



Annual General Meeting 2011

SMOKE SIGNALS

The Newsletter of 2nd Farnborough Scout Group



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AGM Agenda

AGM, Friday 10th June 2011 at 7pm

1. Welcome by Group Scout Leader
2. Review of Annual Report
3. Appointment of Group Chairman
4. Minutes of the last AGM (26th May 2010)
5. Approval of Annual Accounts Year ended 31st March 2011
6. Elections Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Committee Members and Auditor
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Welcome to this year's AGM Newsletter! You may have seen me, or perhaps not. I am Dan, Scout Sectional Assistant. I also create the Group's Newsletters, manage the Website, keep on top of the Fundraising events including the raffles, Webb Ivory, and also provide help with lots of the Group's paper work.

Once a year, we create a newsletter so that you can read what your child gets up to while they are at their weekly meetings. It also gives the Chairman and Group Scout Leader a chance to say their thanks and write up a review of the year at 2nd Farnborough. For many years now, the Scout's and GSL's report have been merged together due to the GSL being the Scout Leader. Over the last year, there have been a few Leaders in training for the Scout section so the GSL can step away from Scouts a little. This means, 2011 will have the Scout's and GSL's report separate! Since Smoke Signals began, we have only produced one newsletter a year. From this year on, we will be producing a few more throughout the year! These will only be available digitally via e-mail on our website to keep the bills down and save trees. This very smartly brings me on to the website!

The 2nd Farnborough website has been relaunched this year with even more content on it, from the letters that are given out during the weekly meetings to this newsletter you're reading now! The website is really worth checking out, www.secondtonone.org.uk. On it are dates of any upcoming events, with group and individual Section news too. New to 2011 is the Media Gallery which contains photos and videos from events over the years. This part of the website is password protected for security reasons. If you would like the password, please ask a Leader.

If you're interested in any of the above, or would like to introduce something new to us, send an email to: dan@secondtonone.org.uk

Dan West



"The Chairman's Words" Annual Review 2011

The key message from me this year is that we succeeded in the vital challenge we set ourselves at the last AGM - which was to generate enough funds during the year to pay the capitation fees for 2011/12 by the due date. A combination of raising subscription rates, efforts at key fundraising events, claiming Gift Aid monies from the taxman and a very generous donation from a parent/Leader mean that the Group can continue to provide stimulating and challenging activities for your children. Our next financial challenge is to maintain the Group on a sound footing over the next few years so that we can do some much needed work on the Scout Hut.

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One of my personal highlights for the past 12 months was attending the St Georges Day celebration at Wavell School in May. It was lovely to see children from all Groups in the District all mixed up, working together and getting on brilliantly - I would recommend all

adults try to attend and get involved in such an event each year, the personal satisfaction is so rewarding. My personal thanks to all those who have provided support to the children over the last year, whether directly as Leaders and Helpers, helping out at events and fundraising, or even just getting the children to meetings!



Paul Spicer
2nd Farnborough Scout Group Chairman

"Skips Word's" Annual Review 2011

Be Prepared For the Future in Scouting at 2nd Farnborough

Well, to start with, a welcome to 2nd Farnborough AGM in The Blackwater Valley District.

The Census 2011. We are holding our own in numbers, this year we now have 4 girl Scouts within the group. It's always good to see new faces in Scouting, so don't forget to tell anyone who might be interested that we are welcoming both boys and girls to our group, and to come along and check out what we have to offer.

It's been over five years since we at 2nd Farnborough have had a full set of Section Leaders; it's nice to welcome Holly (Louise Howarth) and Blackthorn (Colin Howden) to run our Beaver section, Akela Cub Leader (Stephen Greenwood) with Icki (Marten Penrose) as Assistant Cub Leader. Conifer (Sharon Hovey) provides back-up for both groups as their Group Section Assistant with many years of experience. The Scouts have a new Assistant Scout Leader (Alex ter Kuile), and the Scout Group Section Assistants are Daniel West, Wendy Rosser, and Graham and Tracy Pullen. Thomas Marshall is hoping to join our Scout Leader team this year. We have three Young Leaders that help out within the group and are a good example to the younger members, Mitchell Taylor, Samuel Crofts and Hannah Marshall. So a very big thank you to all for your support to me and to 2nd Farnborough.

