

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wychwood Scouts are Back

There had been a lot of interest in re-starting the Scout group in the Wychwoods and last Saturday we put it to the test. Doors at the school were opened to any family wishing to experience a Scout meeting.

We had a good flow of interested families, many entering with dubious expressions but leaving full of enthusiasm. By the end of the morning we had signed up around forty youngsters between the ages of 6 and 10, enough to potentially start a Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack.

My concern was always that we would get the youngsters but not the parents to support us. Well the parents did not disappoint and we have hopefully signed up enough to get things going. It was our intention to start the group off with experienced leaders from within the District with local helpers and then to train our local team up to eventually take over. It looks like we have that core we were looking for.

Now the fun begins. We have to reinstate the group. It will again be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wychwoods Scout Group and we need to



sort out the evenings and times for the sessions; confirm venues, check clearances of new helpers and loads more.

All in all it was a great day and I was very pleased with the response from the villages. Our target now is to start the sessions after Easter - so no pressure! I would like to thank those families who came along and showed interest. It has been 21 years since the original group closed, a lot has changed in the mean time, but the future looks bright.

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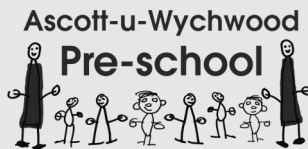
**Chris Trotman - Group Chairman**

## Easter Family Fun at Ascott Pre-School

Come and join us for our Easter holiday **Family Fun morning** incorporating the official opening of the new outdoor play area by a 'special guest!'

Ascott-under-Wychwood Pre-School, **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 12 noon.**

In addition to the fun to be had in the new, lottery-funded play area, there will also be a bouncy castle and a variety of toys and activities to keep everyone



amused. Delicious refreshments will also be available.

Staff and children at the pre-school are thrilled with their new outdoor space

and can not wait to show it off. So join in the fun on April 5<sup>th</sup>

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