

# Scouting

November 2013

1st Copmanthorpe Scout Group News

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## Leadership Changes

Some of our long standing Scout Leaders are leaving us. Sue Boyne has decided to step down as Group Scout Leader. Stuart Watling, Diane and Josh Hoyle have all decided to leave the Scout Group. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication over many years.

Craig Watling will return as Scout Leader and Peter Jennings has agreed to accept the role of Group Scout Leader. Craig and Peter have several years of Scouting experience. Both will be supported by other members of the Group and District in the short term, whilst we grow the leadership team.

We are sure that you will give Craig and Peter your full backing. However, the Group does need further continued support to ensure future success. We are looking for willing volunteers to join the team as leaders, assistants or occasional helpers. You can make a real difference to helping young people get the most from Scouting. If you are interested please contact Nigel White (Tel. 01904 704203) in the first instance.

You do not have to attend every meeting as in Scouting we support flexible volunteering – we would welcome any time you can offer.

Steve Popple  
District Commissioner

Chris Hogg  
Group Chairman



## Diary Dates

### November

- 5 Village Fireworks Display
- 10 Remembrance Service
- 11 Beavers Astronomy
- 18 Group Campfire

### December

- 6 Scouts Christmas Camp
- 16 Beavers Magic Show
- 18 Cubs Christmas Party

## Contacts

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## Techie Cubs

Our Scout Hall opened its doors to 100 Cub Scouts from around York for our Jamboree on the Air event in October. This is where people in Scouting from around the world talk to each other using amateur radio. York Radio Club helped us set up a base station and taught the Cubs the correct protocols. Whilst waiting for their turn on the radio, the Cubs learned about internet safety and IT hardware, and used creative software to build presentations, towards their IT Badge.

## Ballista Boys

We had our first Autumn Cub Camp for many years, at Snowball Plantation. As part of our Greeks and Romans theme we found glowing trading cards in the woods, which we used to battle each other. After a chip supper we played bench ball (which the leaders won easily!), and then chatted and giggled late into the night in our tents. On the Saturday morning we built ballistas to shoot at each other, and had a visit from the District Commissioner, who inspected our craftsmanship, and measured the distance of our best shots for a District Challenge. After cooking on fires we had lunch with family and friends, and then packed up.



## Beavers go Hunting

This term we have had a bit of a hunting theme. We followed tracking trails at Snowball to find treasure. Back at Copmanthorpe we applied what we learned about road safety and night time safety during a walking quiz round the village. As well as learning 1st aid, we tried our hand at making chocolate krispie buns...yummy!

## Gearing up for Jamboree

One of the most popular events this term has been hiking, where we tested our navigation skills to the full. We also had a hobbies night and some great games.

Scouts have also been fundraising towards next year's international NORJAM Jamboree. This is a fantastic event where thousands of Scouts camp and join in with professionally organised activities such as circus skills, shooting, climbing, bungee trampolining and caving. There are over 100 to choose from.



## Congratulations

We have 16 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts going to York Guildhall on 11th November to be formally presented with their Chief Scout Awards. This is the highest award they can earn in their respective sections. Well done to Benjamin, Charlie, Jude, Louie, Ross, Thomas, Callum, Edward, Jonathan, Alex, Charlie G, James, Jonathan S, Matthew, Stephen and William. This is the largest number of awards we have ever had in one year.