The Group have been to many of the Districts events, one of which was the Swimming Gala. We also went to DHQ, where we enjoyed such activities as the climbing tower, archery, indoor caving, go-carts, first aid courses and pioneering. As always, we ended things with a bar-b-q and camp fire. We also attended the District Sports Day last year. Back at the hut we have been having 'sleep over's, games nights and disco parties, as well as the fun of staging the AGM entertainment that you are watching tonight. So yes! We have all been very busy having a fun filled year.

The St George's Day Celebrations were held at the Wavell School this year. It had a new theme, 'It's a knockout' style of team games and challenges. We had a great turnout from all the lads and lasses. So you can all pat yourselves on the back and be proud of what you have achieved.

Thanks to all my Leaders, Helpers and parents, for their help and support within the group, in particular Akela (Steve Greenwood), Icky (Marten Penrose) and Bagheera (Graham Pullen). Also thanks to Wendy and Bex for helping out with the Scout Tuck Shop and the Scout section. A big thank you to Conifer (Sharon Hovey), who has completed 19 years as our Beaver and Cub Helper, and

has worked very hard keeping the Colony and the Cub pack running, with myself and all the other Leaders/Helpers. With all of your effort and hard work, that's what makes 2nd Farnborough what it is today, GREAT!!

Thanks must also go to Beaver, Cub and Scouts parents Emer Newell, Clare Spicer and Tanzy Taylor, for giving so much time and help, and for making Wednesdays and Fridays so much more fun for all of us. A big thank you to the Explorer Scouts, Thomas Marshall for helping with the Cubs and Beavers, and Mitchell Taylor, Samuel Crofts and Hannah Marshall for their help in running the Scout troop, they are my legs, ha ha!!

Thanks also to Wendy Rosser as our Group Secretary, for looking after the minutes for the third year. My thanks go to Sheila Goldie, who has been our Group Treasurer for 11 years, and all who are on the Group Executive Committee, Clare Spicer, Karen Collie, Emer Newell and Tanzy Taylor. My thanks also go to Sam Powell for all his great help and input to the Saturday Football Tuck Shop and to Paul and Clare Spicer for their help with the Football Tuck too! Plus of course, my A team, Wendy, Dan, Alex and Tom! Their support has been out of this world!

Most of you don't realise just how much paperwork and support is done in the background running 2nd Farnborough Scout Group, with all the letters, camps, subs and account invoices. Daniel West (Dan) does all of this with me, and is fantastic! His input with the lighting, sound and stage design means I could not do it without him. Plus he has done a magnificent job with designing, setting up and constantly updating the 2nd Farnborough website, why don't you check it out, www.secondtonone.org.uk. I'm so very lucky to have Dan as one of my team. Thank you so much Dan!

And also may I give a big thank you to the District Commissioner Janet Lister, and the ADC Scouts, Tony Peters and District Scout Leader Audrey McKenna for all of their help.

Thank you to our Chairman, Paul Spicer, for all the effort, enthusiasm and time he has given us in his third year at 2nd Farnborough.

We are still looking for more help on the Executive Committee, parents are always welcome and their participation in Scouting is always appreciated, whether it is hands on or at committee level. We welcome any talents that can make Scouting a richer experience for your children, and an enjoyable social experience for us.

We need your help in fundraising to keep us going throughout the year. We use 'subs' for payments to cover our insurances and

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utility bills only. We need so much more for running costs to each Section, and to make urgent repairs, especially to our own Headquarters. So if you can think of any imaginative ways of helping, please come and talk to myself (Skip), or Paul Spicer, our Chairman.

