



The Fog Horn

Newsletter of the 1st Maidenhead Sea Scout Group

Welcome to the Summer Edition of our regular newsletter of past events and heads up for the future ones!

I am pleased that all sections have been out and about in the past few months - making good use of the sunshine, long evenings and fair weather activities arranged - welcome to Jackie our new Beaver helper!

Please remember, we have numerous fund raising opportunities coming up - with your help they could be easier and more fun, please sign up for one if you haven't already.

Wayne

Family Fun Day & AGM

Thanks to everyone who came on May 15th - we hope you all enjoyed the BBQ and the water activities as well as the chance to catch up on what's been happening over the year & to hear the thoughts of the District Commissioner, Nigel Bevan. The minutes are now on the notice board at the HQ and on the website (www.1stcubs.org). If you'd like a copy, just contact Catherine Oliver.



Many thanks go to Irina Woodford who has now stepped down from the committee for her input over the past year. Your Leaders and other committee members are staying on for another year at least - see contact details at the end of Fog Horn - but it would be great to get some new people involved - if anyone would like to join the committee or help out with a Section, we'd love to hear from you.

Fundraising Update

As you have probably noticed, we've had a few opportunities to raise funds for the group recently so thanks to all of you who have already helped - or have offered to. A bit of your time makes a huge difference to the group and to the opportunities we can give our young people.

Last weekend Bryan Barnard led a sterling band who directed car parking for the Maidenhead Boys & Girls football 6 a side tournament. Thanks to their tremendous efforts, we raised £400 for the group.

This weekend we're putting up tents for Burnham Grammar at Longridge on **Sunday 10th July from 6pm** - if anyone is able to come and help that would be great (many hands make tent poles light work...)

Finally, (for now!), we're car washing at Homebase on **Sunday 17th July from 9.30am to 4.15 pm** - if you can help for any of that period (and don't mind getting a little bit wet) then please let Catherine Oliver know (cdoliver@waitrose.com).



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Upcoming Social & Fundraising Events

Family Camp - 17th/18th September at Longridge: we'll be camping out for one night & there'll be a host of fun activities for the whole family. Watch out for the details and booking form which will be coming your way this week. The camp is the first weekend after the section meetings resume following the summer break, so book your place now!

Maidenhead Boundary Walk - Sunday 2nd October: a great way to get fit, have fun and raise money. Walk up to 13 miles round Maidenhead following the route of the old Boundary stones. More information to follow...

Family Quiz Night - Saturday 15th October: doors open 5.30 and quiz starts at 6. We'll be sending out booking forms after the Summer break but keep the date free as it's going to be a lot of fun for the whole family.

Firework Night - Thursday 3rd November

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 27th November

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 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. More than a quarter of parents haven't completed a gift aid form and if everyone signed up we could get up to an extra £1000 a year back from the taxman - and you may be able to reduce your own tax bill! David Oliver will shortly be emailing a copy of the form to anyone who is not yet signed up, so if you can, please complete and return it. Please speak to David if you need any more information.

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 1st Maidenhead!*
- You want to hire the HQ, a marquee or tents: *for the hall, please contact Catherine Oliver, cdoliver@waitrose.com, 07717 753450. For the marquee or tents, please contact Bryan Barnard on 07899 791170 or bryan.barnard@landyman45.org.*



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Section Reports

Beavers

The Beavers have had a busy term with lots of varied activities and several badges gained.

We have walked to Cookham, gaining our Hikes Away 1 badge and had a Pirate Sleepover, although sleep was not on the agenda for long! The 18th Beavers joined us for this, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all who helped. Most who attended gained their nights Away 1.

We've learned about keeping safe, done sand painting, tie dying, done a quiz round Ray Mill Island, Climbing at Longridge, and before the end of term will return to Longridge to do Bell Boating. Our last meeting on 21st July will be a party/BBQ depending on the weather.

Have a great holiday, and see everyone back in September on the 15th.

Hawkeye

Cubs

Well, summer has well and truly arrived when we hit Longridge for the term's Water Activities. The Cubs have got wet every week and left with smiles!

Kayaking and Canoeing seem to be the current favourites - with the use of the Kayak Chute; Kayaking seems to be slightly ahead. There is plenty more to come, ending with the annual Parent / Cub BBQ and Water Race!

We have just returned from a fantastic camp in the New Forest, good weather, good help and good moods!



Enjoy your summer!



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Scouts

As we are now in the summer term, the scout section has now decamped to Longridge in Marlow and we will remain here to the end of the summer term. The Scouts are enjoying a number of water based activities including, Bell Boating, Kayaking, Canoeing, Sailing and the old favourite Pulling! They have also tried a new activity of Orbing, which I am sure is like being a hamster! They have also taken part in climbing and Jacob's ladder.



The planning is complete for this year's summer camp being held from Saturday 21st to Friday 26th August at Ferry Crofts in the New Forest. This will be a mixture of fun activities and camping skills.

Sailing: after two years of Wednesday night sailing some of the Scouts (Ella V, Ella G, Anna, James, Hattie & Holly) helped make up the team that took place in last weekend's Thames Challenge regatta held at the sailing club. The two teams came in 1st & 4th out of 12 teams. This is a fantastic result for the Scouts with them making up half of the two teams. Full details can be found checking this web link:



<http://www.maidenheadsc.org.uk/main/news-topmenu-57/165-thames-team-racing-challenge-2011>



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Explorers

The Explorers have been enjoying the Water Activities at Longridge for the past few weeks - a trip to Marlow, through the Lock added to the excitement.

Plans for the Summer Expedition are now in place - basic is the key word, plus one group completing their Silver practice hike and another working on their Bronze skills - navigation, etc.

Dates for your Diary

W/c 18th July - last Section meetings for this term - **All**

6-13 Aug Summer Camp - **Explorers**

20-27 Aug Summer Camp - **Scouts**

W/c 12 September - 1st Section meetings of the autumn term - **All**

17/18 September Family Camp - **Group**

2nd October Boundary Walk - **Group**

15 October Family Quiz Night - **Group**

3rd November Firework Night - **Group**

27 November Christmas Fayre - **Group**

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

Leader Team & Key Contacts

Group Leader: Wayne Davie

Explorers: Bryan Barnard

Scouts: Kevin Stanley

Cubs: Wayne Davie

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Have a fantastic Summer everyone!