

Merry Christmas

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from all
members of the Group
Executive and all Leaders.**



1st Olney Scout Group Newsletter

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Hello and Welcome

Time for another newsletter again. I apologise to those members who did not get the previous version, if you require a copy then let me know, and I shall print off a copy for you. Well this month we have feedback from some of the Cubs on Sixers and Seconders day, and a feedback from Tricia (Busy Beaver) from Sierra Leone. We have appeals for support during Dickens of a Christmas. We have feedback from Remembrance Service.

Mark (Cub Scout Leader / Editor)



Patricia Ann Sweeting

Gone Home

As many of you know I got engaged to Audrey, earlier on this year, and it is with regret that I have to announce the death of Patricia Sweeting (Audrey's mother). Audrey's mum was heavily involved in the Scouting community. I thank you on behalf of the Sweeting Family for all cards and kind messages of sympathy that you have given.

Mark

Sierra Leone

We're back. As this is a Scouting newsletter, I'll just let you know what happened with relevance to scouting. It began with me making some comment on the plane while we were on a one and a half hour stopover in the Gambia, which made the gentleman in the seat in front of me turn around and inform me that he was the Chief Scout of Sierra Leone.

Oh yes, I had also mentioned to Rena Partridge that I'd like to make contact with the Scouts locally.

We arrived midnight Friday / Saturday. Saturday, before lunch, we were at Newton with Scouts parading up and down in front of us all. In the afternoon 2 of us were taken up to the International Scout camp site at Grafton by two of the morning's participants. It was once a lovely site but is now a shade of its former self. The rebels destroyed many of the buildings. Even the main hall had no shutters at the windows. What hadn't been destroyed, had been stolen. It is, however, still functioning as a camp site, with an on site warden to try and protect what is left. He also keeps a dozen or so pigs which he took us to see.

Each day after that we either had a phone call or a visit from someone in the scout movement, culminating in a hike on Friday afternoon.

The other two went on the five mile hike BUT Glenn and I went on the six mile something. At one point I was bent in half moving along, then apparently we were 'dancing' and finally we were jogging down the main road to Freetown. The heat was hot, the way was long and I am not in the prime of my life. It was a sight to behold, many joined us and others cheered us on our way. Please do not expect to see me moving faster than a walk anywhere in Olney - it is not what I do!

Well, I was off my food from then until I got back to Old Blighty. We did see the Scouts one final time on the ferry to the airport, we dissuaded them from going all the way to the airport with us.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Scout section who came joint first in the District Cooking Competition.

Elliott Stenson for taking part in the Junior Great North Run (4km) raising money for Leukaemia research

Diary Dates

December 2003

6th December
Dickens of a Christmas (All)

13th December (S)
Bag Packing

21st to 23rd December (S)
Bag Packing

January 2004

5th January 2003

Sections start back (All)

25th January

District Cub Scout Quiz (CS)

Remembrance Day Parade

The leadership team would like to thank all members of the Group that attended the Parade on Remembrance Day. The turn out was excellent, the standard of dress was good. The behaviour was excellent. The leaders were proud of you all, you did yourselves and the group proud. Very positive feedback from the general public. Well done and thank you.

District Night Hike

Well what can I say. The start of the week I was worried, I thought we were only going to have 8 Cubs at the Hike. Tuesday night phoned around to try and get some more, only one or two extra names. Then came the Friday night, I had 18 cubs and 5 Scouts. I was shocked. I am pleased to say that we had the best turn out from the District. I must thank all parents that also supported me, by either walking or doing the catering. It was much appreciated by all. The entry money that we charged has been donated to Children in Need. Thank you once again. See you all next year

Kingsmill Free Kit for Clubs.

Don't forget we are still collecting Kingsmill tokens, please ask friends and family for their tokens. When we start to receive tokens we can then decide what we want.

Ink Cartridges and Mobile Phones.

We have raised £50.00 for the Group. Please ensure that you pass your cartridges onto your son's leaders, and please don't leave them on the side. Please encourage your work to pass them onto us.

The purpose of the trip was not Scouting, but the Scouts certainly did make us feel very welcome. Also visited Scout HQ, bought 4 badges and got an African copy of Scouting magazine, but that's another story.

Tricia Selwood

Fun at the Sixers's and Seconders's day.

At Sixers and Seconders day we did loads of fun activities, with other scout packs from the district. The activities included, air rifle shooting, a water assault course and an activity that involved making a kind of telescope.

Air Rifle Shooting

At the air rifle shooting we had to shoot at a target, I found it really hard to get it on the target, but I still thought it was good fun. The person who taught us was really good and nice.

Water Assault Course

It was really fun because we all get really wet. On one bit we had to walk over a climbing frame without touching the floor with our feet, I found it really hard.

The only thing that didn't go to plan was the computer work. Some of the equipment didn't work properly.

The weather was really good, which made it even more fun. I can't wait for the next one!

Jack M

Sixers and Seconders Day
Saturday the 18th of October 2003 at the Quarries

On Saturday the 18th of October all Sixers and Seconders of 1st Olney Cub Scouts were invited to join others from our district at the Quarries for fun and activities.

This was a busy day for me as I attended swimming lessons first, where I swam 800 meters.

When I arrived I was just in time for flag break which was taken by Gary Staff our District Commissioner.

Our first activity was a game hunting coloured cards; this was followed by a talk about the responsibilities of being a Sixer or Seconder. We then set about pretending to be a scout leader and wrote up an agenda for four weeks of pack meetings.

After lunch I joined in a Jamboree on the airways, I also learned some Morse code and the phonetic alphabet. Then came my favorite activity, Air rifle shooting (I scored my best total ever, 34 points). The rest of the afternoon was filled with Map and Compass, Tent Pitching, a Water Challenge and also we made Star Gazers. Finally I finished off with some Computing where I earned my IT badge.

At the end of the day my Mum and Dad whisked me off to a friends house where we partied all night.

Phew! What a busy day!

James W

Subscriptions

Please note that subscriptions will be due the first week back in January. Please ensure that subs are placed in the sealed down envelope with yours son's name on it. The current rates are £20.00 per term (£25.00 if they have moved into a new section). Please note that it is important that they are paid promptly due to the membership fees being due in January.



STANTONBURY BRASS

PRESENTS

A
"CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION"
AT

CHURCH OF
ST PETER AND ST PAUL
OLNEY
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2003
AT

7:30PM
GUESTS : MILTON KEYNES MUSIC
SERVICE GIRLS CHOIR

WINE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Tickets - Tel 01234 713464 (or at the door)
£5.00 (£3.00 OAP's/ Students, children under 11 free)

Stantonbury Brass would like to thank Olney Scout
Group for their help with this concert