Finally, a big thank you to yourselves, the parents, for coming to our Annual Review, so that you can see just what your lads and lasses have achieved this year, and for supporting us throughout the year.

We hope that you have an enjoyable evening, and as much fun as we have!

Skipper Allan
Group Scout Leader



Fundraising @ 2nd Farnborough

Fundraising is a huge part of 2nd Farnborough Scout Group, you only need to look at the accounts to see how much money is raised and the impact it has on our bank balance. At last years AGM, as you are aware, we were having funding issues, and were going to

be in trouble if action was not taken. At the time, the only action to take was to increase Subscription fees. It was a last resort but needed to be done. Subs hadn't gone up for a very long time! This also called for action to be taken with the Group's Fundraising.

Football Refreshments Stall

The Football Refreshments stall, at Blackwater and Hawley Leisure Centre for Hawley Raiders, provides a stable flow of funds for the Group over the Football season. Every Saturday morning we provide hot and cold drinks, bacon rolls and snacks for those hungry players!

This event requires a steady flow of volunteers to help run the stall every Saturday morning. We have found it difficult to get volunteers, so Leaders have had to step in to fill the role at late notice because we can't let the Football group down! We would like to say a huge thank you to the following who have helped since the last AGM, Sam Powell, Wendy Rosser, Thomas Marshall, Alex ter Kuile, Paul and Claire Spicer, Allan Markwick.

The current season has now ended, but the new season starts after the Summer Holidays, and we are desperately in need of volunteers! Before the new season starts, we will release dates for which we will need volunteers to lend just a few hours on a Saturday, a poster will be put up in the hut with more information, alternatively send your e-mail address to dan@secondtonone.org.uk to receive the information digitally.

WE RAISED
£294!

Raffle & Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was once again a great success! This gave each Section an opportunity to raise some money to fund their Christmas Party's. This was done by running stalls selling items they had made during their weekly meetings, and hosting games like Twisted Looped Trial and the classics, Guess The Weight.

During December the Group sent out Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Draw. This is an annual event for 2nd Farnborough, with some great prizes that are donated by local companies, parents and Leaders. Thanks to all of you who donated prizes and bought tickets!

WE RAISED
£413

Donkey Derby

Farnborough Donkey Derby 2010

It has been a hard few years for the Farnborough Donkey Derby due to the weather, unfortunately that is out of our hands. The 2010 Donkey Derby was coming up, and we all watched the weather forecast a week prior to the Derby with our fingers crossed. The late May Bank Holiday arrived, along with excellent weather! So hot that some of us had lovely sun tans the next day!

WE RAISED
£295!

Farnborough Donkey Derby 2011

Following the success of last year's Donkey Derby, we turned up with high hopes, and were all really looking forward to the day ahead. There was plenty of help thanks to the following: Tanzy Taylor, Paul Spicer, Alex ter Kuile, Dan West, Thomas Marshall, Wendy Rosser, Emer Newell and the Scouts and Explorers who turned up. This was turning out to be one of our best Derbys ever! With a constant queue of customers using Alex and Dan's all new queue system, we were on the go non-stop from 12pm. It was coming close to 3pm and we were on track to beat last years total of £295. But suddenly at around 3:15pm, the heavens opened, putting an immediate end to a "smashing" day. Never mind, bring on 2012!

WE RAISED
£192!

Sponsored Cycle

Last year, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in a Sponsored Cycle Ride around Hawley Woods to raise funds for the Group. This was a great evening, even the weather was kind to us! Well done to all!

WE RAISED
£235!

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Everyone having a smashing time at Farnborough Donkey Derby 2011

TOTAL RAISED
IN 2010/11
£2555!

