

1st Wychwoods Scout Group.

Over the last few months both Cubs and Scouts have been up to their usual badge and award work. The Cubs took part in the District Sports Day where all who attended gained badges. They also attended the District Cub Camp at Heythrop park in June, which this year I organised. The 60 boys that attended all had great fun exploring the woods, making fires, playing games and gaining at least one if not two badges. On the Saturday night we had the usual camp fire which was a great success and on the Sunday we finished off with an assault course including a balance beam, a cargo net and an egg and spoon. The weather was very kind to us which helped make it a very enjoyable camp for all.

The Scouts have also been camping a lot since the end of June with the longest camp being the week's summer camp in Essex. The Camp was an international Jamboree with over 5,000 campers coming from 26 countries. The activities which were organised for us by the service team were excellent. These included sailing, climbing, wind surfing, and its a knockout, barn dancing, an international awareness village and loads more. We attended the camp as part of a District Contingent of 28 boys, 1 girl and 11 leaders, 10 of the boys coming from our troop. It was an experience not enough young people get, with all who went having a brilliant time.

Since the summer we have started up again with a full programme, 24 Cubs and 14 Scouts. However our Assistant Scout Leader has decided to have a break from Scouting for a while so we are now down to just two uniformed leaders. I have been told by the District Commissioner, that we cannot carry on like this for much longer without more uniformed help. If you are interested in helping us please phone me on (01993) 830221 or the Group Chairman, Roger Hollingdale, on (01993) 830743. We all have a great time and without your help one section may have to close.

Yours in Scouting, Adam Scully.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD EVERGREEN CLUB

Shipton Evergreen Club have now finished their 1996 programme with the Annual Church Service. This year friends from Leafield, Burford and Enstone joined in the Service and the tea in the Parish Hall afterwards.

Prior to this, Milton Evergreen Club joined in the Harvest meeting, when The Entertainers from Minster Lovell gave a very enjoyable and varied programme and "a good time was had by all".

The next gathering will be on Wednesday January 15th 1997, for the Party.