

1st Wychwoods Scout Group.

I always seem to start these reports off the same way, by saying, "As usual the Cubs and Scouts have been very busy over the last few months". Sorry but it's true, we never seem to stop. The youngsters have great fun and always ask for more activities to be organised for them. With more adult support this would be possible, so please give me a ring if you feel you would like to help with some activities like the ones mentioned below, or help on the Thursday nights with one or other section.

Along with the usual evenings work both Cubs and Scouts have done quite a bit over the weekends. The Cubs have been very sporty with us coming second in the overall trophy for the athletics day. However all the boys gained at least one badge from doing the very best at things like the long jump, high jump, 50 metre sprint and loads more including a 1,000 metre run. As it was a hot day I ran the first 600 metres with them to try to keep the pace steady – no chance the kids sprinted off and nearly killed me trying to catch up and slow them down. There is always a fun 4x50 metre relay race at the end to give the scorers a chance to get finished. We entered four teams and our teams came first, second, third and fourth out of thirteen teams.

We have also had the District six-a-side football tournament at Charlbury. We had only one practice evening. Thanks to Anthony Hemmings and Steve Cuthbertson for their excellent coaching, which the boys enjoyed. Unfortunately I had to work on the Saturday so I did not see the whole tournament, just the last five minutes of the final. The two teams were both from the Wychwoods. First, second and third from our three teams in that competition.

We have also spent a Sunday at Kingham Hill School using the swimming pool and also having a game of rounders. The two hour swim was great fun and the burgers cooked so well by Sue Channon and Julie Hemmings were just what we needed after an exhausting game of rounders.

The Scouts have also been doing things at the weekends. We have had the District Pioneering Day where the Scouts learnt all about knotting and lashings and the care of rope. Also we have just started up the District Patrol Leaders Council (D.P.L.C.) which is where all the Patrol Leaders in the District get together to have their say in what we do and also to learn things about leadership and taking control. A good day was had by all with a lot gained from it by both Scouts and Leaders.

Our tents also helped keep the Tall Trees fete goers dry through the downpours in Shipton in June.

Thanks to Paul Carrington and Ian Conder for taking out Scout Leader Warrants over the last few months. We now have two leaders in both sections yet there is still more room for any others. We are going to be busy over the next few weeks as well, with the County Camp taking place at Cornbury park from the 18th to the 20th of July. We are taking thirty boys from our group with about 3,000 taking part in total. Also the Scouts are going on the annual summer camp, this year to Blackwell Court in Bromsgrove. A report on both these camps will be in the next issue.

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