"The Beavers Log" Annual Review 2011

It's that time of the year when we review the last year's activities. As usual we spent as much of the summer term as possible outside, and in general the weather was kind to us. Our first activity was in June when we spent a beautiful evening at Oak Farm School, where we tried a few new sports and practiced for sports Day. Luckily the weather held for the following week, when ten Beavers joined the Cubs for 24 hours at their camping weekend. The Beavers arrived on the Saturday afternoon and, after settling in, we all started preparing for dinner by making breadsticks and cooking them over the fire. We then ate them with jam after the BBQ. After dinner the group split into two, some watching the England football match outside, and the others watching a film indoors. The Leaders made mountains of popcorn, which was all demolished during the evening. After a supper of hot chocolate and biscuits, the Beavers settled in their indoor tent, but as they were in no mood to go to sleep another film was put on, and by the end most of them had dozed off. After breakfast we all went over to the field, where we again split into two groups. The first group played Frisbee golf and the others went traversing in the St John Ambulance building.



After an hour we swapped over and then regrouped to make and fly different types of planes. On returning to the hut we had some refreshments and presented some badges and awards, before breaking camp. All the Beavers and Leaders had a great time.

A week later the weather was scorching hot, not ideal for Sports Day. We entered a full team but, due to a football tournament, a few Beavers arrived late. We did enter every race but most did not do the race they practised for. We were placed in some races which really pleased me, and no one was more surprised than me when our group was called out as coming 2nd overall. Well done to Tallie, Emily, James, Alfie, Harry, Malachi, Daniel S and Daniel R.

The good weather continued so we spent every meeting in July outside in the sunshine. At one point we joined with the rest of the group for a sponsored cycle at Hawley Lake. Although the Beavers were only due to do several laps of a small circuit they were keen to tackle the whole lake. After much deliberation we agreed (as we had ample adult supervision) and some went round several times! Needless to say they were very tired by the end. Thanks also to all the parents who took part, altogether we raised over £200 for group funds.

The Beavers finished off the term with a water activities evening which ended with a massive water fight, which was a very noisy and wet affair, and I am glad to say that Sycamore and Oak were the Leaders that most of the Beavers focused on, not me for a change! The whole evening was very enjoyable.

During the Summer holidays Oak and Sycamore completed their Beaver training, they decided that they wanted to increase their knowledge so it was agreed that during the Autumn term I would revert back to Beavers and Sycamore and Oak would take on the Cub Section and change their titles to Akela and Ikki. We still would continue to help each others Sections when necessary but it meant that each Section could now be run independently which was more beneficial to the Cubs. I now needed help running Beavers and asked if anyone would be willing to come on-board. Louisa, now known as Holly, agreed and later in the term Colin (Blackthorn) also joined us.

In September we spent an evening at Runways End doing Caving and Go Karting. For most of the Beavers it was the first time they

had done these activities and we did expect a few to be a bit wary of the Caving, but everyone was keen to try the new experience. Surprisingly the girls seemed to be able to handle the Go Karts better than the boys, well done Tallie and Emily. Also in September we visited the Police Station.

In October we worked on the Hobbies badge which all the Beavers achieved. Some of the things discussed were sports like football, rugby and triathlon, other Beavers collected dinosaurs, cars, go go's, lego and trains.



In November we joined the Cubs in a joint Bonfire Fancy Dress party, which was really noisy with all of us in the hut, but everyone had a great time! Some of the Beavers went to Paultons Park to see Santa. The District arranged a coach from Runways End, and yet again this year the weather was kind to us. We had great fun on the rides, and meeting and receiving a gift from Santa. The rest of November was spent making games for the Christmas Fayre in December, which were very popular.

The District Campfire Carols was at Runways End in December. There was a very good turnout and all the Beavers were given glow sticks to wave while they were singing around the fire. Afterwards everyone gathered inside for refreshments.



We were forced to cancel meetings because of the snow, but luckily it cleared so that the Christmas party could go ahead. The Cubs and Beavers pooled their profits from the Fayre for a joint party. We had a noisy evening of fun and games, followed by refreshments and cracker pulling. A great time was had by all.

The District Chief Scout Award presentation was held in January at Oak Farm School, this is the highest award a Beaver can gain. Cooper, Liam, and Sonny stepped up to receive their certificates on the night, and John and Harry were given or sent theirs during the following week.

