

# 3rd Dublin, Stillorgan Group NEWSLETTER



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## Special points of interest:

- Carlingford Weekend
- Beaver Swim Up
- New Appointments
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- Events Calendar
- Leaders Wanted

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## Welcome

A big welcome to the first edition of the 3rd Dublin Stillorgan Scout group Newsletter.

As we are still in the early stages of 2009 and the year is still in its infancy, so too is this new newsletter. As the year progresses we hope that you, the reader will grow with us. We hope that you will enjoy what we, the combined group, have to offer.

With the news of doom and gloom in the economy we see some light hitting the 3rd Dublin Stillorgan group as changes are afoot... Changes are happening in all areas from the numbers of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures

through to changes within the group leadership.

2009 is a year for change, the year of the **Promise & Law**.



Your Editor... gosh that was high and scary!

As a leader in the Cubs and a fresh face to the group I am happy that we are looking to introduce new ways for us to communicate with the other

sections and with the wider world of the parents and hopefully the parish.

Personally, I am looking forward to the challenges that 2009 will offer and for the challenges, information and togetherness that this newsletter will offer to the group and hope that every one of you readers will join with me by submitting your stories, poems, jokes, pictures etc. to make this an exciting and interesting read for one and all. In return **I Promise to do my best** to get everything I can in.

Thank you, Welcome and Happy Reading.

Trev—Cub Leader

& Editor

## Beavers - Swim Up

Monday 9th, saw the rite of passage of 4 Beavers. The brave beavers left the dam and began their new journey as Cubs.

The night consisted of a brief introduction of the new recruits and inspection. Each of the Beavers were allocated to a group for the first part of the night and the games began. We were impressed

to see that every one of the Beavers took part in the events and gave it their all.

After the games we opened the meeting up to the parents of the Cubs and the Swim up ceremony took place. Our 4 Beavers officially became Cubs.

Congratulations and Welcome to the new Cubs.



The Swim Up - 6'ers and New Cubs

A special mention to New Cub Josh who joined us also on Monday 9th. Josh has not come up via Beavers but is fitting in well to the group.



**New Tent**— Beavers have received delivery of their NEW tent in plenty of time for Camp on the Green. I hear that everyone in the Beavers is excited to get out and get the tent up. Big Thanks to Quartermaster Alan for getting this sorted!

“the Cubs followed a rope over uneven ground, round trees all the while blindfolded, the idea being that the team never lose contact...”

*Is a shellless turtle homeless or just naked?*



Cubs Jamboree 2009 - approx, 5,000 cubs over 3 days.. And we are going to be there.. Yay!



## Cubs first outing 2009 - Carlingford Adventure Centre

This year saw the first trip for Stillorgan Cubs to the Carlingford Adventure Centre. After a hugely successful fundraiser in November sponsored by Searsons Wines and Computer System Solutions we raised just under €1,200 towards the event. Many thanks to all who came and supported us in this venture.

Arrival at Carlingford was at approx 7:00pm on Friday. After rooms were allocated, the adventure started with a short walk and most Cubs decided to crawl through the stream tunnel that went underneath one of the main roads, so wet activities started on arrival!

Saturday started with a little rain which lifted by mid morning. Cubs took on a number of team challenges in two groups – The raft river, the spiders web, the team obstacles to name a few. After lunch then the Cubs had the opportunity to practice Archery and

take on the dark maze. A few got lost, and some leaders got stuck!

On Saturday night there was a night hike up in the forest and some more team building challenges as the Cubs followed a rope over



uneven ground, round trees all the while blindfolded, the idea being that the team

never lose contact! Afterwards, once Indoors, we had some camp songs, stories and a quick slideshow of the days photos.

Sunday saw another packed day, which was cold, but dry, starting with Rock Climbing and Abseiling. All the Cubs managed to climb the rock face, only a few leaders succeeded though! The Abseiling was a little more challenging as it was about a 15 mtr drop! After lunch we took part in the High Ropes Experience and Leap of Faith. All Cubs succeeded in climbing the poles and walking the tight

rope 20 mtrs up in the air. Some even managed to make it to the platform and jump (leap) to grab the bar hanging 2 mtrs in front of them.

Finally at 5:00pm we had a quick snack and left at 6:00pm on Sunday.

A DVD of the camp photos is available for anyone interested.

Marc Whisker—Cub Leader



**A Limerick**

### Glasses

There was a boy called Michael Vasses

He was in a lot of crashes

A kid told a lie

Then he popped the guys eyes

Now Michael Vasses wears glasses

Karim T

some of the big events that are planned for the camp.

I hope that everyone is ready to have fun.

