

Third Stillorgan Howl

Group Newsletter



Robert Baden Powell
— Founder

“Our path to your future”



December 2010
E. & O.E.

Welcome

Welcome back to the Xmas edition of the news letter. Unfortunately due to work commitments the news letter has not been as frequent as we would have liked. BUT...

Christmas is upon us and the snow has subsided and I think everyone is in the Christmas spirit.

Since the last news letter we have had a hive of events most notably the Camp on the Green. Where we have a great turn out of both Scouts and Guides. I think that everyone have fun even though it turned out to be a miserable wet and VERY VERY windy night. Whilst thanks has already been issued to all

parties I thought it would be nice to issue a thanks once again to everyone for supplying their time and their energy in whatever manner it was.. Be it games.. cooking, security or just a general body to assist with everything.. SO a big thanks to you all and we hope that many more parents will join in next year.

Starting back in September again has seen a big change to all sections.. Sadly we lost some of our newest members and some of our regulars due to other activities... awww I hear you all say.. But as sad as we all are to see these children leave us we are excited to see more new faces in the

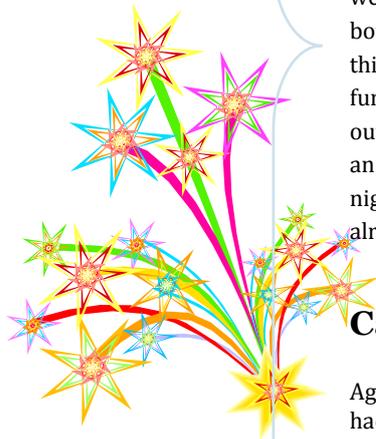
group and we hope you'll enjoy our mad world be it in Beavers... Cubs and even Scouts..



© 2010 FOCALON - WWW.FOCALON.COM

Inside this issue:

Welcome	1
Camp on the Green	
Your Group needs you!	



Camp On the Green

Again in mid September we had the sixth annual Camp on the Green. This year we decided to take a new approach. We split teams up across all the sections, so each team had a few kids from each of the sections - Ladybirds, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts. There were a variety of bases and challenges, some were mental abilities, some physical, craft challenges and cooking pancakes! Many thanks to all the leaders who took charge of

running bases and to our security staff and the catering team.

Camp started on Saturday, finishing on Sunday, although not the greatest weather the kids were in high spirits and all had good fun. For some Cubs this was their first experience of a camp, and one night is a good introduction to camping. All the sections staying over camped in their tents. Unfortunately the Brownies could not stay overnight.

Campfire at about 8:30pm and then a movie to round up Saturday night. Sunday we all went to the first half of the church service and took the time to pack away all the gear, leaving and heading home about 2:00pm



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

“A DVD of the camp is available, to get your copy send an e-mail to :

photos@3rddublin.net”

Where does Santa stay when he's on holidays?

At a Ho-ho-tel!

Summer Camp

The Cub Pack has had a very active past six months, starting with our Summer Camp in June. We went to Northern Ireland Scout Centre, located in Crawfordsburn, Co. Down. What a weekend! Fun started from the moment Cubs went on the Train to Belfast and then on to Helen’s Bay. A 15 minute walk and we were on the Campsite. For all but one of the Cubs this was their first time to this Scout Site. As it turned out there was a mini Scout Jamboree on the same weekend so the Cubs met lots of other groups and there was even an outdoor disco one evening. People from age six to sixty-six were all up dancing and having fun!

Friday started with setting up our site with all our gear and tents. After dinner we had a small campfire. Saturday morning, bright and early and off to Bangor Swimming Pool for a dip in the water. Of course all the Cubs wanted to do was use the diving board into the diving pit! After lunch back on the site we headed then to the Ulster Transport Museum where we saw some amazing old trains, cars. Bikes, even a DeLorean car! The cubs took the opportunity also to go on a flight simulator which was great fun. An exhibition of the Titanic was also a hit with everyone.

