



# The Fog Horn

Newsletter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maidenhead Sea Scout Group

## Hello!

If I haven't had the chance to say it already, I hope you all had a great summer and are back into the swing of things - these darker mornings are not a welcome return though!

We have already had our first two events of the term, Family Camp and the Boundary Walk - if you missed out then look on further in this issue for reviews from attendees - both were great fun and well not badly attended - but there's always room for more!

As mentioned in the last issue, we have many opportunities for everyone to get involved this term - Quiz Night, Fireworks and Christmas Fayre - please look out for the emails regarding these and add your names if you can take part or help.

Thanks in advance  
Wayne - GSL

## Family Camp

Thank you to everyone who came along to family camp - we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! For those of you who missed out, it was an action packed weekend with activities ranging from Climbing to Dragon Boating and from Rafting to races on the Assault Course. A huge thank you to Elizabeth Hogg and Elaine Stanley for feeding everyone! We've had really great



feedback so we're definitely planning to run one again next year - if you have a view on where you'd like to go, or when is the best time of year, please let your Section Leader know. Or why not get involved in organising the next one - we promise it's a lot of fun!

## Help Required

We have several small needs for help, if you or anyone you know are able to help - please get in touch.

### Kitchen Advisor / Fitter

We have recently received a grant to put towards a kitchen re-fit, but need someone to co-ordinate and design it - anyone able to help?

### Leaders/Helpers

We are in desperate need for an Assistant Scout Leader - Kevin cannot continue on his own, please speak to Kevin or myself if you or anyone you know could take on this or share with others on a rota basis.



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## Upcoming Social & Fundraising Events

**Firework Night - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** gates open at 6, bonfire lit at 6.30. Tickets are £2.50 in advance or £3 on the door which includes a hotdog and a hot drink. Always a great night - please bring a large firework to share with the group. A booking form is being sent with Foghorn, but you can also download one from the website, speak to your Section Leader or contact Catherine Oliver on [cdoliver@waitrose.com](mailto:cdoliver@waitrose.com)

**Christmas Fayre - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November.** Lots more information to follow soon! Offers of help to Rachel please - [rachel\\_volpe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rachel_volpe@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bag & Christmas Tree packing at Homebase - 3/4 December & 10/11 December** - a brilliant fundraiser for us last year and a lot of festive fun for everyone (young and not so young) who helped.

## Standing Orders & Gift Aid

Thanks to everyone who has set up Standing Orders - this will make all our lives much more straightforward. If you haven't yet done this, please email David Oliver at [cdoliver@waitrose.com](mailto:cdoliver@waitrose.com) and he'll provide you with any information you need. Please also sign up for Gift Aid, if you haven't already done so and are a UK taxpayer. Please speak to David if you need any more information, or again download from the website.

## Useful information

### *What to do if...*

- You need new uniform or equipment for your young person: *go along to the Scout Shop which is open every Thursday in term time from 7pm - 9pm at 19th Maidenhead Scout Hut, Holmanleaze Maidenhead SL6 8AW - just behind the Magnet. All the profits go back into Scouting and some come to 1<sup>st</sup> Maidenhead!*
- You want to hire the HQ, a marquee or tents: *for the hall, please contact Catherine Oliver, [cdoliver@waitrose.com](mailto:cdoliver@waitrose.com), 07717 753450. For the marquee or tents, please contact Bryan Barnard on 07899 791170 or [bryan.barnard@landyman45.org](mailto:bryan.barnard@landyman45.org).*

## Section Reports

### Beavers

Beavers are busy working towards badges. Jackie has decided to change her appointment, and become a warranted leader. Thanks Jackie.

Ariane Wilkinson, Xavier's mum, has been busy on our behalf publicising the Colony at St Pirans. We have already had 3 requests for places in January.

If any Mums and Dads would like to help, please put your name on the parent rota by the white board next to the door.



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Also if any parent has a job or hobby that they would like to talk to the Beavers about please see Jackie or myself.

Please try and support as many of our fundraising activities as you can, as it costs quite a bit to maintain and run the HQ and keep the equipment up to scratch!

Hawkeye

## Sea Cubs

We started off the term with few games and getting to know things again after our season at Longridge. Our new comers started on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, so more names for me to learn/forget/call some else!

The Sea Cubs have a packed term, completing the Project Africa Challenge Badge and even a chance for a Winter Camp!

Thanks in advance for your support!

Akela

## Scouts

The scout section has now returned to the HQ after completing the summer term at Longridge. We have a number of new members to the section moving up from cubs, from other groups and new members to Scouting. These new members will be invested shortly.

### Summer Camp

At the end of August the Scout section attended summer camp at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest. We were accompanied on the camp with 5 Scouts and a Leader from the 19<sup>th</sup> Maidenhead. All the Scouts took part in a mixture of fun activities and camping skills. These included the Mega-Climb, Swimming, Crate Stacking, Rifle Shooting, Abseiling and the Mega Zip Wire. Whilst at camp, we enjoyed a sunny day out at the Beaulieu Motor Museum, enjoying the monorail and Top Gear experience.





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During the camp, all the Scouts worked towards and gained a number of badges including the Adventure Challenge, Outdoor Challenge & Camp Cook Activity Badge. Well done to you all.

Many thanks to Wayne, Martin, David and Elaine for helping Scout camp run smoothly.

## Chief Scouts Gold Award

At the end of last term I was honoured to award Anna Wheeler with her Chief Scouts Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Scout member can achieve whilst in this section.

Following camp, I can also confirm that Marley Neville-Lister has also achieved this award. His presentation will be taking place shortly.

Congratulations to them both.



## Leaders

I am currently running the troop on my own and with over 20 members this can be challenging. If anyone is interested in helping with the Scout section on a regular basis, please contact me to discuss how you can help. I can't guarantee a huge salary but you might enjoy it!

Kevin

## The Outdoors Show [www.theoutdoorsshow.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsshow.co.uk)

Wayne has managed to secure a £5 price for tickets to The Outdoor Show held in January, plus those under 16 can get in for free!

Group booking sizes must be 7 or over - so if you would like to take up the offer and have a group of 7 or more, let me know and I shall send you the details.

Some of the older sections may wish to organise a trip for themselves.

## Swimarathon 2012

January seems a long way off, but it's never too early to plan for the Swimarathon - we need 16 Swimmers to swim in a rota bases for 55mins on the 7<sup>th</sup> Jan at 11am - please let me know if you are able to - sponsor forms available from me or on the website.

Wayne

## **Dates for your Diary**

15 October Family Quiz Night - **Group**

3<sup>rd</sup> November Firework Night - **Group**

27 November Christmas Fayre - **Group**

3/4 December & 10/11 December Bag packing at Homebase - **Group**

7<sup>th</sup> January Swimarathon - **Group**