At the beginning of the Spring Term we were set 25 challenges to be completed throughout the year to celebrate 25 years of Beavers. The first task we completed was to make and present a birthday card to a 25 year old, we chose to do a collage and Trevor, one of our parents, received his card on 13th February. Our second task was a 25 minute sponsored silence, we tied this in with Red Nose Day in March and raised £20 for the cause. In



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April the third task was completed, 25 minutes of physical activity, donutting at Alpine Ski Centre. We are working on several of the other tasks at present, the favourite at the moment is tasting 25 different chocolate bars. Also during this term we celebrated Chinese New Year, made Mothers Day presents, made pancakes and some Beavers completed the Air Activities badge and Faith badges. The last event this year was the alternative St Georges Day Parade, which this year was St George v The Dragons "It's a knockout competition" held at Wavell School. Again the weather was kind. Each Beaver took part in 8 challenges, some got wetter than others, but everyone had a really good time. It was so successful we will be doing it again in 2 years time.



During the past year the Colony has had a healthy intake, and has been able to take new boys at 5 years 9 months. We have kept the Colony small as it is more manageable. Some of the Leaders have covered both Cubs and Beavers at times. I hope that in the future with Blackthorn and Holly's help I can revert back to my role of Helper. Again over the past year many Beavers have moved on to join our Cub Pack, and we have two doing their link at the moment. The

whole Colony works hard to earn their badges and have been very successful with four Beavers earning the highest Award - The Chief Scouts Bronze Award. We will be presenting some tonight, and have more who hope to complete very soon. Every Beaver in our colony has gained at least 2 Challenge Awards and 4 Proficiency badges, and tonight after our show some of the boys will be presented with the Creative Proficiency badge. Along with the Cubs and Scouts we will be presenting a Beaver of the Year Award tonight. This has been worked out on a points system since the last review, through attendance, badges gained, trips attended and events where they have represented the Colony.

Finally we would like to thank our very willing band of helpers and parents who have supported us over the past year, at meetings, outings and events. Without your help the Colony would not have been able to function so smoothly and take part in all the activities. We are always looking for more parents to help, especially if you have skills which we can use at meetings. Also at present we do not have a representative from the Beavers on the Executive Committee, which arranges fundraising and meet about once a term. It would be great if we could be represented by the end of this evening.

Conifer

2nd Farnborough Beaver Section Assistant

"Cubs Howl" Annual Review 2011

Welcome to the latest update of the fantastic year the 2nd Farnborough Cub Pack has had. This year seems to have passed really quickly once again, with every Wednesday being jam-packed full of fun.

The Cubs went to Oak Farm School last June to gain their Athletics badge. Six different activities were set up, skipping, running, cricket ball, long jump, shuttle run and sergeant jump. This gave them a good heads-up for Sports Day.

Also in June we had a 2 day camp at the Scout Hut and the weather was very kind to us. Friday evening we went on an incident hike to Hawley Woods, where we were lucky enough to hear a woodpecker. All were hungry on our return to the Hut and we cooked supper over the fire. Saturday morning we all had a hearty cooked breakfast before setting off to the Woods again, where Leaders had set up a blind trail, map reading, a first aid incident and shelter building. The Beavers arrived at the Hut just as we returned. Whilst they were making bread the Cubs made baskets out of willow. We then watched the World Cup football and munched our way through mountains of popcorn. This was all good practice for the District Camp happening in June this year.



We had a full team of Under 9's for the Sports Day, which was very hot. Even through the heat we managed to get all first, second or third places, and came second overall, with only 2 points between us and the winning team. Well done boys!

July saw us doing bicycle maintenance, preparing for the sponsored cycle ride which the whole Group took part in. This took place at Hawley Lake. We managed to raise £200 for funds, well done and thank you to all who took part.