Saturday evening was relaxing time for the Cubs and the Leaders, with the exception of

those that decided to go to the outdoor disco, two, then two more and eventually almost all the Cubs were there. Glowsticks were a hit with the Cubs coming up with



some very interesting combinations, around their heads, wrists, and even attached to shoelaces.

Sunday we stayed on site and time for some Scouting activities. There was the British army obstacle course, the Aerial Runway (Zip Line), Go Karts and the Crate climbing challenges. All the Cubs took part in all of these and although tiring all had a great time. During the afternoon Cubs took part in Slippery Ball with the largest mat we have ever had. After cooling down, and getting muddy

and wet, and rained upon, they were all able to make use of a hot shower. Monday was easy enough, we packed up and headed back to Dublin arriving at about 6:30pm.

Over the weekend we had only two spells of rain, on Sunday which lasted all of 20 minutes each and it was like Tap on, Tap off! For many of these kids it was their last camp with Cub Scouts and now most have moved on to Scouts. We wish them well and hope they will stay with the Scout Movement for many years to come.

A DVD of the camp is available, to get your copy send an e-mail to :

photos@3rddublin.net

Marc—Cub Leader



Cub Scouts 2010/2011

This year we have sent eleven Cubs up to Scouts and we wish them well and hope that they will stay with the Scout Movement. We have taken in five new Beaver Scouts and five new members giving us a total of 24 Cub Scouts this year. We are always on the lookout for leaders so if you or anyone you know might be interested please get them to contact any of the leaders

Some plans for the year ahead include a trip to Sportslink water park. A sixer/secondar camp. A oe night indoor camp specially for the new members. A trip to the cinema, Winter camp (location TBA) and of course we will camp at Easter and again in the Summer. See the calendar of events for more details.

Scouting is a great way for young people to help achieve the Gaisce Presidents Award and for kids in transition year as part of community service, so anyone interested please contact any of the leaders. Your commitment is only one night each week and one weekend each month.



● SPACE KIDS: These members of the Stillorgan Gaid Pack Brownies, Ladybirds, Cub Scouts and Beavers attended a talk by Deirdre Kelleghan entitled "Our Place in Space is Special" that was part of World Space Week last week.

Earth home is and therefore how we are special too !

During the presentation every child was given a lentil to hold in their hand and asked to imagine squashing the entire solar system, including the earth, into the lentil. A lentil is approximately the size of our Solar System to a Star forming cloud.

After the presentation we all went outside and Deirdre showed us how we can

all be explorers in our back garden, she showed us how to find South so that we could locate Jupiter in our own gardens when it was dark.

Each child was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory, the Irish National Coordinator for World Space Week 2010, in recognition of their commitment and outstanding contribution to the success of World Space week 2010.

Many thanks to the Brownies for the invitation to join them for the talk and many thanks to Deirdre Kelleghan for a great presentation on a fascinating topic.

We look forward to Deirdre's return visit in the New Year !

More information can be found at www.worldspaceweek.org .

We were thrilled to see our photo in the Southside People on 13 October !

Brenda Sweeney - BSL

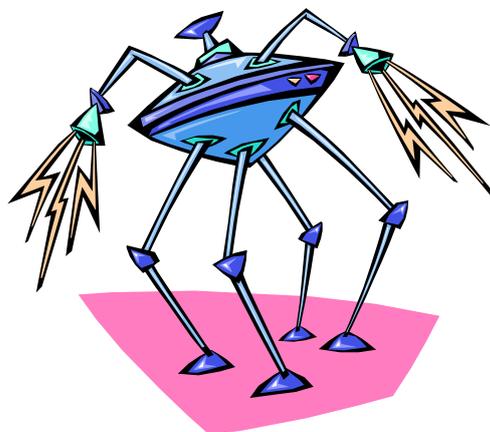
Space Kids..... No no not like that..

World Space Week is celebrated in 55 nations each year from 4-10 October and is the largest public space event in the world. The purpose of World Space Week is to celebrate the contributions of space science and technology to life on earth.

