Group Update

A Word from the chairman.

When I became Chairman of the group one of the things I wanted to achieve was the involvement of youngsters from all sections in the production of the Well. As you read through the latest edition you will find that target achieved. Many of the youngsters will no doubt be reliving their highlights of the Thriftwood camp which came about due to a lot of hard work by John Painter our former G.S.L. to whom the group is indebted, while as Chairman I cannot thank enough the hard work put in by Stuart, the leaders and other helpers in making it an unforgettable weekend which I am lead to believe some parents did not want to end. In fact the Jamaican Bob Sleigh team have contacted me re John Morleys performance on the sleighs as they look to build a team of the future.

Away from the week-end I am delighted to be able to announce that Denise Bloomfield is to be our new G.S.L and Donna Hansen her assistant and having met with the girls we are all determined not only to get things right but create a Family atmosphere within the group and I would close by asking everybody reading these notes to support us in our quest.

Beavers Meet Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.15pm during Term Time
Ages are: 6 - 8 years

Leaders are:
John Morley, Shirley Treadway and Nigel Jones

At present we have 20 beavers and up to 6 on the waiting list. Five of our beavers went on group camp to Thriftwood campsite, the following week at beavers they gave a talk on what adventures they had on camp and how much they enjoyed it. They all earned two badges while on camp and Harrison Wilding earned his nights away badge.

We have had the beaver Christmas Party which everyone enjoyed. A date has been organised for the sponsored walk which is Monday 17th June and St George Day Parade on Sunday 21st April. We will be at the front at St Georges day Parade this year, so expect everyone to attend in full uniform.

All of the beavers are continuing to work from home towards other badges of their choice.
We currently have 23 Cubs in the pack with three Cubs linking to come up to Scouts. We have been doing a number of different activates like pioneering, burns night, sweet night, pan cakes and mother’s Day.

The Thriftwood camp was a massive success. The weather was not great (lots of mud!) but it didn’t affect the activities that we did or the fun had by all. We had 13 Scouts, 19 Cubs attend for the whole weekend and then 5 Beavers on the Saturday for the day.

5 of our Explorers attended to assist with the camp and they were all an asset as they helped with all of the activities.

We did a variety of activities including rifles, inflate Bull, cresta run, pedal cars, 3D maze, water walkers, and climbing, just to mention a few.

The help of the catering team that included Denise, Colin, Michael, Teresa and Sue was fantastic. They provided an excellent service to everyone and the food was brilliant.

Lastly, many thanks to Barry, Donna, Charlotte, Luke and Ben for all their hard work.

Currently we have 21 members with 2 leaving hopefully going to Explorers. Over the last term we have done law mimes, ladder bridges, orienteering with Clive Wilkinson (Suffolk Orienteering Club) and also did some personal safety training with Lucy Mures (Crime Reduction Officer). We also visited Starbucks Coffee shop to sample the different coffees that they make and also did some sausage making/cooking with George Debman.

We have also had 3 Cubs link with us which we will be investing this term.

We also had 13 Scouts attend the group camp at Thriftwood to which a wonderful weekend of activities, water walking, air rifle shooting, go karts and demolition derby to name a few, were undertaken.

My thanks as always go out to Roy and Chris and also the four Explorers Ben, Ryan Mitchell and Luke for the help and support over the last term.
A Note from GSL

My name is Denise Bloomfield, some of you as parents may know me and some may not, therefore let me introduce myself formally as THE GROUP SCOUT LEADER for the 18th Ipswich Scout Group. I would also like to introduce Donna Hansen as my ASSISTANT GROUP SCOUT LEADER. I have been involved with the group for 20 years. I was Beaver Leader for 14 years and Acting Chairman for 4 years but still supported the group with their fund raising events. Some people will recognise me as the lady that calls for the bingo!

I have been an Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers Scouts and for Development. The 18th Ipswich has always been dear to me, when John and Caroline Painter resigned from the Group, and the District Commissioner resigned from Orwell, I felt it was the right time to offer to come back to the 18th Ipswich in the GSL Role. So where do we go from here…. FORWARDS... WITH GOOD QUALITY SCOUTING FOR EVERYONE!!

Donna and I have met with the leaders of the group, it was agreed by all of the leaders to promote that all members of the group should wear Navy Trousers / Navy Cargo trousers and Black Shoes / Trainers. We are a uniformed organisation let us all be proud to wear it correctly!

With the support of a very dear friend and fellow scouter, we are going through the paperwork that has been generated in the past 12 months. It is very obvious from the scout hut that a lot has been achieved in the last year, and this needs to be built on and continued. This will only be possible if the leaders of the group have your support as parents.

The Suffolk Foundation supported the group with a Brand New Marquee. This is for the use of the group when camping, but it will be mainly be used to hire out to others for events. This year we have 5 confirmed bookings in the calendar. I am keen to get 12 male parents, friends and relatives to come along as the marquee team to help put up at the events that are listed. We need a minimum of 7 people to put up and take down, the more people involved and are trained to do it the better, that way it is not the same people every time being approached to do it. With the bookings that are confirmed so far the group will make around £1800. The first booking for this year is Saturday 25th May to put up and to take down on Monday 27th May at Helmingham Hall.

CAN YOU HELP BY JOINING THE MARQUEE TEAM?

Thank you for taking the time to read my introduction, I look forward to meeting you all at the Groups AGM and Thriftwood Camp Presentation on Sunday 9th June at 10am.

If you should need to, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

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(BRING YOUR OWN TABLE)
You keep all the proceeds
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Harrison Wilding
Thriftwood camp was extremely good fun and was a great experience. We did things like crate stacking, water walkers, pedal cars and even shooting. My favourite thing was the water walking and jumping in big muddy puddles.