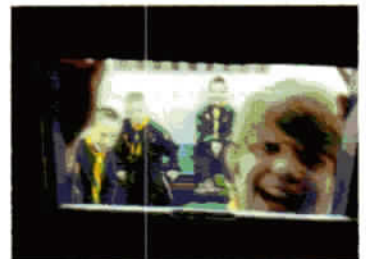
After the summer break we had another



amazing adventure offsite, a scuba diving and snorkelling evening in September. The Cubs all showed no fear in strapping on the air tanks and diving to the bottom of the pool, (the prize for drinking the most pool water definitely went to Ikki!) Everybody, including the parent helpers, left with a huge sense of achievement and enormous cheesy grins.

Another offsite trip was a visit to the Police Station, where everyone was locked in a cell, this was especially memorable! The full tour of the Police Station with an Officer proved a hit, experiencing the cells, pressing all the buttons in the cars, and trying on the riot gear was very exciting.

Cubs and Beavers together had a Firework Party in November, which was a very noisy but enjoyable affair. The rest of the month was spent preparing for the Christmas Fayre, from which all of the profits from our toy stall and games went towards the Christmas Party. Also in December was the District Carol Service where George Newell, Ross Stepney and Harry Edwards represented us, Harry doing a reading and George and Ross bringing up and displaying presents. The term ended with a joint party with the Beavers which was a great way to end the year.



Continuing to show off the diverse talents our Pack has, they each received their Cooking badge by showing promise in the kitchen through preparing, cooking and serving a two course meal, with astonishing results! Their knowledge of kitchen safety and hygiene was most impressive! Not limiting themselves to the kitchen, they all proved their campfire cooking was just as good, with hotdogs on sticks and camp twists providing big smiles and full bellies.

As if all this was not enough, the Pack has also gained many new badges through their

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tremendous efforts in reading maps and understanding contour lines, building bird boxes, making mobile solar systems and demonstrating phenomenal skating abilities to name a few!

The Cubs have made us all very proud this year with the effort and commitment they have given to every task, we saw a fine display of football skills at this year's Cub Scout Football Competition, looking good in their new kits and scoring some fine goals! The lads won their grouping and placed a respectable third overall.



Showing that their talents are far greater than just outdoor sports, the Pack put on a superb theatrical display at the George Duval competition. This year's performance was a magical rendition of 'Step In Time' from Mary Poppins and singing 'Dynamite Acapella.' The Cubs looked amazing, their routine was superb, "practically perfect in every way", one might say. Unfortunately, on the night it was not to be, a technical error with the sound system prevented them from taking the first place they deserved. I am sure you will all join us in congratulating each and every one of them in their achievements this year!

A couple of other sponsored events were held this year, one by the Cubs, in which they hiked an impressive 4.5 miles along the Basingstoke Canal, and the other by us Leaders with the help of some parents, running the 5 mile Badminton Horseless Trials in South Gloucestershire. This proved a dirty but

fun challenge, lots of sloppy mud, puddles like ponds and obstacles to climb over! They all stood in our way but we conquered the course and finished strong, raising some much needed funds for the Group!

A HUGE thanks needs to be given to Conifer and you, the parents, for the help and support given to us throughout the year, you have all been brilliant! Without it 2nd Farnborough Cubs wouldn't be quite as amazing as it is! Special thanks go to Emer Newell for her help with the George Duval competition and also at Pack Meetings.

So as our family evolves and our older Cubs have moved on up to Scouts (three Cubs gained the highest accolade, The Chief Scouts Silver Award this year before moving on!),

we say hello to our new Cubs that have come up from Beavers and look forward to all the excitement and new adventures on the way this year.

Till next time



Akela and Ikki
2nd Farnborough Cub Leaders

"Scouts Adventure" Annual Review 2011

Hello chaps, seems a strange thing going from reading these instalments to now be writing them, never realised how hard it was going to be! Alex and Dan are proud to say they have been part of the group for 14 years, all the way through from Beavers, and now intending to commandeer the group together with our team of very dedicated Helpers, Thomas Marshall, Mitchell Taylor, Hannah Marshall, Samuel Crofts and their all round helpers and support, Wendy Rosser and Dan West.

