

# Shouting for Scouting

IN LOUTH & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

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## ST GEORGE'S DAY

Each year Scouts from all over the country get together in their districts to celebrate St George's Day, who is not only the patron saint of England he is also the patron saint of Scouting in the UK. The event also marks the annual day when all Scouts renew their promise, which is done as a ceremony at a point in the day.

This year over 200 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers plus their leaders from all over Louth District got together at Kenwick Rural Activities Centre near Louth. They enjoyed a day packed full of a wide range of activities – including a bouldering wall, backwoods cooking, making turks head woggles, emergency first aid, blindfold trail, tug of war, circus skills and much more.

At the end of the day everyone came together for a ceremony where we remembered the story of St George, made presentations and renewed our promises.

A great day was had by all and many thanks to everyone who played their part in making the day happen.





# DISTRICT CUB CAMP

On the weekend of 9-11th June **Louth District Cubs** held their camp at Sudbrooke, Lincoln. The theme was cowboys and Indians – so they made headdresses for the Indians and chaps, and neckerchiefs for the cowboys. A large totem pole was built, decorated and then set fire to at the campfire.

They had use of the climbing wall on Saturday and did a cardboard box boat race on Sunday morning. The camp wardens judged the boat designs – won by Archie Clover from **1st Manby**. Another winner from 1st Manby was Charley Bell who made it across the pond in his cardboard boat in 15 seconds, with no assistance from the water safety team. Amazingly he was mostly dry when he got to the other side and his box still intact!

We asked some Cubs what they had to say about their time at camp.



I enjoyed the climbing wall and the cardboard box race. The food was nice and the campfire was fun. We are lucky to be in Cubs. Thank you.

*Charley Bell, 1st Manby Cub*

We enjoyed sleeping in a tent, not having to cook dinner and meeting new friends.

The activities were great, particularly the climbing wall and boat racing.

*4th Louth Cubs*

8-11 yrs



Positives: we all loved the rock climbing wall and the food was amazing with lots of it! The SAC team were very good – helpful, kind and polite. Overall the activities were brilliant and we particularly liked the boating.

Feedback: we were unable to sit next to each other at meal times and we were always served last. So even though the food was great we would of enjoyed meal time a lot more if we were sat together. During the day we were looking forward to five minutes of quiet, but we felt like we were always up and out so had no time.

Conclusion: we really, really, really enjoyed our Cub camp. We would really like to thank everyone for what they did for us.

*Binbrook Cubs*





# AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT



Recent media publicity from Scout HQ explained how nationally the organisation has 51,000 young people on waiting lists. This is due to the need to recruit more adult volunteers to help.

Currently as a District we are focusing on supporting our two Groups within the town of Louth, who are having to limit how many young people can come along.

So if you feel that you might be able to spend a bit of your time supporting young people in this area in any way and would like to find out more, or know

someone who you feel might be able to help, please contact me on 07837 963350 or email [dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk)

I wish everyone a great summer whatever you are doing. I thank all the leaders and other supporters, as without your time and effort 300 young people from across Louth and the surrounding villages would not be able to experience the adventure that is Scouting.

*Tony Groom, District Commissioner*

## VIKING ESU NEWS



It's been another busy few months here at **Viking Explorers**, starting in March with a camp to begin our Dragon Award – the bronze award involves sleeping out for at least one night in each month of the year.

We spent an evening learning how to make fake wounds (pictured) and then how to treat them. Our leaders Jan and Kate then booked into a Rescue and Emergency Care Course to brush up on their skills!



St George's Day celebrations (pictured) saw Explorers helping to run activities including blind trail and orienteering, before Jack and Jaron received their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

We have spent a couple of evenings helping at Wild Pines Park, at the Linwood Warren Campsite near Market Rasen. Clearing brambles, ditches and doing general maintenance before trying out the brand new ropes course, which received a big thumbs up from everyone.

*Viking Explorers*

**EXPLORERS**   
14-18 yrs

## DISTRICT BEAVER CAMP

30 Beavers and their parents from four Groups across the District had fun together at Tom Thumb Holt campsite near Spilsby over the weekend of 24/25 June.

Lots of activities were laid on including a walk around the local area (pictured), a sing song around the campfire, craft skills, a treasure trail and abseiling.

On Sunday morning Finn and Freddie had great fun being 'would be' hairdressers by applying a dressing to 'volunteer' leaders' hair to make it stand out in various forms and shapes.

Thanks go to everyone who made the weekend possible.



  
**BEAVERS**  
6-8 yrs



# GRASBY SCOUTS IN THE PEAK DISTRICT



In April, 21 Scouts from **1st Grasby** went by train and minibus to Chinley, in the Peak District. They stayed in a Scout hall, with some Scouts camping outside. On Saturday they took the train to Edale and hiked back to base, taking in some streams and bogs on the way. On Sunday morning they explored some more streams and invested three new members on the hillside.

Having prepared for wet weather they managed to pick a weekend with clear skies and no wind. All the Scouts had a great time, learning some mountain craft and improving their navigation skills.

**SCOUTS**   
10-14 yrs





# MABLETHORPE IN BLOOM



On Monday 19th June **Coastal Beavers, Cubs and Scouts** were lucky enough to be able to take part in *Mablethorpe in Bloom*. This is a yearly event which is country wide and this year will be televised on BBC2 in August. Each town, city or village elects an "In Bloom" committee from the local residents who encourage the entire community to take part in making their gardens, streets and centres burst into life with flowers and decorations.

Mablethorpe has won bronze and silver in previous years but fingers crossed this year we can help them reach gold.



