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Scout Troop Newsletter - Issue 8.

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Community Tree Planting

What a super day! 63 volunteers turned out on 12th March, representing Reva, 3rd Bingley Scouts & Explorer Scouts, 4th Pudsey Scouts, Pickard Explorer Scouts and a team from Incommunities Estate Services. 428 saplings were planted around the Boat Park and other site maintenance tasks were also undertaken. Over the coming months Scouts & Explorers will help to monitor the progress of the trees to give them the best possible chance of growth.



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March & April were full of fun and opportunity, and from opportunity comes achievement & success. 12 scouts attended the indoor weekend at Sconce and gained a three year, ITC outdoor first aid certificate together with the Scout Emergency Aid badge at level 4. Over the same weekend 6 of the older troop members camped out to work towards the outdoor plus challenge, with Amy, Anna and Eilish completing their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

Our two outdoor cooking teams went onto the county event and Ben & Anna won the competition bringing the County Trophy home to Bingley.

The county Pioneer Camp was also well attended and over the course of the weekend Rosie passed the intermediate level of the Pioneer award whilst Amy and Ben came away with the Basic award.

Troop evenings have also been busy with Scouts working towards various badges including Global Conservation, Fire Safety, Guide, Community challenge and Global Challenge. Some of the Scouts have completed – others still have the finishing touches to put to their projects.



Youth sailing evenings have started on a Thursday evening and the two meetings so far have been successful – even if not on the water. For the first evening instructors & leaders put the young people through a reminder & assessment session on safety and boat rigging. Last Thursday the wind was too strong for the young people to go on the water – so again the time was well spent with some theory sessions, an unavoidable part of learning any new skill. The young people came ready to get wet so we could not disappoint we challenged them to a team relay race to fill large barrels using buckets full of holes to collect the water from the reservoir! We then let them use the water they had collected on a slip & slide.

Everyone hopes this week the young people will actually get out sailing. Sailing sessions at Reva begin at 6.30pm and end at 9.00pm. Each

session costs £1.00 per scout including a light supper. Scouts may arrive wearing their sailing clothing ready to go out onto the water but must bring dry/clean clothing to change into afterwards. Supper will not be served to soggy wet scouts & the scouts end the session in the classroom for a briefing where no wet clothing is allowed. Please do not take your child until after they have been dismissed from the instructor / leader running the final classroom briefing.

Subs Reminder

Please can you make sure that subs for 1st April to 30th June 2011 are paid before the end of May

Thank you to all Scouts who attended the 2011 St Georges Day Parade in Saltaire

Upcoming Events

Youth Sailing Evenings at Reva – Every Thursday Evening for Scouts aged 10 to 14.
6.30pm to 9.00pm. Progression through the RYA Youth Sailing Award Scheme – Levels 1 to 4.

RN Summer Camp, HMS Bristol, Portsmouth - Saturday 29th May to Saturday 4th June 2011

Church Parade, All Saints Church 10.15 to 11.30am - Sunday 12th June

Sailing Improvement Course at Reva – Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th June 2011
(Age 14 + who already hold RYA 2 Dinghy Sailing and want to work towards RYA level 3 / Seamanship Skills)

Church Parade, All Saints Church 10.15 to 11.30am - Sunday 10th July

Troop Meeting at Sconce – Tuesday 12th July, 7.30 to 9.00pm

Bingley Show, Myrtle Park – Saturday 23rd July 2011

Group Summer Camp Decoy Broad, Norfolk – 6th to 13th August 2011. £25.00 deposit needed to secure a place.

If you want any more information about any of these events, or would like me to book you down for any of them please contact me via email at: cappyalred@blueyonder.co.uk
I will reply as soon as possible.