

For your diary...



Where applicable, further details will be issued via your section leader nearer the time.

See our website for up-to-date information.

July

21 Scout/Explorer Scuba session

23 Beavers Fun Day

August

14 Southampton Sky Ride

September

10 Romsey Show, Broadlands

October

22 District Quiz, Crossfield Hall

28-30 Frist Aid Weekend

November

Sats AM Putting up Romsey Christmas lights

13 Remembrance Day

26-27 District Monopoly Challenge – Expls

December

11 District Carol Service

Hall Hire

The Scout HQ is available to hire for child or adult parties and for regular hire for dance/keep fit classes/indoor sports/children's activities etc., particularly during the day. To find out more about availability and our competitive rates, please contact John Evans on 07770 385881 or email gsl@northbaddesleyscouts.org.uk.

North Baddesley area Membership is available for boys and girls aged between 6 years and 18 years. The Group is run entirely by volunteers.

Each Section has its own training programme which helps the members develop as they grow by teaching them self-reliance, and consideration for others whilst allowing them to develop their own individual skills through a variety of "activity badges". Much of Scouting is based on outdoor pursuits because this is seen as encouraging a healthy lifestyle, but there is still room for many indoor pursuits.

Two formal gatherings are held each year, when all Members are asked to attend. St George's Day Parade is held in Romsey on a Sunday afternoon near 23 April. The Remembrance Day parade is held on Remembrance Sunday, in November in North Baddesley. In addition all members and their families are invited to attend the District Carol Service held one evening shortly before Christmas at the United Reformed Church in Romsey. This is not a formal parade.

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15th Group News

July 2011

Group Camp

This year the Cub Pack and Scout troop held a joint camp at Lockerley Scout HQ. Enjoy looking at the photos and read all about the camp on the inside pages.



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The Scouts were the first to arrive (well at least those that got there on time!) closely followed by some early arriving cubs. First task of the weekend was to setup their sites with a patrol tent, dining shelter and storage tent. With parental help the cub sleeping tents went up in no time. The rest of Friday evening was games (including quick cricket) for the cubs and scouts for which, thankfully, the forecast rain stayed away and with everyone full up on hotdogs and biscuits it was time for bed.

It was a very early rise for everyone the next day as movement was heard at 5.15am! Thanks to an early shift of parental volunteers, breakfast was served to the Cubs at 8am with the Scouts making their own breakfasts. Once everyone was fuelled for the day it was time for the morning activities. The Cubs were heading out on a hike to achieve their naturalist activity badge, the scouts were doing a pioneering activity creating a see saw to be used in the obstacle course later in the day. This went towards their outdoor challenge badges.

Following a lovely lunch everyone enjoyed a variety activities ranging from pond dipping for the cubs to axe and saw for the scouts. It was a fabulous action packed afternoon (there was the water tube and water rockets, puzzles, fire lighting, obstacle course, and the surprise activities - sumo wrestling and Gladiator-style jousting). The evening dinner was spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread and the weirdest pudding ever of pear, chocolate angel delight, wafers and swiss roll!! To round of the day Akela, and the two Baloo's (10th and 21st Romsey) ran a fabulous camp fire with new and old songs and everyone joining in with all the funny actions.

Sunday morning was a slightly later wake up time of 6.30... After breakfast the Scouts started striking camp while the cubs had some free. When ready everyone gathered in the middle of the field and sat in a circle for 'Scouts own', a time of reflection on the weekend and thinking of others around the world. Then it was time for bash the leader on the Gladiator Jousting! Every cub and Scout got their chance to bash the leaders and even Akela and Skip had a leader on leader bashing, the cubs will be happy to know that Akela won that round. With the end of the weekend fast approaching it was time to strike camp with the Scouts carrying on from earlier while parents helped with the cub tents. Some family games - including the parents v children tug of war - and the camp ended with a badge presentation, with hundreds of badges being given out to cubs and scouts.

A huge thankyou to all the Leaders that helped over the weekend, either staying there all weekend or coming out to run activities on the Saturday. The weekend would not have happened without them. A huge thank you as well to all the parents that helped with erecting tents, making meals, helping with activities and cleaning up the Scout Hall when we finished. Without this support the leaders couldn't run all the activities or the camp. Finally we said a sad goodbye to Akela and Raksha as this was their last camp before stepping down as cub leaders. We may have to keep them to their promise that they'll be back for more camps.

After the camp, one Cub wrote about her first group camp experience...

"I have just come back from my very first cub camp and it was amazing. My favourite bit was the camp fire because it involved singing with actions, the best song was the penguin one. I also liked the two scouts that I was sleeping with. They were called Alice and Megan. The scouts made a see saw. There were activities like sumo wrestling and pond dipping, we also made strawberry flan for everyone to eat at lunchtime. We also did tug of war and the children won one round and the adults won two rounds. At the end of the camp we had a badge ceremony and I highly recommend going." By Holly

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Explorers

Sadly our Crusaders Explorer Unit is closing at the end of this term. Following a rapid drop in numbers and less regular attendance by current members it has become very difficult to run activities that would give the Explorers a good experience. Current Explorers are encouraged to join one of the other nearby Units, which can provide a much better experience and wider range of activities than we are currently able to. Any Scouts reaching Explorer age can also join any other Unit in the District. Please contact John Evans or go to the Romsey District Scouts website for more information on Explorer units in the area - <http://romseyscouts.org/explorers.aspx>.

Our thanks to Mark and his team for the adventures they have provided, the activities they have arranged and the camps they have set up. Our best wishes to you all and we hope you will find new roles in other areas in Scouting.

Beavers

The Beaver Colony has had a busy term with several evenings out. Beavers, leaders and parents have enjoyed evenings of fun on Baddesley Common, the Hythe Ferry and pond dipping at Crampmoor (with a few wet toes on that outing!).

The next event that Beavers will be looking forward to is the Fun Day on 23 July. This was due to be held at Lockerley but the venue is being moved. Watch out for further information.

Village Day

It was far from ideal weather at the start of the day and fun and games trying to put up gazebos in the wind and rain, but what can you expect when you hold a village 'do' in the British summer! Luckily the weather improved and people ventured out to enjoy the activities and stalls laid out on the village recreation ground. Thanks to everyone who turned out to help despite the rain!

Fund raising

Thankyou to everyone that has donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to the group especially our mystery donors, Bill Sutton and someone from Manchester who found we were collecting via our website. We collected over 2,100 which are going towards new activity and cooking equipment and will hopefully arrive in time for the new term.

You will have had your Smarties tube and letter now. Our Scout Group uses all money raised to improve the Scout HQ and to provide the amenities and equipment needed to run a full and varied activities calendar for all sections. Much of the money used is raised by subs and hall hire but we would like to be able to do more. Please help if you can.

Waiting Lists

If you know anyone that would like to join the Scout group (both boys and girls aged 6 – 18 are welcome), they can mail their name, address, telephone number and date of birth to waitinglist@northbaddesleyscouts.org.uk or phone the Group Scout Leader on 07770 385881. See our website for more info: www.northbaddesleyscouts.org.uk.

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