

Ilkeston & District Scouts

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Feedback from the second newsletter was very positive, so hopefully that means we are doing something right.

Deadline for the next issue will be 30th Sept. 2011.

PLEASE TRY TO HAVE YOUR SAY!!!!

Don't leave it all to the ADCs, get your group's news in print.

There is a lot of good stuff going on out there, lets share it.

Look out for the Ilkeston Scouts website coming soon.



Centenary Events

District Fundraising

2012 is fast approaching! This is where we are at with our fundraising efforts. The first round of bag packing at Tesco raised £1403.

The District race night was great fun and raised £496.

100 Naughty but Nice Things to Eat anagrams – did you get them all correct, were your taste buds doing overtime?

To date the kitty for the activities stands at £1,899. As for the second round of bag packing, has your group been in touch? May slot filled, June 26th—8th AM, Explorers PM 5th & 12th available. Don't miss your chance to earn easy money for you and the district.

As part of the 2012 committee we have lots planned, we will need your help as time gets closer. Please see the list of what we are hoping to achieve and put the dates in your diary—see Forthcoming Events.

A '100 Challenge' competition will be run for members to at their own pace.

Design a badge for the centenary competition launched at St George's Day Parade. All entries to be with leaders by 12th June 2011. The winning design will be decided on 20th June and announced at sports day. See the back of St George's day pamphlet otherwise use a circle that measures approx 50mm (2") across the middle.

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Forthcoming Events 2011 / 2012

2011

First Aid Training for Leaders, Young Leaders and Explorers—if interested contact Norman Woollands NOW to book. Dates to be agreed.

Exec Meeting—23rd May 7.45pm Ilkeston Fire Station

Sports Day 9th July 2011 at Ilkeston School back up date in case of bad weather 15th July. Helpers to be there by 1pm please for a 1.30pm start.

Exec meeting—11th July

Beaver Bonanza 3rd July 2011—see Beaver section for more info and to volunteer.

Jamboree 27th July—7th Aug 2011

Race Night— Oct or Nov TBC

2012

Reunion Night—25th Feb Kirk Hallam Social Club. Tickets available Sept.

Commemorative Service—26th Feb St Mary's Church

Centenary Dinner — 23rd March , Erewash Golf Club

Community project weekend—

19th/20th May 22nd June Centenary Camp Drum Hill

Have a go day—8th September



Beaver Bonanza 5 “Come Alive at Number 5—Explore the Elements with Furry Fred” July 3rd 2011, plenty of time to get it in your diary. Liz Barrett NEEDS HELP on the 2nd July setting up tents etc. and running the activities on the day.

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Groups



Cub Diary Dates

A day out at ‘Magna’ has been arranged for 7th May 2011 details to follow

Cub camp—Robin Hood 10th June 2011 details to follow.

In the Cubs Draughts completion held for all Cubs in Ilkeston was won by Shaun Manchester from 2nd Ilk Cub Pack.

Shaun picture (Right) receiving the trophy from Keith Hooley ADC Cubs



Explorers (Apocalypse ESU)



Five members of the Explorer unit plus leaders spent a weekend at Drum Hill. Staying in the Cameron Lair the Explorers carried out service projects including tree felling, laying a path down to Spike's activity centre and installing new storm drains to help with the water problems experienced at Drum Hill when it rains. The Explorers worked extremely hard and were thanked by the site manager.

Six Explorers took part in the District Cross Country at Shipley Park. Each Explorer was randomly picked to run on behalf of one of the groups and their points added to the group trophy score. A sort of ‘Adopt an Explorer’

Three new members were recently invested in the bell tower at St Mary's church and

were honoured with their very own peel by the bell ringers. An activity devised and organised by the Explorers themselves was to design an Ilkeston Monopoly board. Other recent Activities: Abseiling, Fire Hoses, Low Ropes, walking, Confectionary making, Driving Range, Rope Making and Air Rifles.

News from the Scout Section

We've grown!!! In the last year the Scout Section grew, albeit by 1 according to the census figures, but with other sections showing a fall in numbers it is good to see the Scouts maintaining their numbers.

So what have we been doing in the last few months: -

Last September all 6 troops camped together at Drum Hill for the first time, a fantastic weekend end where all the Scouts and Leaders got to know each other by working together in mixed teams.

November saw the 1st District 10 pin bowling competition, all troops too part and the day was won by the 4th Ilkeston with the 10th and 21st coming 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In February the annual 6-a-side football tournament took place, with 4 troops competing, it was comprehensively won by the 10th Scouts, with the 2nd as runners up and the 4th taking 3rd place.

March saw 4 troops take part in the District Cross-Country with the 10th taking the honours of first place, the 2nd were 2nd and the 21st came in 3rd.

So, what's coming up, next month sees us doing a District Bike ride meeting 7pm at Mapperley Reservoir, Sports day in July, District Camp 16th -18th September and the Big Shoot a week later.



The 2nd Ilkeston Scout Group obtained a grant from the "Derbyshire community Foundation, grassroots" for new activity and camping equipment. As a charity value for money must be demonstrated and Yeoman's Store (Bath Street) in Ilkeston showed competitive pricing. The Group brought 6 tents, 30 mugs, plates, bowls, 2 water containers, 6 compasses, 4 double burners and two large gaz lamps, All ready for their first camp this year in June. Yeoman's also donated two large cool boxes to the group.

If you would like to join 2nd Ilkeston Scout Group as a Scouting member or an adult helper, please contact the Group via our web-site www.2ndilkestonscoutgroup.co.uk



Ann Phillips from 21st (Kirk Hallam) Scout group bravely ventured out with a group of Explorer Scouts who were on a practice D of E expedition to complete her Expedition Challenge.

They all did very well on a hot weekend, receiving a good report from the warden at Drum Hill.

Scout Active Support



District

Ilkeston Scout Active Support or the S.A.S as it is becoming known meet on the Second Tuesday of the month (except August) in the back room of at the Kirk Hallam Social club Sowbrook Lane. Membership is open to all existing adult members of the Scout Association and those outside of the movement.

Various social events take place throughout the year and the group provides a fantastic support unit to the district. Ilkeston SAS again provide the staff meals at Spring Bank camp and for the competitors and staff on the 4 Inns walk. For more information contact Linda Doran on Tel: 0115 9190502

The district dinner 2012 will be held at Erewash valley golf club on 23rd March. Menu and details to be confirmed. Make a note in your diary and lets make this the biggest district dinner ever.

Note a new website for Ilkeston district Scouts is under construction.
www.ilkestondistrictscouts.co.uk
Webmaster Ian Britton at the 2nd Ilkeston

Badge Night Wednesdays 7-9pm (not school holidays)
Alan Doran 0115 9190502.
Ilkeston.badges@ntlworld.com

Census 2011

The census was completed for 2011
This year unfortunately the membership in Ilkeston has decreased, our new total now being 387 members. However some of the reduction is due to retirements and also younger leaders leaving for college.

LATE NEWS

Five Explorers just completed their Bronze D of E expedition in the Peak District. They coped really well with a challenging route and changeable weather

Young Leaders

Is anyone interested in taking on a young leader training role? Troy is struggling to get round all the young leaders at the right time so would like someone else to take on some of this work. You would have to take some training.

Young Leader training is really important for the YLs to develop as leaders in their own right and ring something new to the district.

Find the Ilkeston Scout Leaders Community Group on Facebook