



# Wilton Review

Issue 0102, March 2001

## Beaver Colony

Our colony has nine beavers at the moment. We have room for a few more, so if you know anyone between 6 and 8 years old, please tell them about us.

In February, five of our beavers went to a **nursery rhyme district event**. Everyone turned up in fancy dress, and there was some great outfit. We had two Dalmatians, a black sheep, a soldier and Wee Willie Winkie. There was lots of games and activities on a nursery rhyme theme as well as lots to eat. Everyone had lots of fun!

Our meetings are running very well. We play lots of games, "cook" in the kitchen, and make handicrafts. We've already made our Mother's Day presents and I think they will be really pleased with them. On Wednesday 21st March we're off to ASDA to look around the store, go behind the scenes, and maybe we'll get the chance to sample some pizzas.

## Cub Pack

Millennium Party(9th February)- This was a party organised by the district and more than 100 cubs took part. 9 from our pack went. There was a disco which was put on by the communication team, musical chairs (one of our cubs Jack won this), pass the hat and many more. There were drinks and snacks and everyone that took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Forthcoming events include a day trip to 'the forbidden corner' on the 18th April and 'explorer' camp at Threlkeld on 11th-13th May.

## Scouts and Ventures March Camp (Hag Dyke)

This camp has fallen victim to the Foot and Mouth outbreak (see below) and has consequently been postponed until the second weekend in June. Those payments already received will be carried forward to June. New Camp forms will be issued nearer the time.

## Scout Troop

### Bag Packing at ASDA

This was held in December at ASDA South Bank. Fifteen very smart scouts and five leaders turned out for this. Despite the store being very quiet a massive £320 was raised.

It had been agreed that the scouts that took part in this fund raiser would be subsidised for a fun activity early in the new year. They decided to go to 'wet and wild' at South Shields, a trip that took place in January.

### February Challenge overnight camp

This was an event that taxed the mental and physical capabilities of the scouts. 4 Patrols took part with scores being very close until the end. The finale was an obstacle course run on Redcar beach. The race saw the eventual winners stamp their mark on the event.

### Wednesday Badge Groups

The Wednesday evening badge work has continued, but unfortunately some of the planned programme has needed to be changed because we cannot go out as planned due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak (see below).

## Ventures

The ventures continue to meet at the same time as the Scout Troop and have been learning about "Electricity in the home" as well as working on some route preparation.



### 1st Wilton Scout Group

**Group Scout Leader:** Joyce Spence, 26 Oaklands Road, Normanby, Middlesbrough, TS6 0PU

**e-mail:** Joyce.Spence@NTLworld.com

**☎** 01642 453977

**Web:** <http://www-cira.tees.ac.uk/scouts/wilton/>

**Group Number:** 414741

**Registered Charity:** XR8099

---

## General Group Information

### Casino Night 3rd March

This was a great night and enjoyed by everyone that took part. **It was sad to see so few parents supporting this event. It's your group and it can only survive with your support!** This was a fund raising event needed to buy equipment for forthcoming activities. Many thanks to those that came along and a grand sum of £220 was raised.

### Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets should now have gone out with every member. Please *do your best* to sell as many as you can. This will be drawn on Wednesday 4th

### Easter

The Beaver Colony and Cub Pack will not meet on Wednesday 11th April.  
Wednesday 18th April, Cubs day trip to 'the forbidden corner'.

### Foot and Mouth Outbreak

You will all be aware of the "Foot and Mouth" outbreak currently affecting many areas of Britain with many cases in the popular tourist areas of Cumbria and nearer home in County Durham. Although so far the more local farms have escaped the disease precautions to avoid the further spread must be observed by everyone.

Scout HQ offer the following advise which must be observed by everyone.

### Guidance from The Scout Association 3 March 2001

The Scout Association continues to take steps to assist the prevention of the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease. This notice is an updating of our previous bulletin, following ongoing contact with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF).

Derek Twine  
Chief Executive

### General Scouting Activities

- Do not camp on, walk across, or visit :-
  - farmland, or land used by farm animals;
  - woodland or park-land where deer may be present;
  - National Parks or open countryside.

