



Beaver & Cub Walk 15th March 1998

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

This was a family walk of approximately 6 miles starting and finishing in Lazenby at the Village Hall. Although aimed at the younger members of the group (Beavers and Cubs), everyone was welcome to come along.

We set off shortly after 10:00 and safely overcame the first major obstacle - how to get a group of 57 people (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and parents) together with five dogs across the busy A174 dual carriageway.



Crossing the A174

The route taken took in the old mine workings and Phil provided history lessons as we went along.



Mine - Fan House

As we waited to cross one of the styles, how many people spotted the frog spawn in the water?



Frog Spawn in the water by the style

We came across a couple of very nice styles totally isolated from any fence,

and someone just had to test them while the rest of the party walked past.



There's always one...!

The Cross Keys on the A171 provided a "lunch-stop" with some of the group dining inside whilst others picnicked outside and others just waited and waited for their lunch to arrive. Lunch eaten (by all but one family still waiting for theirs to be served) we set off back leaving the starving with a map and brief instructions. (They did get their food eventually and made their own way back). Our return was a direct route up the Top of The Nab and then down to Lazenby. Part of this route was shared with a cycle race.

Patrol Leader Training Weekend 20th - 22nd March 1998

(URL <http://www-cira.tees.ac.uk/scouts/wilton/scouts/activity/camp0398/>)

The weekend started promptly at 19:30 Friday, when we met at 2nd Normanby's HQ and split into three patrols for the weekend (two Wilton and one Normanby). The first exercise consisted of deciding the ten points the group thought were needed to be a good PL. These requirements were then used throughout the weekend as the goals to work towards, with each person making a self assessment and being assessed by their peers within the patrol. For some people there was a noticeable improvement over the weekend.

The three patrols were dropped off in different locations each with instructions of where to go, what to collect and to end up at the village hall in Swainby. The de-briefing from this exercise showed up a few examples of being prepared (or not). - "Four people with one torch containing old batteries (and no spares)!!!" and the importance of reading all the instructions.

After the de-briefing, duties for Saturday morning were allocated finally everyone got to bed.



Friday Night De-briefing

It was only going to be a few hours before "Wakey Wakey - time for a run".



Throughout the weekend all the exercises were aimed at improving both *team work*, *leadership skills* and *sharing*. The patrols did not have permanent PLs and APLs but swapped roles for each exercise so everyone had a chance to be PL, APL and simply another member of the patrol.



Saturday Breakfast

The early morning run was followed by breakfast, inspection, run-debriefing and then down to work on PL values before the next exercise.



Inspection



Just how does this tent work?

The afternoon and evening took in two information gathering exercises with map work and co-ordinated team work needed.

All the scouts who attended this training camp have been presented with a framed certificate.

Thanks to Joyce S. for her excellent food preparation.
PS Fizzy practised his ball bouncing and catching skills through the weekend, boing boing boing.....

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

April

* 6th	Group Executive Meeting
8th	No Beaver or Cub Meeting
8th	Scouts 19:00 - 21:00 (note the earlier start) Scouts - Camp forms and deposits due.
12th	Easter Sunday
15th	No Beaver or Cub Meeting
15th	Scouts 19:00 - 21:00 (note the earlier start) Scouts Camp payments due.
17th - 19th	Scouts Kettleless Camp
23rd	St George's Day
28th	2nd Normanby Quiz night and Raffle Draw

May

11th	Group Executive Meeting (AGM)
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June

5th - 7th	Cub Camp (Kildale)
8th	Group Executive Meeting

July

13th	Group Executive Meeting Joint Cub & Scout Camp
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August

22nd - 30th	Scouts Expedition '98
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September

(14th	Group Executive Meeting)
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October

12th	Group Executive Meeting
16th - 17th	Jamboree on the Internet 1998