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## Newsletter July 2006

Summer is coming at a pace. July is the last month before we break for summer. The scout calendar does not end with school term and the cubs and scouts have their major camp annually at this time. Traditionally we try to spend as little time at the hut during July and this year is no exception. Look at the website for our summer activities.

September will herald more change for the group. Jed and Aileen move on as Jed starts his university placement. They have done a terrific job with our beavers this year and we will miss them. As yet nobody has stepped into fill their boots.

The autumn season will mark the run up to the 2007 centenary celebration for scouting. 100 years ago Baden Powell started the scout movement as we know it. Our scouts will be part of the 100 year celebration with special events and camps. Our summer camp next year will be at Martlets alongside around 2000 other beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers with a bold venture to have the whole county at one time camping at the Loughton showground's site. A video presentation will be available next term.

The AGM saw the appointment of a new exec committee (more below) welcome all. The AGM was a great success with cubs being invested and a great barbeque.



We are looking for new leaders for the beaver colony when Jed takes up his new position at university later this year. So if you know someone that would be interested in getting involved (that means you too!!) then please let us know. Our beavers are full of life and the colony is already getting a good reputation in the district having successfully managed the district football tournament. In the meantime Jed and Aileen have done a cracking job running the section. If you have some time to simply help out then please don't step back help is always required. You don't always need to wear a uniform to get involved. Please contact Tony or the beaver leaders.

During July the beavers will be taking part in the scarecrow festival at Wadhurst, trampolining, creepy crawly and moth hunting as well as the usual games and fun.

## cubs

Presently Lee Perry and Darren Nicol are still being put through the authentication process and training to make the cub section better than ever. Cubs have been enthused by activities that go beyond pack nights. We have even more cubs now than ever and we are investing them as we go.

In July we have the cub football tournament, native American evening, rafting and sports day. At the end of the month the cubs are able to join the scouts at the Simpsons' Summer camp at Frylands Wood near Croydon – 29th July to 5th August. The cost of camp is £120.00 per person. If you do not have a joining form then ask or look on the website.

### Future events

District football tournament 2nd July  
District sports day Uplands School 22nd July  
District challenge day September



Summer is my favourite season for scouting. This summer we have rafting, hiking, and swimming on offer as well as the summer camp in the first week of August. This year we are extending the camp to cubs too. We are joining the Frylands Wood Adventure week at a cost of only £120.00 per person. If you don't have a joining form then ask or look on the website. The district soapbox derby was a terrific event. We built arguably the most unusual go carts for the event and were rewarded with a runner up position in the builder's competition. However our scouts were unable to catch up with the others during racing but didn't come last either. Well done to Elspeth, Sam, Robbie and Charlie for the effort. We hope to do even better next year.

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District football tournament 2nd July  
8-9th July County Colditz challenge  
29th July – 5th August summer camp Frylands wood  
3rd September East Sussex National golf day  
9th September District backwoods cooking competition

### AGM

Our AGM was well attended by cubs, scouts and parents alike. The barbecue and food went down well too. Our newly appointed officers of Steve (Chairman) and Taff (treasurer) make welcome additions to the crew. Later our new secretary was appointed during the eating outside welcome Fran Roberts. Thanks to all of our retiring officers – Simone, Jan, Alec, Karina. They have done a great job for us over the years and we are really grateful for all of their support. The AGM highlighted our greatest challenge to raise money for a new building for the scouts of the future.