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Welcome to new faces and welcome back to familiar ones. It's the 2006-2007 season of Ticehurst scout group. It promises to be another exciting year for us. We get off to a cracking start with our cubs and scout sections readying themselves for the Autumn activity camp to be held at Sheepstreet Lane Etchingham. Beavers get their old meeting day back and some new people to the team. We are still looking for a beaver leader so don't be shy. Join our group as a leader and help guide our young people. The autumn season seems to travel along far to quickly for my liking. No sooner are we back from summer camp than we are planning the new season and looking towards Christmas.

2007 is coming with its great importance for the scouting world 100 years of scouting will be plastered across all of our paperwork and press and media coverage will be maximised. Amazing change is predicted for the world of scouting. Perhaps the changes will be less significant for our small village group. After all the major change is the integration of girls into all sections, something that we did a long time ago. Outward bound activities will be pushed in the form of the Jamboree camps next summer and there will be special events throughout the year.

We will be offering our beavers, cubs and scouts the opportunity to experience just as many activities and events as last season but even better.

Scouts continue to be run by Jim and me but we are hoping to attract more helpers this year to expand our activities. We are focusing on camping, climbing and watersports and also repeating the successful Christmas show. Events include Autumn camp, Gilwell Winter Camp, Overland hike, Downs-

man hike, Mountain biking, Kayaking In Wales at Easter, and Martlets Jamboree in August 2007. We hope to fill our scouts logbooks with badgework, and awards.

Cubs with sound leadership from Lee and Darren will be taking off this season. Cubs are involved in many of the scouts activities but slightly less adventurous. Camping is open to the cub group too as well as swimming crafts and football. Badges are just as important this year to the cubs.

Beavers are at the moment without a main leader so we will be deputising for a while. However, we have two assistant leaders who are just waiting for another like minded person to join in. Beavers will take place at the hut on Monday evenings and provides a great environment for youngsters to find out about themselves and cooperate with others.

Explorers
For 14 to 18 year olds the Explorers provide a great way to continue scouting and also get involved with other like minded individuals. We hope this year to get explorers started in the Ticehurst, Wadhurst and Mayfield end of our District.

Summer camp
Summer camp for our cubs and scouts was a great event. Although only three cubs were able to join in there is no doubt that they joined in to the full on the camp. We had a great time meeting many other groups, travelled around London on trams, trains and buses and even met celebrities at the BBC We ate in chinatown. We swam, tried out giant inflatables, climbed, trampolined, played wide games, did archery, rifle shooting, took part in campfires, film nights and shows. Nearly everyone was

completely exhausted by the time we came home. The full story and pictures can be found on the website.

Don't forget all up to date information about the group and its activities can be found on the ticehurst website. <http://www.ticehurstscoutgroup.org.uk>. If you email us at info@ticehurstscouts.co.uk we add your details to our email list.

Tony Thompson
Group Leader

Diary Dates

5th Sept	Cubs starts 6:00pm
7th Sept	Scouts starts 7:00pm
9th Sept	Backwoods cooking competition (cubs and scouts)
11th Sept	Beavers starts 6:00pm
15th Oct	Mountain bike challenge Broadstone (scouts and explorers)
23rd Oct	Autumn Camp
12th Nov	Remembrance Parade
8th Dec	District wide Game (scouts)
16th Dec	Christmas Fayre
5th Jan	Winter camp Gilwell (scouts and explorers)
8th Jan	Beavers Starts 6:00pm
9th Jan	Cubs starts 6:00pm
11th Jan	Scouts starts 7:00pm
12th Jan	Explorers starts 8:00pm
28th July	Martlets jamboree Camp