A copy of the general advice from MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food) is attached to this newsletter (on pink paper).

In general, until further notice avoid going out into the open land.

Whilst this may be a minor inconvenience to us, our thoughts continue to be for those directly involved in the farming industry especially as Easter Approaches and the traditional thoughts of Lambs in the fields fill our minds.

April at 18:30. If you can help by sending in any prizes of eggs these would be gratefully received.  
Contact: Lesley Meadows.

### Subscriptions

Termly subscriptions of £15 are due in April.  
Details will come from the section leaders.

### Group Executive

The Group Executive is now meeting on the forth Monday of each month (except December and August). The next Meetings are 26th March and 23rd April both at 20:00 in the Nags Head, Lazenby.

---

## National Changes

### New Logo

The Scout Movement is adopting a new logo following an overhaul of its visual identity unchanged for twenty-five years. The new logo retains familiar elements of the existing brand including the instantly recognisable arrowhead device. It reintroduces the famous 'Be Prepared' motto which, although it has not actively been used for years, remains indelible in many memories. The new identity replaces the existing logo.

"We have built on the elements of the existing brand which demonstrate the highest levels of audience awareness and recognition", said a spokesman. "But by repackaging them into a modern style, we hope to draw attention to the significant changes taking place in the largest mixed youth movement in the UK".

The new logo can be seen on the top left of this newsletter.

All groups are asked to use the new logo on all their communications.

### Programme Review - New Sections

After national consultation there was clear support for keeping the core age ranges of the Beaver Scout and Cub Scout Sections the same (85% and 84% supported it respectively). However, there was widespread support for extra flexibility in these Sections.

There were, however, mixed views about the age ranges for the Scout Section. Some felt that 14 was too young to transfer to a Fourth Section and that the development of leadership skills would be lost. There was, however, a significant number of people (some 66% of consultation respondents) who supported the proposed age ranges and felt the flexibility would make their Scouting more accessible and relevant.

The Programme Review Group listened carefully to people's views and recommended that there should be a lot more flexibility for this age group to allow Scouting to succeed in a variety of circumstances. When it came to proposals to change the age in the Explorer Scout Section from 14 –18, there was solid support with 68% supporting the proposal – although 20% were against. Others did not express an opinion either way.

Clearly, from the focus group interviews, there was widespread support for extending the upper age range. There was, however, mixed opinion as to what it should be –46% of consultation respondents wanting 23 as the upper age, 34% wanting 26 and 20% wanting something else! The age of 25 was recommended because it marked the end of eligibility for participation in the Duke of Edinburgh 's Award and it gave people time to become involved in local Scouting again upon return from full-time education.

So taking the above into consideration, Scouting will now be provided in five age ranges:

### Core Age Ranges when the New Youth Programme is implemented – January 2002

| Training Section | Core age range |
|------------------|----------------|
| Beaver Scouts    | 6 –8           |
| Cub Scouts       | 8 –10½         |
| Scouts           | 10½–14         |
| Explorer Scouts  | 14 –18         |
| Scout Network    | 18 –25         |

## **The five sections.**

### **Beaver Scouting**

The core age range for this section will be 6 - 8 years. Beaver Scout Leaders may welcome young people into the colony, at anytime in the three months before their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday (from 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>). Beaver Scouts may remain with the Colony, if it is appropriate, until they are 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, i.e. six months past the core age.

Beaver Scouting will retain its focus on a balanced programme. The new Challenge Awards will however introduce Beaver Scouts to the process of making decisions. The concept of 'home ' and 'away' will be strengthened in the new programme and more programme opportunities will be available through the introduction of the new Activity Badges.

### **The Cub Scout Section.**

The core age range for this section will be 8 - 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. If appropriate, Cubs Scouts may transfer to the Troop from the age of 10. Alternatively they may remain within the Pack, until they are 11 years old.

The new programme will require less management of individual choices, although the range of choices may well be wider. The Activity Badges will be better focused on an individual's best efforts, and a number will be staged across more than one Section. While the programme will be Leader led, young people will have the opportunity to be involved fully in decision making, relative to their age and ability.

