at 9pm everybody was worn out and we were ready to go home. Though we were proud to make it back on time.

Jessica, Grasby Scout

4th Louth Beavers have enjoyed working on their Space Badge. They learnt about star constellations and made use of glow sticks to show the various patterns. They fired rocket balloons and experienced what it might be like being an astronaut by drawing pictures whilst upside down!

We hope you are enjoying the full edition of *Shouting for Scouting*. It is now only available via email as a PDF – either shared with you by a friend/Scouter or by subscribing to the newsletter email list.

A shorter version, the *S4S Snippet*, will still be printed and circulated to all Groups as usual.

Never miss the latest full edition each term by subscribing to the newsletter email list at eepurl.com/cyWIDH

BINBROOK GROUP UPDATE

After a busy Christmas with **Binbrook Group** helping at various village events, the Cubs finished 2016 with a New Year party. The Beavers returned in 2017 to achieve their Experiment Badge – what fun they had with vinegar and Skittles. The Cubs and Scouts have been working on their backwards cooking skills ready for summer camps, and all had great fun eating the results.



FURRY FRIENDS



1st Grasby Beavers spent an evening at Pets at Home in Grimsby, sponsors of the Animal Friend activity badge. Lucy showed the Beavers a selection of furry animals – these ranged from hamsters, guinea pigs, mice and RATS! Apparently rats make very good pets. They are very gentle animals would you believe and love being handled. Each of the Beavers were allowed to stroke the animals and some even gave them food.

Did you know the Syrian Hamster must live alone – they are territorial mammals and will start to fight with each other once they have reached maturity, which is between 8 and 12 weeks.

Unfortunately the only beavers in the store were the human kind! At the end of the evening, four new Beavers were invested. A great evening was had by all.

This February the Group held their first badge/breakfast morning. It was an opportunity for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to have their badges for that term presented to them in front of their parents, whilst also enjoying a bacon roll and a hot drink. It allowed other members of the community and potential new members to come and see what the Group is all about. They were proud to see so many people there.

During February half term they visited a FCC Environment site to see what happens to our black bin rubbish. They had an educational morning, opening everyone's eyes about what we throw away and how it makes electricity and roads. Thank you to Sally and her team for the opportunity. They then went for a short hike and lunch, cooked in true Scouting style in the woods on a glorious sunny day.



BIG EVENTS COMING UP

APRIL

Saturday 22nd April – Annual District St. George's Day & Renewal of Promise

This is a really important event in the life of Scouting. A full day of activities are planned, so a really good turnout is expected. And it's free!

Rural Activities Centre, Kenwick, Louth



A highlight from last year's St George's Day event

MAY

Saturday 13th May – First aid training

For those Leaders who still need to gain or regain this qualification, to ensure that we are able to deal with situations as they arise with our youngsters. Register through Janet Barnett: janetbarnett33@hotmail.co.uk

Marshchapel Village Hall

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th May – Weekend on the Water

A jam packed weekend of water activities for Scouts and Explorers. Contact your Leader for further information.

Venue TBC



Powerboating at last year's Weekend on the Water

JUNE

Saturday 3rd June – Family Challenge Walk

Leaders and parents are welcome to join this family fun event and get some good exercise in the fresh air. Turn up anytime from 10:30 to 13:30 and go as far or as little as you wish. Walk in and around the woods, following a trail with questions to keep all the family entertained.

Willingham Woods – meet at the car park on the A631, 2 miles east of Market Rasen.

Friday 9th to Sunday 11th June – District Cub Camp

For full details speak to your Leader.

Sudbrooke campsite, near Lincoln

Thursday 15th June – District AGM & Sectional Leaders meeting

All Leaders invited – please attend to represent your section.

19:45 Utterby Village Hall

Thursday 22nd June – District Raft Race

Welcomes all Scouts and Explorers. See your Leader for more details.

Covenham Reservoir



The 2015 District Raft Race

REMEMBERANCE IN MANBY



Scout Groups across the country have a long tradition of spending time with their local parish church on Remembrance Sunday and last year **1st Manby Beavers**, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders went to St. Mary's Church in Manby.

Before a beautiful service outside (pictured) everyone learnt about the experiences and sacrifices service men and women make for their country. We shall remember them.

CATCHING UP WITH THE VIKING EXPLORERS ^{14-18 yrs}

It has been a busy few months for **Viking Explorers**. We are starting to plan our Explorer Belt expedition to Sweden, to take place in August this year. A big part of this is raising money and we have made a start by helping out Caistor Running Club at two local races, including providing the runners with breakfast.

October saw us taking part in the annual Rabbit Run overnight challenge, this year held near Melton Mowbray. We had two teams competing, one finishing fifth. Our other team were involved in helping out another struggling team, which although stopped them from being competitive was definitely the right thing to do.

In December we went to Edinburgh for a weekend, with Explorer Belt mini challenges to complete. These included wearing kilts, dancing to bagpipes and eating Edinburgh Rock. We visited Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Parliament (pictured) and Dynamic Earth.

February 2017 marked our second birthday as a unit. To celebrate we went bowling, in black tie of course! We also welcomed Kate Blair as a new Leader and invested two new members, James and Eric.

A Viking Explorer



LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM

On the 21st of February **1st Grasby Scouts** visited Scunthorpe Mosque. As it is respectful, when we entered everyone in the group removed their shoes. We were then taken up the stairs and into a massive carpeted space. There was a large sculpture of the Dome of the Rock mosque. Then at 7:15pm we watched evening prayer.

Throughout the evening we learnt a lot about the commitments of being a Muslim. For example you have to wash where you are not covered every time before you eat or pray. We learnt what time Muslims pray, why men and women pray separately and why they face the holy city of Mecca.

Grace and Maisy, Grasby Scouts

BEAVERS

6-8 yrs



PARTY TIME!

2016 was the 30th anniversary of the formation of Beaver Scouts. There was a year of special events across the country. For our Beavers they rounded off the year with a birthday party for all Colonies from across the District at Binbrook village hall.

It was a traditional party with fun and games, plus a beaver shaped cake! Everyone had a great time.

WALKING, SINGING & KNITTING

Once again **2nd Louth Scouts** enjoyed their winter event at the Claxby Viking Centre.

The weather was kind and allowed all 22 Scouts to practice their navigation skills along the Viking Way. On Saturday evening an exclusive screening of *Paddington the Movie* was followed by the epic Disney classic *Frozen* – it has been reported that the entire troop sang along!

Sunday morning the Scouts displayed their creative talents with felting, wax pictures, knitting and some pretty intense card games.



..... FIND A GROUP

Scout Groups meet at Binbrook, the Coastal area, Grasby, Louth (2nd & 4th), Manby and Marshchapel.