

rho
sne.
sni
[SCOUTS]

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome to this special year for 1st Rhosnessney as we celebrate 100 years since the Group was founded.

We'll have lots of special events during the year and will be letting you know more about these soon.



HELLOS & GOODBYES

I'm sad to say that Russell Wyn Thomas, Assistant Scout Leader with the Troop for the last 8 years, has stepped down.



Russell has recently helped start up an Explorer Scout Unit in Coedpoeth, and this plus family commitments have meant that he can no longer commit to helping us regularly. He's remaining a member of the Group however and will be helping out occasionally when he has the time.

I'd like to say a big thank-you to Russell for the

huge amount of hard work he's put into the Troop while I've been Scout Leader. We wouldn't have been able to do anywhere near as much as we've done without him.

We're lucky though in that where one door closes, another one opens, and I'd like to formally welcome Sam Roberts who's joined the Troop as Assistant Scout Leader.

SUMMER CAMP 2010

I promised in the last newsletter that we'd send out details of summer camp before the end of term. I missed that target, though details have been on the website for a while and Scouts have been told.



We are still waiting for confirmation as we are going as a District, but here are the details we have so far...

What: Chamboree 2010 – a big international camp run by Cheshire Scouts.

When: Jul 31st-Aug 7th

Where: Cheshire Showground near Knutsford

How much: We're currently looking at a price of £180, but will let you know more details as soon as we know them.

Until then – please put the dates in your diaries.

NEW WAY FOR HANDING IN MONEY

Last term I asked for a volunteer from the parents to help collect any money for camps etc.

I'm pleased to say that Alice's mum Angela has stepped forward.



So, from now on, please see Angela to hand in any money at the start of Scouts. This includes subs.

Please continue to write your child's name and what the payment is for on the back of cheques, or on the front of envelopes containing cash.

Thanks to Angela for this help – it is already making a big difference.

BADGES AND AWARDS

Every term we feature a different Activity badge in this newsletter. Some of these badges can be earned in a Scout's own time.

One example is the **Photographer badge**:

If any of the Scouts can get an independent person to sign to say they have completed the requirements below, then we'll award them the badge.



Alternative A - stills

- Choose one of these two activities:
 - Produce twelve prints of photographs (negative or digital) taken by yourself covering at least two different aspects from this list: portrait; still life or similar; land or seascape; sport or similar; action; flash-gun; time-lapse photography
 - Produce six black and white photographs where you have undertaken some part of the processing.
- Choose one from the following two activities:
 - Show knowledge of the main functions of a film camera, including shutter speed, aperture, film speed, depth of field and lens focusing. Show knowledge of the main functions of a digital camera including resolution, digital compression and how these effect the final print.
 - Show knowledge of the types of removable memory available.
- Discuss the different types of camera and the accessories available.
- Choose one from the following activities:
 - Describe the process of developing black and white films and prints, including the use of an enlarger.
 - Describe the processes and equipment needed to produce prints from a digital camera, including the use of editing software.
 - Describe the processes and equipment needed to scan prints or negatives from existing photographs, including the use of editing software.
- Diagnose faults that occur both at the photographing or printing stages, such as over/under exposure and

high/low contrast. Explain the difference between camera shake and subject movement.
6. Demonstrate that you know how to care for a camera and accessories.

Alternative B - video

- Produce at least two short films from two of the following categories: documentary; music video etc; drama; situation comedy; advertisement; training film; environmental; community; current affairs.

A story board and script should be produced for each of these. The film can be edited 'in camera' or by using simple editing equipment.

- Discuss the following:
 - The main features and functions of a video camera, including zoom, focus, aperture, shutter speed, white balance and common tape formats.
 - Problems that may be encountered when using automatic settings and how these may be overcome.

- Show an understanding of the following:
 - Camera techniques such as panning, zooming, the use of close-ups, long shots, and the use of additional lighting.
 - Production techniques such as editing, how to avoid jumpy cuts, maintaining continuity.
- Demonstrate that you know how to care for a video camera and accessories such as tapes, batteries, microphones and lights.

LAST TERM

A busy time as usual last term with two camps, and plenty in-between.

We started the year with a big influx of new Scouts, which made it necessary to grow to three Patrols. Luckily we had a weekend planned which taught the Scouts teamwork and leadership skills and we were able to appoint three new Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders.



Our other camp was a weekend in Birmingham at Blackwell Adventure where we took part in a high ropes course, grass-sledging, go-karting and rock-climbing.

Also last term we had a health & fitness night, went golfing, held our second hobbies night, looked at global issues, had a candle themed night, held our own version of The Apprentice, had two nights on IT skills (thanks to those parents who lent us their laptops!) and went on a hike involving first aid scenarios.

FRASER & JORDAN GET GOLD!

Congratulations to Fraser & Jordan, our two former Patrol Leaders who moved up to Explorers last term.



They were presented with the Chief Scout's Gold Award by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Clwyd at a special awards ceremony last term.

Well done both – and something for the rest of the Scouts to aspire to.

SUBS DUE

Subs are now due and MUST be in by the end of January please. Bring in a cheque for £25 if you pay termly and hand to Angela as outlined overleaf.

Make cheques payable to '1st Rhosnesni Scout Group' and write your child's name and 'subs' clearly on the back.



1st Rhosnesni Scout Troop

www.clwydscouts.org.uk/rhosnesni

Update texts are sent regularly to parents we have mobile numbers for – if you don't get, text Moz

Scout Leader
David Morris ('Moz')
07779 272340
wxmmoz@googlemail.com

Assistant Scout Leaders
Rod March
Gethin Morris
Sam Roberts
Rebecca Alger

Group Scout Leader
Jim Butcher
07930 585943

Group Treasurer
Ursula Wyn Thomas
128 Cefn Road
Wrexham
LL13 9NR

