

3rd Dublin, Stillorgan Group NEWSLETTER



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— Founder

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Special points of interest:

- LEADER required (Beavers)
- LEADER required (Scouts)



WE NEED YOU

Welcome

A New Year, a New Decade lets forget the big "R" and focus on making this a great Scouting year.

Although this issue is smaller I am hoping that as the year progresses will have a continues flow of articles from all sections.

I am sad to report that the end of the year saw departure of Scout leader and QuarterMaster Alan and Barbara. He will be missed by all and as a result we hope to find a replacement for at least the Scout Leader role. I personally wish Alan & Barbara well.

Our Annual AGM is due on Monday 25th and is an opportunity for everyone's

input to the running of the Group. We hope to see you all there.

Our thoughts and Hearts go out to the people of Haiti after the recent tragic event.

With Alan and Hawa leaving the group, we are hoping for the support of the parents to fill their shoes and become leaders. If you feel that you can spare a little time one

evening a week please please contact myself or the relevant section leader for further information.

We would love to have you onboard.



Beavers - a quick recap

Camp On The Green:

Everyone had been looking forward to Camp on the Green (COTG), and what a relief, we woke to glorious sunshine on the morning of the camp. A great time was had by all and are already looking forward to next years camp.

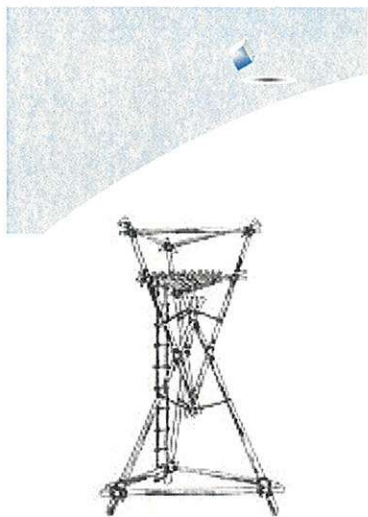
Beaver Meetings:

Regular meeting have once again resumed after a fun filled second half of 2009 with our Pizza making and Sausage feast in the Park to our helping out in the Community garden.

Beaver Leader required;

After the sad farewell of Hawa during the summer, we really are in need of an other Beaver Leader. We are grateful for the assistance of the 2 Mums who have stepped in temporarily and are now looking for someone to step in to keep the Beaver troop up and running. Please contact myself or the Editor for further details: Karen D'Al-

A big THANKS to Colin Roche and Nora Vallejo for looking after the Beavers at COTG, only for their help the beavers would have had to remain back at the DAM (aka home)



Pioneering:

In scouting pioneering is the art of using ropes and wooden spars joined by lashings and knots to create a structure. Above is a sample of a watch tower.

“A little talking too.. Some cheering from the others and volia the cub in question reached the top of the rock climb section...”

Tongue Twister: "She Sells Sea Shells at the Sea Shore". Say this sentence faster each time. Can you say it really fast with our making a mistake??

My Journey in Stillorgan Scouts

I have only lived in Stillorgan a short time and have, as such made it my home I have wanted to try and become part of the community, to try and well get to know people. I am not religious by nature so I shunned church, I so bad.. Sorry but it was suggested to me that the local Scout group was looking for leaders.. And as I used to be a scout many many moons ago perhaps this would be something I'd like to look at. I kind of cowered away from the idea saying "I don't have the time, I'd be too tired after a full day in the office". The issue passed but some how it raised its head again and I thought well what can I loose.

I was introduced to Gwen and after a brief coffee and chat I kinda felt more at ease with the idea.. Still a daunting task.. I took some time to think and took the plunge and strangely enough I am glad that I did. Yes, I was right.. I am wrecked from a full day at

the office but don't ask me how but I feel energised perhaps by the energy the kids give off. I feel a sense of achievement too that when the kids achieve something I too achieved the same thing. One example was at Carlingford, One cub was adamant that they could not climb any further up the vertical climb...

A little talking too.. Some cheering from the others and volia the cub in question reached the top of the rock climb section.

Its a simple pleasure but the greatest one for me. To see that we, the leaders can aid these children into achieving things they thought they couldn't. From that simple rock climb, to helping in the community, to being part of a team and aiding the younger pack members. Its something that I hope someone else can look at doing. A mear 2-3 hrs 1 day a week and perhaps an odd weekend... And in return you will see the changes I have seen and

feel the same pride to be part of the community.

I now feel that I am part of the community, part of a great troop and leader to a great bunch of kids. I do think that I have made the right choice and hope that you the reader if you feel inspired, afraid take the leap, the fall is not that far and the rewards are endless..

I'm glad I did.

Trevor—Cub Leader



12 days of Christmas Ticket Sales

Mid November the Group undertook the 12 days of Christmas ticket selling.

This is an annual fundraiser for the entire Group. The kids brought home lots of ticket books in the hope to sell as many as they possible could.

Also we arranged for a days selling in Stillorgan Shopping centre. So our thanks to the Shopping Centre

management for allowing us a time slot.

We had split the day at the shopping centre in 3 with the Scouts and Ventures grouped together.

A central desk was set up and the kids assisted by the relevant leaders were unleashed on the general public.

On such a cold day we had

a good turn out and I believe that we made a good dent in the ticket books we had.

I am not sure of the total figure achieved but believe that we did do very very well on the sales. So thanks to everyone for buying, selling and braving the cold.



Cubs—In their own word

I went on camp on the green. It was so fun. All four girls slept in the same tent. We watched fire in the wall and after that we all watched a movie. Then all of the leaders said everyone go to your serving we had to clean up our tent and put it down. Then we all stood in a circle and we got our camp o the green badges. It was the best Camp on The Green ever.

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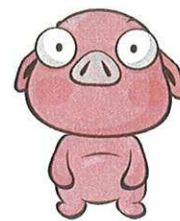
Knock Knock,
Who's there?
Philus
Philus Who?
Philus a glass of water

I went to camp on the green. It was so fun. We went to deer park. Went on the see-saw and then we all had ice cream. When we came back we played chasing. Then we had burgers and sausages and chicken with pasta. Lucy, Emma, Ally and I kept doing dares lik going outside the tent. We watched Big Fat Liar. Then we had hot chocolate with marshmallows. Then we went to sleep and in the morning we had a Church Service and I read a prayer.
Jodie Douglas

Camp on the Green was great. We stayed up really late I went to bed at 7am. I loved Marc's cool game of Star Trek .

Joke: Whats a pigs favourite fighting move? A Pork Chop!

Joshua



We went to deerpark and played a game and had Ice Cream. I had a lot of fun



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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 Pioneerering (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

Sections:

Beavers - Ages: 6-9

Meetings: Wed 5:00 - 6:00

Cubs - Ages: 9-12

Meetings: Mon 6:45 - 8:15

Scouts - Ages: 12 - 15

Meetings: Fri 8:15 - 10:00

Ventures - Ages: 15+

Meetings: Fri 8:15 - 10:00

Group Leader: Marc Whisker (Cubs)

Deputy Group Leader: TBC

Group Secretary: Karen D'Alton (Beavers)

Group Treasurer: Deirdre Black

Parent Liaison Officer: TBC



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