



## Recruitment Campaign

In October a recruitment program was undertaken by Iestyn Davies and Simon Sykes. The main aim of this was to encourage more people to take up an interest in scouting. We focused our attention on the surrounding primary schools, letters were sent out, and an "all singing all dancing" presentation made at one school using a PC and projection system. The result of this was highly successful. Due to this recruitment drive the scouts now operate with four patrols and the other sections also benefited from this and an increase in numbers has been seen throughout the group.

## Jamboree on the Internet '97 (JOTI)

The event was held in the School of Computing and Mathematics at the University of Teesside, where 1st Wilton were joined by members of 2nd Normanby and 9th Redcar. We were unable to stay "on air" overnight when the buildings were locked, however we were active from 06:30 (BST) through to 21:30 on Saturday and 06:30 through to 21:00 on Sunday.

Much fun was had chatting via the IRC, with conversations held with groups in: Holland, Canada, Brazil, Australia and Portugal. (URL: <http://www-cira.tees.ac.uk/scouts/wilton/activity/joti97/>)

## Danby Scout Camp November 1997

Report by Michael Fairbairn (PL)

The group was rounded up then counted at the rear of Nunthorpe Station. They were then lined up along the side of the track and waited to board the next train. The train took us through Kildale and Great Ayton before reaching our destination point - Comondale Station. We set off walking on the one hour journey from Comondale to Danby.

We arrived at Danby Village Hall (G.R. NZ 708 086), unloaded the vans, the new patrols were then selected and the games of that evening were played, Horse & Jockey and Beanbag Football. Due to the excitement of the recruits, it was well after midnight before they got to sleep, not knowing of the next day's activities.

The group was woken early and sent out on a run, which was against the liking of the majority of the recruits and of the scouts. The run started from the Village Hall, uphill towards Danby Lodge where the assault course was attempted, then back along the track over the railway line towards the Village Hall. Breakfast was served in the dining hall then it was off to the Ruswarp after the inspection.

The troop travelled in the vehicles to the river Esk near Ruswarp where the rope bridge building, canoeing and rafting took place. Though if not for the weather, we believe the recruits would have loved the canoeing but all factors considered, the rafting went down a treat.

The evening was completed with games and hot Cocoa. Then it was off to sleep, though this time everybody got to sleep more or less straight away, ready for the next days work.



Raft number 2 takes to the water.

Sunday started with an attempt to improve on the previous day's run times. This was followed by breakfast and an activity session (where each activity was designed to improve the patrols' team working) and where points were awarded to the patrols for each activity. Thankfully the rain kept off until lunch time.

Lunch was followed by a cleaning session and de-briefing before we boarded the vans and returned home.

(URL: <http://www-cira.tees.ac.uk/scouts/wilton/scouts/activity/camp1197/>)

## Small Ads

If you have spare kit (Walking Boots etc.) that you would like to sell, why not advertise here?



## **Carlton Beaver and Cub Camp December 1997**

The camp based on a *medieval* theme ran from the evening of Friday 12th through to Sunday afternoon and was held at the Watson Scout Centre in Carlilton-in-Cleveland (G.R. NZ 508 043).

### **Let Battle Commence**

The storming of Whorlton Castle was planned for Saturday afternoon, so preparation started early with each member of the group manufacturing their own swords and shields. After lunch the "Wilton Army" prepared for the march (or should that be stroll) from Carlton to Whorlton where the Fair Maiden (otherwise known as Big Beaver) and her guards were to be found hiding in the castle.



**The Wilton Army, ready for the Battle of Whorlton!**

Following a lively battle (witnessed by a group from another scout group) everyone tried their hand at archery, before dusk crept upon us and we returned to Carlton by mini-bus.

### **Tea-Time**

After a welcome cup of tea, opportunity was taken to get warm round a camp-fire while the cooks and their helpers got to work with the final touches to the banquet and turned the "Watson dining room" into the "Wilton Banqueting Hall" decorated with the Wilton Army's shields.

After the excellent banquet, the evening was rounded off by watching the Jungle Book video.

### **Sunday**

Sunday started with a drive to Mount Grace Priory from where we walked to the Lady Chapel. At the Chapel, we were welcomed by a monk who explained to the group the history of the Chapel and a little about his life as a monk and the monks clothing. We then walked back down to the priory car-park and return to Carlilton for lunch.

(URL: <http://www-cira.tees.ac.uk/scouts/wilton/cubs/activity/camp1297/>)

## **Calendar of Events 1998**

It is not possible for us to confirm all the events that the Wilton group will be involved with in the next year nor do we have the exact dates of everything at this stage. Further details will be given in future editions of the *1st Wilton Review*.

### **Every Wednesday**

17:00	Beavers
18:00	Cubs
19:30	Scouts

### **February**

**6th-8th** Scout Camp (Far Sawrey)

**21st** Beavers - Guide Dogs...

### **March**

Cubs - all day Walk

### **April**

**12th** Easter Sunday

### **May**

Cub Camp

### **July**

Joint Cub & Scout Camp

### **August**

**22nd - 30th** Scouts Expedition '98  
(more details in the next edition)

### **October**

**16th - 17th** Jamboree on the Internet 1998

## **Group Database**

To aid the recording of each members achievements and to simplify the filling in of Camp Forms etc. by pre printing most of the information, information about all members of the group is now stored on a database for the exclusive use of the group. Please tell us if you move house, or change telephone number etc. At least once a year, each member will be supplied with a copy of all the information relating to them that is stored in the database so that they can check that it is accurate.

## **Wanted!**

Adverts and articles for the next edition of the *1st Wilton Review* should be passed to Charles Marshall on a Wednesday evening on paper or as PC text files or faxed to 01642 885758. How about a short paragraph from each scout going on the February camp? It's your group, it's your newsletter, let's have your comments and ideas!