

Third Stillorgan Howl

Group Newsletter

"Our path to your future"



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Welcome

Welcome back to the second edition of the Stillorgan Scout groups newsletter.

I am happy to report back that following words of praise for the newsletter from parents and from some of the powers to be within the Scouting organisation we are hoping too that this edition brings out the same response as the first one.

We have had lots of stuff going on from leavers.... boo hoo to starters... yay. We also have some movers, which I guess brings out my sensitive side in this issue. I'm feeling sad everyone, very sad.. Why..? Well if you read on through

this issue you will see why. But having told you that I am feeling sad, it is not the whole story, I am also very happy, again I don't want to ruin it all for you here before you get to see the treats everyone has in store for you.

Before I sign off and allow you to dive into the good stuff and as this is the final issue before the Summer Breakup, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for their hard work, assistance through out the year, this is not just for us leaders but also for the parents who have given up time to helpout. This thanks is for all the unsung heroes amongst us, so a big thanks from me and have

an amazing summer. See you all in Sept.

If you have any suggestions, comments, pieces that you think that everyone might like to read or see please email me at tcuthbertson1@yahoo.com or any of the leaders. We will always need your input.

Yours in Scouting

Trev— Editor and Cub Leader



Mayfair, A Thank You

A very BIG



to all parents who made cakes etc.. for the teas and coffees for the Mayfair for me it was very much appreciated and also thank you to my two special waiters (John and Andrew) who slaved tirelessly all morning.

parents Ruth Orr and Hazel Murphy without their assistance - the kitchen would have fallen apart!

All in all the Teas and Coffees managed to raise just over 1,000 euros for the parish. Well done to all who assisted.

Deirdre

Grazie

Danka

Gracias

Merci

Bendankt

Obrigado

A well done bonus if you know what languages "thank you" is written in!!

A big thank you also to two



Uniform Recycling: Dare I say it? As the “Recession” is here, we here in the group are looking at ways to help everyone. One initiative that was put forward is Uniform Recycling.

We ask that if your child has outgrown their current uniform and instead of throwing it out, you could donate it to the group so another child can benefit. Or if your child is in need of a larger uniform item we may have something available.

Please speak to one of the Leaders should you wish to donate or receive*.

* subject to availability

“The constant sun all weekend, the campfires and the activities. Nights were cold however, thank goodness for our fire!...”

How do you make a hot dog stand? Steal its chair

JamÓige 2009

On the bank holiday weekend of June 16 Cubs and 5 Leaders made way to Dalgan Park in Navan to meet with 3,000 other Cubs and Leaders. Our first night started with building our campsite, Some eight tents and a Marquee. Opening ceremony started at 10:00pm with all the Sub Camps joining together to get involved in the fun and spirit of friendship at the start, all in our costumes.



Saturday there were two activity sessions from 9:00 to 12:00 and again from 2:00 to 5:00. At these bases Cubs got messy with water challenges and making some metal magnets using a rubber mould. The weather was wonderful, and the water spray on Saturday afternoon was a wel-

come cooler! Saturday evening was the trade fair where we sold popcorn on our stall, sold out in less than 15 minutes! Later we had a little group campfire and some songs and warmth around our own little fire

Sunday saw more activities at the same time frames as Saturday. Some of the activities were in team groups, mixtures of Cubs from other groups in relay races, then some “Fear Factor” challenges followed by lighting a fire with some flint. Beavers then arrived mid afternoon and joined the Cubs for BBQ Burgers for dinner and took part in our Campfire

As Monday approached Cubs packed and cleared their tents. Some leaders then dropped the emptied tents while the Cubs took on their final challenge. After lunch it was time to

clear up all the gear and head home, leaving Dalgan Park at around 3:00pm.

Some of the highlights of the weekend included the large tree beside our site,

Cubs were climbing!

The constant sun all weekend, the campfires and the activities. Nights were cold however, thank goodness for our fire!