## Planned Event - JamÓige

This year the Jamboree for cubs will take place from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 in the Dalgan Park, Navan, Co. Meath. It will be an action packed 3 night Summer Pack Holiday with a fun filled program to keep everyone entertained from dawn until dusk. The theme will be “Mythical & Mystical Ireland”.

Some 5,000 cubs, leaders and staff will descend on Dalgan Park and we are going to be in the middle of it all. We have 15 confirmed attendees which is great but are looking for the rest of the cubs to join in. The more the better!

There is also the opportunity for the older Beavers to spend a night. It will be great for them to join in with







### Scouts PL & APL Weekend

Alan Roche and I went on a PL/APL training weekend down at Arklow Sea Scout den. There was quite a turn out.

We were a little late so we missed the introductions and so we just talked to people

and started making friends immediately. We were divided into patrols and given €1 for each member of our patrol. We were then told to go to Tesco up the top of Arklow and had to buy a healthy 3 coarse meal for the

patrol. Once back from Tesco we watched a movie and went to bed.

The next day we went to a hill 3 km outside of Arklow and followed a path and every few minutes doing some activities

which included looking for pegs with a metal detector, cooking our lunch (which we bought in Tesco), going through a series of strings tied between two trees and we also learned

about camouflage.

Afterwards we walked back to the den and cooked dinner for our patrols, and then played 3 games called Poison Ivy, Bang and Helicopter. We also got one egg for each patrol and had to make something to drop it safely to the ground with. We then played trivia pursuit then went to bed. The next morning after a lovely jog to the beach and back we packed up our gear and went home.

Michael B

## Competition

This is an easy peasy one... all you need to do is think of a name for this Newsletter!

I would like the name to represent everything that is Scouting in Stillorgan but Everything will be considered...

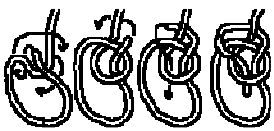
Good Luck everyone!! Entries to [tcuthbertson1@yahoo.com](mailto:tcuthbertson1@yahoo.com) you'll know if you have won by the name on the next newsletter.... Oooh I'm excited now.. Good luck

### A Joke:

What biscuit can fly??

A plain biscuit

- Stephen C



Practice the Bow Line knot



### CUB Scout Productions Presents.....

As the Cubs travel the Globe.. Ok Ok as the cubs travel around Ireland on our adventures we have tried to document the events through photography.

We now try to produce a slide show DVD as a keep sake for each cub. The DVD contains a 4-5 minute show of their exploits to music.

We would like to have some suggestions for music for the next production.. ideas to the editor or any of the Cub Leaders.





## Announcements

As mentioned in the Welcome section there have been some small changes within the group since last year. During a Group Council meeting elections took place and the following appointments have been confirmed;

### New Group Leader:

Marc Whisker (Cubs),

### Deputy. Group Leader:

Hawa Tamu (Beavers)

### Group Secretary:

Karen D'Alton (Beavers)

### Group Treasurer:

Deirdre Black

### Quartermaster: Alan Byrne (Scouts)

**Parent Liaison:** Hawa Tamu (Beavers)

**Parish Liaison:** Gwen Priestman (Cubs)

A big congratulations to all.

Hawa has kindly offered to fill the role of Parent liaison. This role will give a voice to the parents in the running of the group and the sections. The ideas from parents can be put forward and by working together we can provide an enhanced experience for the children.

Please contact Hawa or any leader for further information.

## CUB Promotions

A recent restructure within the Cubs has seen some dramatic changes. We have shuffled the teams to create a 5th Team; The Black Team.

As a result of this we have made some promotions and I would like for you all to join with me in congratulating the new Sixer and Secondar

New Sixer for team Black;

Séan D

Seconders;

Merlin R

Stephen C

Ally P

Well Done !  
Bravo..



## Birthday Watch ! -

Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Ventures
Sam D - 04/03/09	Ben F - 04/03/09	Jason H - 01/04/09	John O - 23/03/09
Sam W - 04/04/09	Mark G - 05/04/09	David P - 01/04/09	
Cameron L - 25/04/09		Alan R - 18/04/09	



## Year of the Promise and Law

This year has been marked as the Year of the Promise and Law.

In this year we take a look back at the 100 years of Scouting and remember the oath that we have taken as a member of this huge big club. We remember that the promise we make can be applied not only in the Scouting arena but in everyday life too.

The key words to remember from the promise you take are "to do my Best". To do your best for yourself, your family and well.. "to do your best" at everything you try.

### The Scout Law:

TRUST

LOYALTY

HELPFULNESS

CONSIDERATION

COURAGE

RESPECT



### The Scout Promise

ON MY HONOUR I PROMISE THAT

I WILL DO MY BEST,

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD\*,

TO SERVE MY COMMUNITY,

TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AND TO

LIVE BY THE SCOUT LAW.