The increased flexibility in the age ranges will allow friends to move between sections together and should help with the management of waiting lists. All the Section's activities are being reassessed to ensure they are appropriate for the age range.

### **The Scout Section**

The new core age range for the Troop will be 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 14 years. If appropriate, young people may join from their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Some Scouts may wish to leave the Troop for the next section at 13 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, whilst others may choose to remain in the Troop until they are 15. In all decisions on flexibility, the main concern should be the needs of the young person.

The move to a leader led Section is a significant change, but there will still be many opportunities to empower young people and to provide them with real leadership and responsibility. Choices will still be available in the programme, but it will be simpler for leaders to manage. Patrols will still be a valid part of the Troop's organisation, but they may be formed differently and may not be the only common grouping within the Troop.

Scoutcraft will remain as fundamental to the Section and all activities will be more clearly targeted for the age range, with young people being able to develop in their own way and at their own pace.

### **The Explorer Scout Section.**

With a core age of 14 - 18 years, this is a new Section with a new approach. It is not Venture scouting with a new name, but it will inherit much of what was the best of Venture Scouting. The programme will however be leader led, but will treat members as young adults and offer every opportunity for participation in decision making and increased responsibility. All the personal development areas will be met within the balanced programme, quite independently of the Award Scheme, which has been designed to incorporate the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

---

## The Scout Network

The core age of the second new section is 18 - 25 years. While Explorer Scouts may transfer from this section between the ages of 17 ½ and 18 ½, the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday is clearly the end point.

The new section will be self-governing, self-determining and self-directing. The role of the section leader would be to maintain an overview but also to steer, train, advise, initiate and innovate when required. Every member within a County / Area, between the ages of 18 - 25 would be a member of the Scout Network, and be registered at this level. They will all have the opportunity to continue to work towards Awards, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and The Queen's Scout Award.

## What happens now?

From the beginning of February 2001, the new flexibility in age ranges may be introduced.

## New Uniforms

New uniforms for the UK's half a million Scouts will be introduced gradually over the next two years to become fully effective from January 2003. This is the first major change in almost 34 years.

Out goes the familiar mushroom brown and in comes turquoise, teal green, navy blue, beige and stone. Also in are a range of options from a very simple, low-cost sweatshirt with the traditional Scout scarf to multi-pocketed activity trousers, formal long sleeved shirts, fleeces and 'smart' trousers. For female members there is the option to wear a smart navy blue skirt.

The basic elements of the new uniform range are:-

**Beaver Scouts (6 –8 years)** -- Turquoise sweatshirt + Group scarf

**Cub Scouts (8 –10 ½ )** -- Dark green sweatshirt + Group scarf

**Scouts (10 ½ - 14)** -- Teal green smart shirt + navy blue activity trousers + Group scarf

**Explorer Scouts (14 – 18)** -- Beige smart shirt + navy blue activity trousers + appropriate scarf.

**Scout Network/Adult Leaders** -- Stone smart shirt + personal choice of smart navy blue trousers, skirt or activity trousers + appropriate scarf

Scout Shops Ltd, the trading arm of The Scout Association, is now gearing up to be able to supply the new uniforms from the summer of 2001 so *that young people changing Sections will be able to buy new uniform as they progress into the next age range*. They will be available by mail order / e-commerce from Scout Shops Ltd and through its chain of 26 Outdoors Shops. There are discounts available for orders placed between now and 25th May. The sooner you order the greater the discount.

More information provided by "Scouting Magazine" is attached (on white paper).

## Calendar of Events

23rd March 2001

Troop Camp - Postponed until June

11th April

No Beaver Colony or Cub Pack meetings.

18th April

Cub Pack day trip to 'the forbidden corner'

11th-13th May - 'explorer' camp at Threlkeld

8th - 10th June

Troop / Explorer Camp at Hag Dyke.

29th June

Beaver Colony Sleepover

18th-25th August

Scout Troop camp at Ravengill

# Choose Life



"Explorer Section - PL Training Raven Gill November 2000

# Choose Scouting

# Scouts

Helping young people make the most of life