All Cubs achieved their five weekend challenges getting their keyhole badge and their Cub Scout Pin.

Marc—Cub Leader



Bat boxes - Scouts & Bird Boxes - Cubs

As Part of the Garden Project Scouts were asked to provide Bat Boxes. After some research of Bat Box design it was decided we would be able to provide 5 boxes.



The boxes were constructed of untreated timber, routed on the inner faces to allow the bats cling to the sides of the house. Scouts assembled the houses and fitted the felt

roof shingle. The boxes are now in storage waiting collecting.

The Cubs were scheduled to do the Woodsman badge and we needed a project that we could create to meet the requirements of the badge. After some thought and research templates were created and the nailing began.. Numerous finger

bashes and rebuilds took place and a number of small bird boxes took shape. Cubs will be donating these wonderful creations to the Garden project too..

In their own words

We learn lots of things in Scouts. We learn how to tie knots, how to build shelters, how to use a compass and a map and how to start a fire. I have been on 3 camps with the Scouts. We have 4 Leaders, Pat, Alan, Ian and Barbara. This is the year of the Law and the Promise. That's what we do in Scouts.

Sean O'R - Scout

We went to the Inchivore Valley for an overnight camp. We left from Lough Dan and we set out for the Inchivore Valley. We stopped for a look in the river. We used Trangias and cooked noodles. We set up camp in two man tents and we played different games. It was a great camp and I hope we go there again sometime.

By David P - Scout

We went to Pats house in Camolin with the Scouts. It was a lovely weekend. We put up tents and packed to go to Camolin Woods. We found a spot and cooked our lunch on Trangias. We cooked soup and ate it with ham and cheese sandwiches. We built shelters in the woods and then went wee, wee, all the way to base. We had dinner which Deirdre kindly cooked for us. We had hot chocolate in da evening. It was a great weekend.

David Fitz - Scout



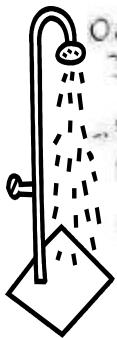
Easter Camp

The Scout 2009 Easter Camp was a small group of Scouts and a huge amount of Venture Scouts. We only made our tents on the first night and went to Harrys Hole, me Michael, Sean and Colm went in with torches, I tell you it was a dump in there and full of puddles. Then me and Michael went in without torches it was much better than with torches. Then we looked around the site until we decided to go back to the camp site. The next day we went to the ravine to show Sean the log that is across the river onto an island, there was a dirty trench we went into it and it smelled. We also headed on a ramble outside and walked around till we decided to go back. We had some lamb it was lovely. We went back to the ravine, it was a great trip but the next day it was over. The next day we loaded everything into Pats trailer and me and Michael walked with Sue to where we met our parents. Sean took Big Al's car to the meeting point. I then went home.

Leaders accept no responsibility for the contents, they are as they were submitted by the Scouts/Cubs themselves



The end By the Great Alan - Scout



One (clean) highlight of Jamoige
- Sweating off to the head swimming pool to have a beautiful shower
We were really beautiful when we came back to the smelly male leaders!!
Hilary & Juan 2009

1. There was bad activities
2. The three is the best
3. Carlinford was the best camp
Ren B

The Camp
- I liked climbing the tree.
- I liked your mamma so far, and you did some jokes.
The midnight feast was really good.

1. Some people liked to climb a big tree before
2. Other people went to the cooking tent it was really good
3. Some people loved the bonfire at night
4. Some people loved the midnight feast

John
Duffin

So the doc said, why did you take so long to bring her in?

And I said, I like the eggs.

What do you call a squirrel with no legs?
Gorilla-uss

Highlight of year

When we did the badge stars & attracted us the wrong way which we called a star-warrior.

Cubs are more noisy than Beavers.
Cubs have better games.
This is my first camp.
Jamoige was very good.
I enjoyed the talent contest.

