



## November Troop Camp

### Friday

We met at Guisborough Rugby Club at 18:30 on Friday evening and quickly packed the bags and bikes into the van along with Julie and the spuds. The Scouts led by the Power contingent set out on their walk to Commandale, Fizzy and Charles drove (via the signposted diversion through Danby) to Commandale whilst Rickie and Simon took the direct route (down the closed road!) and Joyce and Richard returned to Middlesbrough in one vehicle and then proceeded to Commandale with two vehicles (again via the closed road).

By the time the walkers arrived at the Training Centre, the heating was on and supper was ready, so we were all able to tuck into baked potatoes with Julie's special coleslaw. Supper was followed with a short briefing session and the issue of timetables for the weekend before the troop retired to bed, leaving the leaders to complete the last minute updates to Saturdays programme.

### Saturday

Stephen arrived at about 06:15 and went to bed. At 07:00 the QM fed the electricity meter to start up the heating. The was well received by the troop and male adults but meter a barrage of complaints from the female leaders who were already too hot (as a result of sleeping in the room nearer the main hall which has gas heaters). By reveille at 07:30 Coffee and Tea was ready for all the leaders and the troop prepared for a short run prior to breakfast. By the time they returned and got washed, breakfast was ready and everyone sat down for cereals, bacon and toast.

Breakfast eaten, the Troop set of on their information gathering bike ride, whilst lunch was prepared and transported out to Blakey Ridge. The fog cleared but the wind made it feel very cold and so the hot soup was welcomed by everyone as they eventually arrived for lunch. (Thanks Julie for the excellent stirring!). Throughout the day Fizzy and Simon kept warm in the van.

As dusk came it looked as if the last part of the ride would have to be abandoned but with a determined effort everyone made of back to base (without the aid of the bus and van). After a hot shower everyone sat down to for tea and scones before having an hours rest.

Dinner was planned as a barbecue but we decided (due to lack of large barbecue) to cook inside. Dinner therefore consisted of roast pork, chicken, sausages, waffles and salad.

After Dinner Fizzy and Simon ran a treasure hunt for the Troop which had everyone running all over the camp site and the village.



### Sunday

The day started in the usual way with a short run and then breakfast. The Troop then spent time in their badge work groups working on tents and outside cookers.

At 11:00 work stopped for two minutes in remembrance of those people who have lost their lives as a result of war, and Richard laid a wreath at the Village War Memorial on behalf of the group.

After lunch the afternoon started with packing and cleaning and then ended with some games before flag-down and return home to Lazenby.

### Canoing

The group now has full access to Hemlington Lake and the changing room facilities etc.  
More details soon...



### 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 & Ventures

#### December

<b>5th</b>	<b>Christmas Social</b>
<b>14th</b>	Group Executive Meeting
<b>14th</b>	Christmas Raffle Draw
<b>23rd</b>	No Section Meetings
<b>30th</b>	No Section Meetings

#### January

<b>6th</b>	Scouts meet as usual
<b>6th</b>	Beavers & Cubs Pantomime trip
<b>6th</b>	Subs Due.
<b>11th</b>	Group Executive Meeting
<b>13th</b>	All sections meet as usual.

### Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December, please sell as many tickets as you can and **return the ticket stubs as soon as possible**. Extra tickets are available on Wednesday evenings.

Donations of prizes (such as cans for the hamper) would be gratefully appreciated.



All money raised from the Raffle and the Christmas Social will go into the group funds for purchase of new equipment, such as a new bus, to allow use to continue to run a full programme of activities.

### Handicraft Competition

Two teams from 1st Wilton Cubs took part in the annual district handicraft competition. The winning teams was Matthew Kirk, Jamie Roberts, Richard Meadows and Michael Walsh. Our runners up were Adam McGarrity, Thomas O'Connor, Mark Lilly and Nicholas Box. 1st Wilton Cubs now have a large silver cup to keep for a year.

*Well done all eight cubs who took part. Let's keep it up!*

## 1st Wilton Christmas Social Evening

 This year the group party will take place this Saturday evening 5th December at Whale Hill Social Club. The party is open to all members of the group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, Leaders....) and to parents and friends. 

Tickets £2.50 available at the door.

*Please come along and support the group.*

**See you ALL on Saturday!**