\*ALTERNATIVE: TO FURTHER MY UNDERSTANDING

AND ACCEPTANCE OF A SPIRITUAL REALITY

Details will be provided about how you can earn your FULL "Living the Promise" badge shortly... Watch this space..

## A Limerick

### Cool Kangaroo

There once was a cool kangaroo,  
Who didn't like living in the zoo,  
He went down the drain,  
Got a huge pain,  
And end up stuck in the loo.

Ally P

# 2009



## JANUARY

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## N O T E S

	<b>April 1st</b> - Beavers Investiture. Parents Wel- come 5:45pm
	<b>April 22nd</b> - Beavers Walk, Coats required
<b>Jan 30th - 1st Feb</b> - Cubs Carlingford Weekend	<b>April 25th - 26th</b> - Cubs 6er & 2nder Weekend
<b>Feb 16th</b> - Beavers Swim up Ceremony	<b>May 29th - 1st June</b> - Cubs & Beavers (1 night) JamÓige 09 Meath
<b>March 8th</b> - Cubs Sugar Loaf Hike	<b>June 15th</b> - Cubs Parents Evening & Awards
	<b>June 20th - 21st</b> - ALL Camp on the Green(provisional)




Unfortunately, ALL events are subject to changes,  
cancellations etc..

Please, Please check with the relevant section  
leaders for changes.



Event

## APRIL

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### 100 Deeds - 100 Years of Scouting

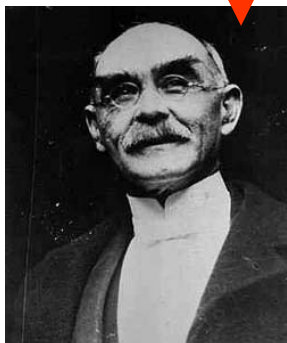
To attain their commemorative badge the group's effort took some time to bring together as we gathered 100 good deeds to submit. At the time of the badge this worked out to about 5 good deeds a Cub.

We hope to see the Cubs keeping up this ability to perform good deeds both at home and in the community.



### Who Am I ?

And what have I to do with scouting?



Can anyone name this young gentleman born of British parents in India way back in 1865? He was known for his satirical verses and short stories, such as Plain Tales From the Hills (1888) and Soldiers Three (1892), which won him a reputation in England, to which he returned in 1889 and settled in London.

He was the inspiration behind Baden-Powell's need of a concept around which to build the Scouting program for wolf cubs (as they were then). The original Jungle Book was written in 1894. It was originally published in chapter form in the American children's magazine, Saint Nicholas.

He was also the author of "The Scout's Patrol Song" which was the official Boy Scouts of America song.

He was also the father of a Scout and later a commissioner in the British Scouting program..

In 1924, he attended a rally of 6 thousand Wolf Cubs at the Imperial Jamboree at Wembley where he witnessed what Baden-Powell had made of his writings, Jungle Book and Cub Scouting.

Ans: Rudyard Kipling—1865—1936



[www.scouts.ie](http://www.scouts.ie)

As you are aware the Stillorgan group is run with the donation of time from the leaders and the associate parents when required.

We are always looking for new leaders and ask if you can assist to please contact one of the leaders in any of the sections.

All volunteers have to go through a vetting process and are given full training in areas like child protection.

Right now we are looking

## Our Organisation, 3rd Dublin Stillorgan and You

for assistance in our Beaver Section. There is a waiting list of budding new beavers but they have to wait as we don't have enough staff. We would like to give places to everyone.

Not only do we need volunteer leaders but we are always open to new members.

What do you need to be a Scout? Honestly, one night a week where you learn about various items like Pioneer (making things from wood and rope), you partake in events like Hiking.. International camps and travel etc plus you get to meet new people.

Should you be interested or know of someone who might be, contact **Pat Black, Scout Leader** or any leader for information

Everyone is Welcome!

### Section Contacts:

Beavers - Karen D'Alton

Cubs - Marc Whisker

Scouts - Pat Black

Ventures - Zoe Black



*Scouts are Global !*

### Sections:

**Beavers** - Ages: 6-8

Meetings: Wed 5:00 - 6:00

**Cubs** - Ages: 8-11

Meetings: Mon 6:45 - 8:15

**Scouts** - Ages: 11 - 15

Meetings: Fri 8:15 - 10:00

**Ventures** - Ages: 15 - 21

Meetings: Fri 8:15 - 10:00

**Group Leader:** Marc Whisker (Cubs)

**Deputy Group Leader:** Hawa Tamu (Beavers)

**Group Secretary:** Karen D'Alton (Beavers)

**Group Treasurer:** Deirdre Black

**Parent Liaison Officer:** Hawa Tamu (Beavers)