Stephen

David W

Jamoige Ben
Highlight = The tree
I liked the field better than Jamoige because we had a lot of spare time to play our own games. We also had fun jobs/activities like collecting fire wood.

3 Top favorite games
1. helicopter
2. bamboo



1. tree
2. water fight
3. getting lost
mattew



By Kyle
1. I like the game highlight
2. I think the best game was the disco because we could dance
3. The disco was the best because we could dance
4. Jamoige was the worst because we were ever been to Jamoige
5. I didn't like Jamoige because of the activities



Can we do it? Yes we can!!! Read on

JamÓige

Flags & Drums made - Check

Costumes packed - Check

Bags & gear loaded - Check



...and we were off to **JamÓige**, attending the first ever outdoor sleepover for Beaver scouts and what a first. We camped, we cooked, we sang, we went on forest trails and we slept (well the kids did!). A fun packed weekend with glorious sunshine.

The Cubs kindly asked us to share in their BBQ. This was followed by a concert, where we dressed up as leprechauns and sang "Ghostbusters" till we were hoarse. Then on to the Cubs campfire and eventually to bed. All too soon it was time to pack up and head home.

Well done to all and bring on **Camp on the Green**

My experience in Scouts

I am 12 years of age and I like Rap Music

The year has been pretty busy for my Scouts, as well this is the year of the Law and the Promise. We have been on a number of camps including when we went to Wexford to Pat Blacks house, AKA our Leader. We went on a walk to Camolin Woods, later that night we cooked burgers; after that went to a nearby shop, that was a really good camp. I hope we do something like that in the future. This year has been so busy, all I can say more to the Leaders is thank you to Pat, Ian, Barbara and Big Al is thank you by Habib.

Barbara our Scout Leader is quiet good and keeps our Leaders happy. She is a good cook and makes Big Al burgers.

Big Al is a Leader who joined about 1½ years ago. He has two sons called Mike and Colm who are also in Scouts. He owns the company "Big Al's Beef Burgers"

Ian is a nice guy and he has good control over us. He is also quite fun to be around and participates in the games. As well as being a Scout Leader is a big Leinster Fan. Just saying.

Pat is our most experienced Leader as he has been running scouts for 20 years, followed by Ians poor 16 years. His daughter Zoe runs the Ventures and Deirdre comes down to help sometimes. He helps out in the games and teaches us scout work.

By Habib T.

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 slide 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.



Important Calendar Dates:

- Parish Coffee Mornings:
 - 27th Sept - Cubs
 - 18th Oct - Scouts
 - 29th Nov - Both
- Drama Society Play: 16th Nov
- Mother Union sale: end of Nov (TBC)
- Scout Camp: 20-21 June, Powerscourt
- Scout Camp: 3-8 August, Wexford
- Leaving Party: Hawa's Party Wesley RFC, RSVP to Karen ASAP, 14th August
- Camp on the Green: 29th August
- Scout Parade: 13 Sept
- Ticket Sales 12days of Christmas, Stillorgan SC, 14th Nov
- Scouts: No Meeting 20th Nov

Powerscourt

From Good Friday until Easter Sunday, the Scouts and Venture Sections of the 3rd Dublin held this years annual Easter Camp in the grounds of Powerscourt Estate.

In the Spirit of Scouting, the 'Stillorgan Camp Site' was shared with our friends of the Roundwood Scout Troop. With the all important tents up, the Ventures spend Friday night socialising with other groups camped in Powerscourt and the Scouts went on a night-time hike to explore 'Harry's Hole'

and the woods of Powerscourt.