## 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](mailto:dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk)

## CONGRATS!

Since the last newsletter the following Leaders have completed their leadership training for the Woodbadge and have been presented with their awards:

Jan Waite – Leader at Viking Explorer Scout Unit  
Tom Wood – Assistant Cub Scout Leader at Grasby  
Alyson Selby – Group Scout Leader at Manby  
Lucy Hartley – District Network Commissioner  
Mike Kaynes – Group Scout Leader at Binbrook

The following leaders have completed their Woodbadge and will be presented with it soon:

Claire Bateman – Assistant Beaver Scout Leader at Grasby  
Adrian Beech – Scout Leader at 2nd Louth  
Janice Spence – Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts and Cub Scout Leader at Manby  
Derek Spence – Assistant District Commissioner for Activities  
James Barnett – Group Scout Leader at Grasby

Finally big congratulations to our DC, Tony Groom who has been awarded the prestigious Silver Acorn in recognition of his specially distinguished service to Scouting.



## EDIBLE RAFTS

In preparation for the District Raft Race, **Coastal Scout Group's Scouts** made some mini rafts out of breadsticks, strawberry laces and marshmallows. The three teams used various knots and raft designs. Tests in bowls of water were successful as they stayed afloat and together. No materials went to waste as after the test the Scouts ate the rafts. The task was enjoyed by the Scouts and was good preparation for the big event, with real rafts at Covenham Reservoir.





# THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

On May 18th **Grasby Scouts** joined with hundreds of thousands of people across the country to remember the life of Jo Cox MP and help bring local communities together. Everyone in the village were invited – for free tea, cakes and a chat in the village hall. The turnout was amazing, with more than 50 Scouts, their parents and neighbours. Fun activities were put on and so many people arrived with cakes that at the end there were more than what was started with!

Jo was a friend to Scouting and we're sure she would have been delighted to see people come together to see that we have #MoreInCommon.



## BOWLING AROUND THE WORLD

Earlier this year **1st Grasby Cubs and Beavers** went bowling as part of *Jambowlree 2017* – an international event for all members of the Scout Association around the world.

Here's how our teams fared in the world rankings:

**Beavers** (out of 111 teams)

RED Lodge – 2nd

YELLOW Lodge – 17th

GREEN Lodge – 20th

BLUE Lodge – 59th

**Cubs** (out of 175 teams)

RED Six – 73rd

BLUE Six – 82nd

Well done to all and especially to the RED Beavers team who are officially runner-up World Scout Champions.

## STAYING UP ALL NIGHT

This year's Night Hike started at Marshchapel. In our group from Grasby there were ten Scouts and three leaders. When we started it was just beginning to get dark so we saw the sun set. We walked along the Louth canal for some of the way, then had to find our route through lots of footpaths and farm tracks.

Even though we walked past midnight it never really got that dark so we could see the paths quite easily. We all got tired but we found the campsite at 3am. We were the first group to get there so we put up our tents and had hotdogs.

At 4am Scouts from Louth and Manby arrived and went straight to sleep. Whereas some of us went down the road to the beach at Saltfleet to see the sun rise (others were more reluctant to wake up!). The ground was really marshy so we couldn't get to the sea but we saw a glow on the horizon where the sun was coming up.

I stayed awake until we had bacon sandwiches for breakfast, then we packed away and went home. This was a great hike because we saw places that I hadn't been to before and I managed to stay awake all night.

*Matthew W, Grasby Scout*





# NEW EXPLORER UNIT

Hi from the new **Louth Ludensians ESU**. We've made ourselves busy straight away researching to help choose our name and looking at the activities we want to commence in the Autumn term. Far from idle we have already been orienteering, set up a Facebook page, designed a "necker" badge and have a team entering the raft race on 29th at Covenham.



We meet on Monday nights 7-9pm at the Methodist Church on Nicholl Hill and are looking for new friends to join us. If you're interested, come along or email Kate Blair at [Ludensianesu@gmail.com](mailto:Ludensianesu@gmail.com)

## BINBROOK HIGHLIGHTS

Golf – they were lucky to enjoy an evening at Louth Golf Club for a taster session. Instructor Nick taught essential techniques on the driving range before a putting contest to win chocolate bars.

Anzac day service – they attended Binbrook village's service and represented Scouts for the first time. Pictured.

Canoeing – they enjoyed three trips to Grimsby Docks with both Cubs and Scouts to expand their canoeing experience. Pictured.

District Cub camp – only one Cub stayed dry in the boat building contest, however they had a great time and enjoyed meeting both new and old friends from different Groups. They left much fuller than when they arrived thanks to the great cooking. They all loved their time on the climbing wall and finishing Saturday night with a Great Grasby camp fire (with actions and performances).

Sutton estate farm – Cubs were collected by a tractor and trailer and taken for a fun packed evening to learn about their local farm and what they do.



## RIB POWERBOAT CHALLENGE



Eleven Scouts and Cubs from **1st Grasby** entered the Honda Rib Powerboat Challenge, held at Girton Sailing Club. The event was open to all Scouts in Lincolnshire.

They had training in driving the powerboat, including cornering at speed and rescuing an object from the water. They then raced around a course, with sections including a slalom, reversing around a buoy and a simulated rescue.

While they waited their turn on land there was also the chance for a quick ascent of the climbing tower.

The winner of the under 12 section was Grasby Scout Noah B, while the senior title was claimed by Eric B from Viking Explorers. They'll both compete in the regional finals in July – good luck!

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## ----- FIND A GROUP -----

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