This year has been a step in the right direction with an increase in the number of Scouts making their way up from Cubs, which has had a really good effect in the Scouting environment, being welcomed warmly by our current Scouts, so in a general point, welcome! I am ever so glad to say that the uniform standards are on the up, so thank you Scouts, and parents, for encouraging the better standard to make us look like a proper troop again.



We have been in a lot of sporting activities throughout the year, including the District Sports Day and the Annual Swimming Gala. The Sports Day was well attended, and all Scouts achieved the best that they could, enjoying the variety of activities required of them. Alex was also fortunate enough to win the 1500m race, just about beating a much younger Cub! We had lovely weather and a good time was had by all. There was a low attendance at the Swimming Gala, with all the Scouts that did turn up doing their best. Hopefully this next year more Scouts will be able to attend, and 2nd Farnborough can bring home the Cup!

2010's Summer camp saw us returning to Tolmers Activity Centre in Hertfordshire. To top 2009's great camp, there was a Pirate theme to the week, which involved themed events throughout our time there, and entertainment at flag down. Only 6 Scouts went but they all got very

involved with every activity and opportunity, earning some badges along the way. Midweek, on the Wednesday saw the Scouts take part in an eight mile hike across the Hertfordshire fields and public walkways. This is a great day event run by CTT, which makes the members in each team work together at the base activities dotted around the hike route, as well as helping each other out. They all enjoyed the day even though it totally wore them out, and they stayed in good spirits throughout the entire hike. At the end of the week, they all (including some of us Leaders too, tut tut!) attended the famous 'Foam Party', dancing the night away whilst getting 'totally foamed up!'



We managed to raise enough money at the Christmas Fayre to give all the Scouts a great 'sleepover party' in December, and were lucky enough to wake up to quite a thick layering of snow, which was a first! We had a food feast, DVD's to watch, midnight snacks, and party games, including the famous 'Chocolate Game' which seems to be a very popular game, especially amongst our older Helpers and Leaders (Wendy!)



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We try our best to theme our weekly meetings around public events that happen throughout the year. Pancake day was a great hit with the Scouts, cooking their own pancakes, then filling with them all kinds of fillings, from the standard sugar and lemon to chocolate cake topping, yum!

End of April saw the Royal Wedding! There was a Group party planned, but sadly due to low attendance it was called off. Well, that didn't stop us Scouts! As the event was on our meeting day we decided to have a BBQ and games to celebrate. We had Dan on the BBQ cooking the sausages and burgers, Wendy and Tanzy (one of our helpful Scout parents) in the kitchen sorting the rolls and oven cooked bits, Skip brought down some light and sound kit, and the Scouts enjoyed some fun and games!

St. Georges Day this year was very different from previous years, with it being along the lines of an 'It's a knockout' style. It was a great day, as it didn't just involve our group but the whole District! This meant that we had mixed teams of Scouts from across the District. It gave a great opportunity for the Troop to bond with other Scouts their own age. There were some weird and wacky games including water ones too! Overall it was a great St. Georges Day, everyone really enjoyed themselves, and it seems that the District want to do it again in 2 years time!

We are looking forward to lots more Scouting activities in the next year, and we hope to use more of the District Head Quarters that we are so fortunate to have so close to us. We will be able to use the new and improved areas which have been built this year, including Go Karts, Archery and indoor & outdoor Climbing, to name but a few.



2011/2012's program for the Scout section is going to be even better than last year! We have many more offsite activities coming up! Here's a few that we have in the pipeline, Cycle Camp, Rafting, Go Ape, Go Karting, Laser Tag, Winter Camp, Shooting and Archery, also including badge activities like Hobbies, Mapping, Outdoor Challenge, Fitness and loads more! So watch this space!



Alex, Dan & Wendy
2nd Farnborough Scout Leaders

"The Gallery 2011"



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