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Newsletter December 2006 (For the latest news look to the website)

December is here and the end of a very active 2006 for the scout group. 2006 has been exciting for me since I became group leader once more and have had the privilege of working with our leadership team and young people as they tackled many challenges at personal, group, district and even national levels.

Our beavers have done extremely well considering that they have had to contend with changing personnel and the threat of closure on at least one occasion. They did us proud as we hosted the district football tournament and continue to brighten our days with their enthusiasm. Beavers continue to provide the cutsie factor at the Remembrance parade every year. We hope that in 2007 they can have another leader come forward so that the group can grow and flourish.

Ticehurst cubs are a full on group of marauders that have really made their mark, especially at the recent Autumn Camp. Several of them will be moving onto scouts at Christmas and making a similar impact there I am sure. The cubs fared well as the district football tournament at Rotherfield. One of our cubs has been selected to do the reading at the district carol concert this year. For the second year running it was one of the cubs that did the reading at the Remembrance parade in November. Camping out has been a relatively new experience for most of our cubs and during our camps this year the cubs experienced activities normally reserved for scouts only. Sadly with Darren and Lee moving on we are again looking for help in running the cub pack. Don't assume that Jim, Tony, Simon and Fran can do it all. Please give some time and everyone benefits.

Our Scouts have attended three major camping adventures in 2006, been part of a select group of scouts that were in the Queens enclosure of trooping the colour, visited the BBC, came second in the district football tournament, joined in the district hike and will end the year at the district wide game and carol service with over 1500 other beavers, cubs and scouts. More is to come for these youngsters next year.

In 2007 we hope to add explorers to the fold as a unit will be formed for those 14-18 year olds that have the spirit of

adventure in them. We are incorporating the Duke of Edinburgh scheme into the explorer programme and hope that they enjoy more high power activities to follow on from the scouts.

Our supporters and committee (that's parents too!) are really needed in 2007 more than ever. We need to raise a huge amount of money for a new scout hut. Please contact Steve Evans for Details. More immediately though are the December events.

2007 is a packed year so watch out for news of camps, and centenary activities.

Tony Thompson

Sunday 10th December 2006 at 2:45pm
District carol Concert -All Saints Crowborough

This is the only event on our calendar where the whole district gets together. We would like as many people as possible from the group to attend. One of our cubs will be leading prayers at the service.

Thursday 14th December at 6:30pm
Annual Review Scout Hut

This was a great success last year. We are offering an evening meal for only £5.00 adults (£3.00 children) There will be performances from all of the beavers, cubs and scouts and a sing song at the end too. Bring your relatives and own drinks please. (The scouts don't cook the food!)

Saturday 16th December at 9:00am
Christmas Fayre Village Square

Please can we have donations of raffle or tombola prizes, sweets and cakes. We hope to put up our mess tent showing the year highlights of the group activities to encourage more people to join in. After last year's success we are setting up our bacon butty cafe. We need help to run a few stalls and make the event a good one. Some carol singing is planned so extra voices are welcome too.

Last beavers for the year 17th December Father Christmas hunt at flimwell Woods 9:30am. New season 8th Jan 2007

Last Cubs for the year 19th December. New season on 9th January 2007

Last Scouts for year 14th December at annual review. New Season 11th January 2007

I/we would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the Ticehurst Scout group Christmas review and meal on 14th December 2006

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

- Adults at £5.00 each
Children at £3.00 each
Number of vegetarian or special dietary needs