The Cubs and Beavers were delighted to receive an invitation from the Brownies to join them for a Space Talk by Deirdre Kelleghan on Monday 4 October.

Deirdre is an amateur astronomer and artist, she is the Vice Chair and Outreach Coordinator for the Irish Federation of Astronomical Societies.

Deirdre gave a very interesting talk called "Our Place in Space is Special". Her talk was about our Solar System, our planet's place within it and the Universe in general. It explored how very special our



Camp on the Green

Camp on the green was great and we got another badge. Our leader for the activities is a scout and we had to go to different bases with him. Our first base was making pancakes and we covered ours with chocolate spread and ate them. They were really nice but really messy. We made a flag with our name on it and John and Stuart showed us how to find places on a big map. I had more than everyone else because dinner was lovely and not because Dad says I get grumpy if I don't eat enough.

We had a campfire and sang songs.

We stayed up late and watched a film. We didn't go to sleep until 2:00! (We were really quiet so that Karen and Brenda wouldn't hear us). It was very windy but our tent is really cool and strong.

The Beavers were up first and we woke everyone else up!! The scouts cooked us breakfast. We were tired going home and some people went home to sleep. We want to say thank you to the scouts who gave us marshmallows dipped in their chocolate fountain (can we have the chocolate fountain next year? - The Beavers

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.

photos@3rddublin.net



Important Calendar Dates:

8th January 2011 Panto
19th April 2011 Fun Day DunLaoghaire
14th May 2011 Killiney Hike
18th/19th June 2011 National Beaver Camp in Larch Hill

Don't forget to visit the new website. The members only section is now online. Why not login and have a look. If you need a username and password contact any of the leaders

www.3rddublin.net

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

Old Scout material Wanted. What's in your Attic?

We are looking to put together an archive of scouting in Stillorgan. If you have any old scout record books, magazines or photos that you would like to donate or loan, please contact Karen on 087 2800127.



What do you call a kitty on the beach on Christmas morning?

Sandy Claws!



Scout Group News

Camp on the green was a great success, despite the weather. It was really nice to see all the uniformed organisations taking part. We played games, had our brains tested, made pancakes and lots more.

We had a great dinner, sang some campfire songs and stayed up late. The night was very windy and wet but we all slept well and the scouts treated us to a lovely breakfast next morning. We thank the parish for allowing us to camp.

We would also like to thank all the people who made this camp possible, especially Alison Egan and Shevaun McNally in the kitchen, Ian Dornan, Andrew Walker & David Fitzpatrick for keeping us safe, Tommy and Ann Rath for being around and Caroline Jolley for opening the garden for us.

We say good bye to the Black family and wish them well in Gorey and thank them for their dedicated service over the last number of years.

We have a number of new scout leaders and we wish them well for the future.

Stillorgan Leaders

Happy Birthday !!

- Peter - Scout 29th October
- Adam - Cub 13th October
- Cillian - Cub 21st October
- Alison - Cub 5th October
- Joshua - Cub 8th October
- Sean - Beaver 19th December
- Peter - Beaver 2nd January
- Josh - Beaver 25th October
- Lloyd - Beaver 21st November
- Ben - Beaver 3rd November

Editor: trevor@3rddublin.net



www.scouts.ie

Our Organisation, 3rd Dublin Stillorgan and You

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 for assistance in our Cubs

Section. There are 22 active Cubs so we really need an extra leader. 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 **Sue Mitchell, Scout Leader** or any leader for information

Section Contacts:

- Beavers - Karen D'Alton
- Cubs - Marc Whisker
- Scouts - Sue Mitchell

Sections:

Beavers - Ages: 6-9

Meetings: Wed 5:00 - 6:00

beaverleader@3rddublin.net

Cubs - Ages: 9-12

Meetings: Mon 6:45 - 8:15

cubleader@3rddublin.net

Scouts - Ages: 12 - 15

Meetings: Fri 8:15 - 10:00

scoutleader@3rddublin.net

Group Leader: Marc Whisker (Cubs)

info@3rddublin.net



Scouts are Global !