



## Group Annual General Meeting 2000

The group held its AGM on Wednesday 17th May 2000. Attendance at the meeting was very poor with just three parents attending.

Overall the group has had a successful year but we need to recruit more Beavers and Cubs.

The Beavers taking part in District activities and joint activities with the Cubs. The colony needs more members and new leaders and/or helpers.

The Cub Pack has had two very successful camps with more planned for later this year and have enjoyed the joint activities with the Beavers.

The Scout Troop has had six camps and taken part in a number of district activities. As mentioned in the last 1st Wilton Review, Phil Meadows is taking over as Scout Leader (Skip).

"Fizzy" will now take the roll of Venture Scout Leader.

We have had very little success with fund-raising events with few parents offering their support, with the increase in expenses to run the group (insurance etc.) we now have no option but to increase the annual subs to £45 per year (payable termly £15).

Geoff Frewin (District Commissioner) thanked the group leaders for all their work with the group and with the district but commented that we must get more involvement from parents.

Finally Geoff officially welcomed Joyce Spence to her new position of Group Scout Leader.

*If **you** feel you can help in any way, by joining the Group Executive (who meet about 10 times per year) and/or by helping run a fund raising activity and/or becoming a helper with in section (particularly the Beaver Colony) please contact Joyce Spence (Group Scout Leader).*

(more in "The Scout Group").

## St George's Day Parade

The St. George's Day Parade is the only event we ask all members of the group to take part in. Many thanks go to all those people who turned up this year and especially to the Troop flag bearers and to Callum for the Beaver Prayer.

## Subs

The subs members pay to the group are used to pay for:

The rent of Lazenby Village Hall on Wednesday evenings,

Personal insurance cover all members of the group whilst they are participating in Scouting activities.

Minibus fixed costs (road tax, insurance, MOT). It should be noted that the cost of renting a minibus for a week is as much as paying the above fixed costs for a year!

Maintaining the group kit (canoes, tents...)

Leader Training.

As mentioned in the AGM report we have had very little support of group fund-raising and thus all the above costs need to be met from the subs.

The termly subs will therefore have to rise to £15 with effect from September.

Many of our payments go out on a regular basis and thus it is important that subs payments come into the group when expected. We are aware that it is not always possible for people to pay their subs payments on time but we would ask you to let the treasurer know if you wish to pay later. It is easier to manage payments just three times a year but we can arrange to take monthly (or weekly) payments for some people if that is easier for you.

### **Attention ! All Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

Why don't you introduce a friend to the group.

### **Attention All Parents**

Do you have friends with children who might like to join the group?

***Spread the word.... "Scouting is Fun!"***



## Resignation (but still with us)



At the beginning of March Richard Murray announced his decision to resign from the position of 1st Wilton's Group Scout Leader (GSL) to take up a new position as Assistant County Commissioner with responsibility for Venture Scouts and older Scouts throughout the Cleveland Scout County.

Although holding this new positions means that Richard can no longer be our G.S.L. he intends to remain an active supporter of all 1st Wilton's activities including leading this years Troop Summer Camp in Holland. We will continue has Richard with us most Wednesday evenings as an instructor and advisor for Troop workgroups and Venture activities.

Last Year the group celebrated it's Silver Jubilee (25 years of the current 1st Wilton), this year is Richard's 25th Year with the group having joined 1st Wilton as Scout Leader (SL) in 1975.

On the 20th January 1976 Richard joined 1st Wilton as Scout Leader (having been a Scout in Whale Hill Troop). Prior to this 1st Wilton only had a Cub Pack.

Richard organised the Troops first camp at the Flying Angel in Wilton Village. Other camps in the early years of the 1st Wilton Troop included trips to Wray Castle in the Lake District and to Raven Gill (Commondale). Does anyone remember "the seagull of Wray Castle"?

Richard was also the District Scout Leader for about ten years until 1998 and is still involved in the district as Canoeing advisor.

Richard has run several district events over the years and I'm sure everyone who took part would like to thank him for all the work he put into them.

Richard took on the role of Acting Group Scout Leader from 1976 until 1988 when relinquished the post of Scout Leader (Skip) to become GSL on 3rd November 1988.

On 11th July 1980 Richard gained his Scout Leader Wood Badge award and on the 9th November 1990 he gained his GSLs Wood Badge Award.

Richard gained his 15 years long service award on 15th March 1990 and was awarded the Chief Scout's commendation for good service on 1st July 1993.

Whilst with 1st Wilton the Troop has achieved a great deal including many **first's** (other than in the name **1st Wilton**).

- 1st Wilton were the first youth group to Canoe the full length of the Caledonian Canal.
- They were the first group to traverse England Coast to Coast from River Esk to River Esk.
- They were the first group to travel the length of the River Tees as a Triathlon.

Memories from past camps:

"The Gas boiler incident - no eyebrows" and at Scarfell "Mushy peas and Apple pies versus Kendal Mint Cake"....

Finally, on behalf of all past and present members of 1st Wilton, **we once again thank Richard for all his hard work with the group** and wish him well and offer him our support in with all his County activities.

Joyce, it's over to you!

*Thanks to Geoff Frewin (DC and founder of 1st Wilton Cub Pack) for his help in providing information.*



## Dates for you Diary

(The new 1st Wilton Calendar will be published in September)

### May 2000

31st No Pack Meeting, Troop Meeting 19:00

### June 2000

16th - 18th Troop Camp  
(provisional date)

18th Pack trip to Nature's World

19th Group Executive Meeting  
20:00

15th District A.G.M.

23rd - 25th Leadership 1, part 1

26th County A.G.M.

30th - 2nd Pack Camp at Ravengill

### July 2000

12th Last Colony and Pack meetings until September

17th Group Executive Meeting  
20:00 at the Nags Head

26th Last Troop and Unit meetings until September

29th - 12th Aug.  
Troop Summer Camp in Holland

### September 2000

6th Section Meetings Restart Subs due.

15th GSL's Meeting  
(provisional date)

22nd - 24th Pack "Family" Camp

### October 2000

15th, 15th Jamboree on the Internet and JOTA

### December 2000

1st District Scout Disco  
(provisional date)

2nd Group Christmas Social

**The Beaver Colony and Cub Pack will meet for the last time before the summer break on Wednesday 12th July.**

**The Scout Troop will continue until 26th July.**

**All Sections re-start on Wednesday 6th September.**

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