A fine Saturday morning was spent finishing off the set up of our camp site which included building a 'Dakota' ground fire (unlike most campgrounds, Powerscourt is one of only a few sites where traditional ground fires can still be practised) and scouring the forest for firewood. Scouts Alan, Sean, Com & Mikey spent Saturday the afternoon discovering an assault course built on & by the Dargle river on the near by Mafeking Site and on then went on a lei-

surely hike towards the waterfall while the Venture section prepared our evening meal of Homemade Beef Burgers and Fried Potatoes. After a Campfire held on the Coombe camp site, a group chat and supper around our own fire finished an interesting day.

On a beautiful Easter morning after breakfast it was time to Strike Camp and head home for the hot showers but not before each Scout was presented an Easter Egg





Scouts Update

Apologies to Alan: the editor over looked this article in the last newsletter!

Scouts have had an eventful year. We started the year with a young group which had recently moved up from the Cub section. Along with our regular weekly meetings we have had many other events including both indoor and outdoor activities. The first camp of '08 was a fun chill-out weekend on our annual Easter Camp to Powerscourt Estate.

The County Commissioner Mr Kieran Kelly attended our Troop Investiture in early April, after which our scouts demonstrated the procedures for caring for the group's green Icelandic tents that scouts are famous for.

May found us in the Loch Dan Scout Centre in Co Wicklow where we held an outdoor training session based on basic scouting skills. While there the Scouts got to meet some of their fellow scouts and see examples of camp craft during the County Shield competition which was held that weekend. This was followed in the afternoon by a hike and to a beautiful wooded corpse by the river at the top of the Inchivore Valley.

Our Annual Summer Camp in August saw our Troop at the International Scout Jamboree to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Ireland, held at Punchestown Co Kildare. The ten day camp brought the scouts to many activity bases, events and challenges, none more remembered than the rain which followed a calm sunny Friday of events, which were based on the element of Air. The rain storm on Saturday was something to behold and the scouts that survived it and continued with our troop are stronger for the experience. They have bonded together to form a strong nucleus of our troop.

Camp on the Green in September was a show case event where each section of group held a joint 24 hours of events. The Scouts camped on the Church Green overnight and paraded with other groups of the parish at a Church Service on the Sunday morning.

Unfortunately in October, Sue Mitchell who had been a strong driving force within the troop some years resigned due to a change in her personal circumstances. We would like to wish Sue well with her future in Scouting Ireland. Fortunately the scout leaders are still in contact with Sue and are looking forward to Sue joining us on upcoming events.



In October we hiked once again back to that wooded corpse at the head of the Inchivore Valley but this time we were here to stay, well at least for overnight.

In December a special Arts & Crafts night held in the Youth Room with the ingenious and welcome support of Gwen Preistman. Thank you Gwen.

After months of careful consideration and assessing our troop members we were proud to appoint our first Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders in January and to make two patrols, Hawk and Kestrel. Following from this, two of our Scouts, a Patrol Leader and an

Assistant Patrol Leader attended a special Training /Challenge weekend run by the Scout County in Arklow Sea Scouts Den.

Our first camp of '09 was in Camolin Co Wexford which had a 100% turnout by the scouts. After pitching our tents we set out for a hike in Camolin Woods with a packed lunch and a packed program of activities. Lunch included sandwiches and soup prepared and cooked in the woods by each patrol on a Tran-gia Stove. The rest of the afternoon was spent by each patrol learning to build a Bivvy Shelter in the forest. After dinner and a short night hike to the local(ish) shop we held an outdoor Investiture for our newest member. Barbeque grilled beef burgers for supper and a game of Man Hunt finished a great day.



Going forward we are hoping to expand our troop with new members who wish to join the Scouting Adventure and older Cubs who will transfer up via the Link program later this year. We will expand our program of life skills and adventure, based on the expected new program for scouting due to be passed by the National Scout Council in late March and a greater input from our scouts via a Patrol/Assistant Patrol Leaders Council.

Currently our next camp is planned for Powerscourt on the Easter Weekend, but future events shall include hikes; Camp on the Green 09 and of Course Annual Camp.