Kavanah Warner

I enjoyed doing the demolition derby because it was a bit of a challenge. What you had to do was stand on an inflatable podium and knock people off with a big ball.

Imogen Munford

Thriftwood camp was awesome because the 3D maze was pitch black so you could not see anything. The crate stacking was epic but really hard.

Eve Williamson

Demolition derby was really good fun but very hard. You had to stand on a platform and swing the ball across to knock people off. I was one of the last 2 on my turn. The pedal cars were very fast and there was a pit line to go into.

Sophie Peck

At the cub camp I really enjoyed the 3D maze because it was quite a challenge. You had to crawl on the ground and feel your way through in the pitch black.

Roman Quinton

Thriftwood camp was really really fun and it was a great experience. My favourite activity was the water walking, you had to do it in pairs and I was with Keira who is in scouts.

Annie Jones

My activities were the 3D maze and water walking. The 3D maze was pitch black and I had to crawl through, there were some dead ends which I crashed into. The water walkers were a big blow up tube that you had to run inside on the lake.

Craig Carter

I enjoyed the hamster ball because I liked jumping and running in it. I also enjoyed the demolition derby because I liked pushing everyone off.

Kody Elliston

When we went to Thriftwood I was really excited of the challenges it would bring me! The first night that we were there it was very enthusiastic yet also tiring. Our first morning was really cool, my favourite part of that morning was rifle shooting even though it was impossible for me to hit the target! I also enjoyed the crate stacking because when you fell off you just floated... I liked it! And my favourite water activity was water walking. I really enjoyed Thriftwood, I think its a great place to go and is very adventurous. I think everyone should go there!

Holly Treadway
I liked Thriftwood Camp because we did lots of fun activities, the only bad thing was how we stayed up so late and woke up so early!! I wasn’t very good with the rifles because I didn’t hit the target. The water walking activity was the best, but I ended up losing my glasses.

Julia-Anne Cunnell

It was really fun because all the activities were exciting and the staff very friendly.

Max Hales

I enjoyed the activities at Thriftwood because they were exciting and different to everyday activities. I also enjoyed the awesome food as it was really yummy except the pasta bolognaisse. (That’s the only thing I didn’t enjoy).

Jack Macey

Three weeks ago we went to a camp at the Thriftwood Scout Camp; the camp has lots of different activities that we all went on and enjoyed. One of my favourite activities was the cylindrical water walker that two people went inside at once and I went in with someone that had already been in before and came out with a nose bleed. Once we got inside we were laughing the whole time and luckily I didn’t give him another nose bleed. I would also like to thank all of the leaders, helpers and catering staff.

Ross Treadway

From the camp I liked was, spending time with the other Cubs and Scouts to get to know them a little more. Also how varied the activities were and the fact they were all really good and we all got the most fun out of it.

Millie Wiggins

I enjoyed everything from the daytime activities to the delicious food, even just chilling with my mates. Thanks to all the leaders, the kitchen staff and especially to John Painter for gathering the money so we could go on this fantastic Group Camp.

Curtis Jones

I liked the camp because it was fun, because of all the activities and freedom. I liked the water walking, it was so fun! The food was also VERY nice. I enjoyed the crate stacking because I participated with Luke. I also liked the group I was in, but would have liked to do climbing.

Haydn Jones
Thriftwood camp was great fun! My favourite activity was the Cresta Run; 4 cars on tracks being released at the same time, going down a hill and over a bump. After spending two sessions on this activity it was brightened up by one beaver leader getting too much air over the bump and falling off his cart. (We did check he was ok after laughing a lot). Another favourite of mine was the water walking. Standing outside of the inflatable you laughed a lot at how useless the people inside of it looked, however when you step into the tube you understand that it is a lot more difficult than what it look, but it was a good laugh.

Luke Cleeton

My favourite activity was Ice Climbing, even though I failed at it. It was something that I had never done before. I enjoyed the Demolition Derby and the 3D Maze, even though I did struggle to fit through! Overall it was good fun and a great weekend.

Mitchell Butchat

The camp was very enjoyable. Even though the Explorers were there to help the leaders, we were still able to take part in most of the activities, of which my favourite was the 3D Maze. But more than that, the camp was a great way to get to know other members of the group. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were able to meet each and their leaders and other people involved in the group. This, along with great food, activities and a good campfire made the whole weekend amazing.

Ben Ager
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday
9th June 2013
At 10 am

We would like to see as many parents there as possible.

Since the last addition of The Well, not a great deal has been going on in the building/maintenance side of the group.

We have been advised by an Electrician, that the low level sockets in both male and female toilets are not up to code and have therefore been disconnected. They will be moved out of reach to comply with safety standards (close to ceiling). John Painter had applied for a grant to fit a disabled toilet into the Head Quarters. At the time he was unsuccessful in obtaining the grant.

We will be looking for further funding to do this work in the future, therefore any updating will be carried out in the meantime. Hand dryers will be fitted and sockets moved to make the toilets safe and more hygienic.

New outside lights will be fitted, which will remain on while anyone is at the HQ making sure that the side of the hut is always lit in the winter months.

I will be meeting a man to price the kitchen floor/hallway in the next few days so that we can complete the kitchen hopefully before the AGM.

18th Ipswich Scout Group
Family Picnic
10am Sat 6th July at ‘Hallowtree’
(VENUE MAY CHANGE)
Bring your own picnic!!!

LV insurance, have graciously donated £500 towards our replacement minibus fund
Central Heating:

Oil & Gas Servicing & Repairs - AGA Rayburn Servicing & Repair
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