

Group News September 2014



Climbing, crate stacking, mountain biking, kite flying, rounders, canoeing, windsurfing, sailing, camping, Zumba in onesies, campfire cooking, BBQ, shelter building, wide games, orienteering - just some of the activities we have been up to over a fabulous summer term.

We had a great time at Scouttastic along with 2,000 other scout members from the County. We even had our very own fun fair on the Friday night and a weekend of non stop activities:- inflatable assault courses, zip wires, bucking broncos, high wires, crafts and so much more.

In June we had our annual family camp at Walesby with family and friends of guiding and St John's. There were 120 of us - a really enjoyable weekend - the highlight was the It's a Knockout event on Saturday - hopefully there is no photographic evidence! Also in June the scouts took part in the Yorkshire Rose Challenge event. A fantastic setting. We were camped on the grounds in front of Wentworth Woodhouse.



We had non-stop rain on the Saturday but it didn't dampen our spirits and we were rewarded with full sunshine on the Sunday.

September is here and scouting is back in full swing and we have lots planned for this coming term. Please get involved where you can. Scouting is for everyone.

Saturday 6th September

On **Saturday 6th September** the History society are re-enacting an event that took place in the village 100 years ago before the start of WW1. A group of 80 young men were sworn in to join up at St John's Rooms and then they paraded through the village to the station.

The ceremony will take place at St John's Rooms at 3:30pm followed by a parade through the village starting about 4:15pm. All scouting members are invited to attend - but families are invited to take part too, to commemorate 100 years of WW1. There will also be lots of displays, talks etc taking place in the village hall from 10am onwards. Please call and have a look - you may not get the opportunity again.

It would be great if we could have a really big turn out to show the support of our local community for all those who have fought for our country in past wars.

Rumour has it that Look North might be paying a visit to the parade too!

T-Shirts

We have really stood out from the crowd this year in our group t-shirts. During the autumn term they can be worn under the uniforms and when we go out on district events and camps the t-shirts and hoodies can be worn. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt or hoodie please complete the order form in the rack and pass it to your section leader with the payment. It is not compulsory for you to have the group

clothing and if required on events we are happy to lend t-shirts – but they don't cost a lot and they do look great!
Don't forget to put your child's name in and to return any that they have grown out of.

Website

www.11throtherhamscouts.org.uk Following a glitch with the website it is now back up and running and we have started to add lots of scouting photos. To view the photos and other group information you will need to register (if you had a log in before you will need to re-register) Your log in will be checked against the email records we have on file for you and you will be sent an activation link. If you do not log in you will only have access to the same information that the public can see.

Email webmaster@11throtherhamscouts.org.uk.
With any photos you would like to share

Football Competition

Fancy winning a table football? Then enter a competition taking place at the village hall on Saturday 11th October from 10am. Call Kevin on 773348 to enter or email kevin@kivetoncreative.co.uk Cost is £1 - all ages

New Build Funds

We are still raising money for our proposed new build - but we have a long way to go. Have you had a look at the drawings in the scout hut? We hope to give you a full update on the progress at the end of October. Meanwhile if you are able to help with any fundraising we would really appreciate it. Please share with your contacts - it is surprising who will help if you ask.

We are planning another Race Night in November and a Talent Show in January. If you feel that you can help to run either of these events we would really appreciate it. Please get in touch with Sue.

Mile of Pennies

We have counted up all our pennies - and have almost reached our mile. We need 84,480 pennies to make a mile - so far we have collected 74,278 - so we are almost there! Please save your loose change if you can. Please ask friends and neighbours too. Can you have a collecting jar at work? We have labels and collection boxes available.

Sunday 12th October



Can you play a musical instrument? Do you like to sing, dance or entertain? Then we need your help to put together our District Christmas Celebration event. Please come along to our rehearsal on Sunday 12th October at Herringthorpe United Reform Church - 1pm-5pm.

Fundraising Website

Have you had a look at this website? It is such an easy way to raise money for the group. Please give it a try. Just register on www.easyfundraising.org.uk and type in 11th Rotherham Scout Group, then whenever you shop on line just go through the easy fundraising website and they will credit the group with some money. There are lots of offers and competitions on there too. Please tell your friends and relatives. An easy way to raise funds – please spread the word. All money raised helps to subsidise camps and activities for all members. We will be emailing more information about this in the coming week – so please take a look. The find and remind toolbar is great.

100 CLUB

The 100 Club has had a number of winners since it started - all names are on our website www.11throtherhamscouts.org.uk. If you would like to take part in the monthly draw, the application forms are in the scout hut or available on the website. A payment of £12 for the year will give access to 12 monthly draws and this can be paid either by cheque or cash. The

winner will receive half of the income received for that month - the rest will go in to group funds. Currently we only have 36 members - it would be great if we could get it to 100! For anyone who joined up for the year last September, you will need to renew before this September.

The Recycling Factory

We are still collecting inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges and for recycling. We can receive between 20p and up to £3.60 for Canon, HP and some Epson and Brother Cartridges. Please check the website www.therecyclingfactory.com to check which ones are eligible. Collect a freepost envelope from the rack which has our barcode on, drop them in the post and they will be credited to our account.

Sunday 5th October

All scouting members (and families) are invited to take part in a re-dedication service at the old Colliery Office on Sunday 5th October. The rare war memorial (only 1 of 2 in the country still in their original locations due to the re-development of most former collieries) has been restored thanks to a Heritage Fund Lottery. The scout band will be playing and there will be a short service at 10:30am. The memorial stone is there to preserve the memory of the colliery men who sacrificed their lives in WW1.

Chief Scouts Awards

Congratulations to the following people who have recently achieved their Chief Scouts Awards - the highest award in their section.

Scouts - the Gold Award - Brandon Leo

Flower Festival

Take some time out, have a coffee and enjoy the flowers at the Flower Festival in St John's Church over the weekend of 12th-14th September. All local groups have put on a flower display based on the theme of anniversaries. It is amazing what local talent we have in the community.

Contact



Please make sure we have the correct information for you and your child on file. It is important that we can always get hold of you in an emergency and that we are aware of any medical issues that concern your child. Please see a leader at the start or end of a session in September to check and sign our records.

To contact Sue (Group Scout Leader) about any of the above matters or anything else scouting related, please email suebass@live.co.uk or phone 07974308479.

Subs

Subs are due please for this term. Please pay cash or cheque for £30 in September. Cheques are payable to 11th Rotherham Scout Group. Alternatively you can complete a standing order form to pay £7.50 monthly, available from the rack.

Family Services

These take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month and all scout members are encouraged to attend in full uniform. The service starts at 11am and finishes about 12. The next service is Sunday 14th September.

Shoebboxes

Once again we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child in sending shoeboxes to children across the world who are not likely to receive any gifts this xmas. We would welcome any donations of toiletries, stationery, gloves etc. Please take a look at the leaflet in the scout hut or visit <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk> for more information.

We will be taking the shoeboxes up to the shoebox service at Church in October.

We welcome any ideas, feedback, constructive criticism and praise!

**MAKING EVERY DAY
AN ADVENTURE.**