There is an open invitation to all Scouts who have left since Summer Camp and would like to return. This is also extended to all young people who would like to join and enjoy the scouting experience.



We are available most Friday nights in the Hall, 20:15 to 22:00, feel free to drop in should you have any questions or queries regarding the Scout Troop or activities or contact Pat (087 2850667), Ian or Alan(083 3111146)

Alan Byrne - Assistant Scout Leader



 Jam'Óise 2009





Announcements

Have you got a green finger? Or would you just like to help out

Planting has begun around St Brigid's School. We have a lovely hedgerow, pond and four raised beds ready for vegetable planting - we also have 25 tonnes of topsoil and fertiliser that needs to be dug into the vegetable garden. If there are any strong men (or women) out there give us a call! Should any parishioners fancy a bit of gardening we would like to set up a gardening club open to all either on Saturday afternoons from 2-



5pm or after school hours. We will need feedback from you as to which suits people better. Just bring gloves and a spade or just come along to enjoy watching the wildlife and plants growing.

We also would like to thank the Cubs and the Scouts for building the bird and bat boxes. Contact any of the gardening committee:

Caroline Jolley
087 2499436
Andrew Dennison
097 2937903
Jacque Armitage
086 8770597
Karen D'Alton
087 2800128



Birthday Watch ! -

Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Ventures
Isaac McG—18/05	Tadiwa M—17/07	David F—25/05	David O—19/07
James McC—05/06	Peter A—04/06	Sean O—20/06	Zoe B 13/05 (Leader)
David F—09/06	Kyle D—04/06	Micheal B—19/07	
James V—04/07	Sean D—22/06	David P—10/08	
Patrick O—14/07	Kyle H—04/08	Pat B—26/05 (Leader)	
	Ben R—14/08	Barbara B—27/05 (Leader)	
	David W—14/08		
	Conor W—25/08		
	Gwen P—05/08 (Leader)		
	Marc W—13/08 (Leader)		

Apologies to Karim T - We missed his birthday on the last issue, so Happy Birthday! 28/04 we hope you had a great day



Chief Scout

MJ Shinnick

Image (c) Scouting

. Following elections/voting within the Scouting organisation Michael J Shinnock has been announced as the New Chief Scout. Congratulations



Don't forget to visit the new website. Its still being built so is not as shiny as we would like but here is the address:

www.3rdstillorgan.net

Have a look and use the form to give us some feedback.

Beavers Update

Currently we have 15 Beavers scouts and come September we will have two new leaders. Ann & Nora have taken up the challenge and we welcome them to the group and look forward to some fun times ahead. We've only managed a few trips out due to rain most Wednesdays. We did manage to cook sausages outdoors, eat ice creams in the park and, yes we got our new tent up all without getting wet. We had a great day out at the National Print Museum in the Garrison Chapel on Haddington Road. The Beavers and Cubs used an old printing press to create "Wanted Posters" of themselves, made hats and stamps and saw the 1916 Proclamation. Great fun and craic especially the bus journey. Imagine 25 kids in uniform surrounding you on a packed bus



Some Beavers at JamÓige— can you spot anyone you know??

Competition Time

Calling on all Beavers, all Cubs, all Scouts and all Ventures. How would you like to design a 3rd Dublin, Stillorgan GROUP badge.

Winners of this competition will have their OWN design made into the official 3rd Dublin, Stillorgan group badge! (- We can arrange to have your drawing scanned if you need it.)

Please Please have your entries in by **25th September 2009**: to tcuthbertson1@yahoo.com



Why i'm Sad and others are too



In the Welcome note I explained to you that I was sad, very sad. Here is the reason why!

We say Au Revoir to Hawa. She returns to Sierra Leone at the end of August. She will be missed so much by all the group but especially by the Beavers Scouts to which she has dedicated so much time. A farewell party on the 14th August Old Wesley RFC is planned.

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Karen—Beaver Leader



All Submission should be in by:
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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 Pioneering (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)