

Scouting

Salendine Nook Baptist Scout Group



January 2019

Well we are into a new year in all sections of the Group, so everything is back in full swing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered to help at the Elland Bonfire in November. There was a great turn out. I have received thanks from the Elland Roundtable, and a cheque for £400.

This is a great help in our fundraising, especially this year, when we have structural work to be undertaken at the Scout Hut that could cost in the region of £10,000.

If anyone has access to charitable funds etc. that we could tap into to help raise more money, please let me know.

We have been invited to help again with the bonfire in November, so if you are able, please put it in your diary - it will be November 2nd.

Thanks again for all that supported us in 2018.

Future Events

Activities for the Sections - this year looks as though it will be full of activities for the young people.

The Beavers and Cubs are planning a camp at Bradley Woods in the summer. In February the Scouts and Explorers make the annual visit to Wharfeside House in Kettlewell for the weekend - always a good event. The Scouts are also hoping to enter some teams into the 3 Peaks of Marsden Walk (about 10 miles above Marsden); a camp in May at Blackhills, and a weekend at Bradley Woods to tryout the new zip-wire. The Explorers will also be having hostel weekends in one of the National Parks.

Social Events - in the near future we will be having a couple of social events.

Curry Evening - this has been running for a few years. This year it will be held on Sunday 24th February, at Monsoon Tandoori Restaurant in Slaithwaite, 7:20pm for a 7:30pm start - cost £17 per person. Please book through the section leaders, or through John Nunn (junnnyorkshire@btinternet.com).

Quiz Night - another well received evening. There are questions for all ages, and families are welcome. This will take place on Saturday 23rd March at Longwood Mechanics. There will be refreshments, and a bar, but remember its a long way up Gilead Rd when you've had a few. Details will follow. There will be a raffle - so any donations of prizes for the raffle would be welcome.

There is a suggestion that we could have another event in September which will start earlier in the evening, and may be bingo and a beetle drive with

Dates for Your Diary

Group Executive Committee Meeting (Scout Committee)

The next meeting is on Monday 18th March 2019, 7:45pm for a 8pm start - Dusty Miller Pub.

"The Group Executive Committee plays a vital role in the running of a Scout Group. Executive Committees make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to young people in the Group."

We are pleased that some parents have started to regularly attend these meetings, however, we do not currently have any representation from the Beaver section. **It would be nice to have one parent from each section.**

Speak to any leader for further information, or to register interest.

Church Parades

- Sunday 3rd March - Promise Parade

Future Events

- Sunday 24th February - Curry Evening
- Saturday 23rd March - Quiz Night at Longwood Mechanics.
- Monday 25th March 2019 - "A Crawl down the Ogre" Extra. University of Huddersfield
- Saturday 30th March - Annual Litterpick - details to follow.

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Future Events

Litter Pick - 30th March 2019 - For the last 2 years a number of leaders and young people have taken part in the annual "Great British Litter Pick". We have collected litter from the piece of wooded land between Lindley Moor Road and the M62. We will be repeating this again this year. Any help would be gratefully received. See nearer the time for details. We do about two hours on the Saturday morning - you'd be surprised how much rubbish we collect.

Where does your subs go.

We are often asked where your monthly subscriptions go for your child. Each year, at the end of January, we have a census of members. This data is used to calculate how much each group has to pay to the Scout Association to fund the central, regional and district running of the organisation. It roughly works out that for each young person we have to send about £40. We are fortunate at our Church that we are not charged per session, but as a thank you we donate about £1000 to the running of the Church each year. This may sound a lot, but when you realise that we have three sections running each week, that isn't a lot per session - far below the commercial rates. That doesn't leave much left to run the sections.

I hope that you agree that your subs are well worth it - less than the price of a coffee a week!

Free Solo - last week 6 leaders went to the Square Chapel in Halifax to watch this film. It is about Alex Honnold who free climbs (without rope etc.). It goes through his planning to climb El Capitan, a mere 3200 feet without rope. We left the cinema, exhausted and with sweaty palms - how could anyone do such a thing! If you have the chance to watch it, don't hesitate. I will plan to show the DVD to the Scouts when it is released. Anyone would be welcome.

'A Crawl Down the Ogre' Extra - a talk by Doug Scott, Paul (Tut) Braithwaite and Clive Rowland about an epic adventure descending down the Ogre in the Karakoram, with multiple fractures. This is on Monday 25th March at the University of Huddersfield. Cost £15, with proceeds going to Community Action Nepal. Well worth attending.

We need your help!

We are grateful for the added support for our Cub section, but we are still would welcome any offers of help.

Both our Beaver and Cub sections are running on one warranted leader each, which means when they aren't available we cannot run a meeting.

What is needed? - parental help, anyone interested in becoming a leader, or any help with planning meetings or meeting ideas, etc., etc., etc. **Whatever you can do.**

Any organisational help for the group would also be welcome

Contact Andy Riley (GSL), any of the leaders, or contact me if you want any further information.



Church Parades 2019

As a uniformed organisation affiliated to the local Church we try to attend a number of Church Parades each year. In the past this was every month, but in recent years we have moved to 4-5 per year. We would urge everyone to attend at least a couple a year. We are heavily supported by the Church, and this is a way of thanking them for that support. The dates planned for 2019 are:-

- Promise Parade - 3rd March

Did you know that as members of the Scout Association you can get discount at some of the camping/ outdoor equipment shops. Leaders sometimes get a little more (perk of the job!!). I hope that the information is still current - it's worth a try - update me if you have a problem.

- **Cotswold Outdoors** – 20% discount for Leaders, 10% discount for members. To get the discount, simply show your appointment card or necker.
- **Blacks/Millets** – Offer a 10% discount for Leaders, show your appointment card/necker to get the offer!
- **GO Outdoors** – If your group uses Online Scout Manager, leaders can get an additional 15% discount and scout parents a 10% discount. Further details at <http://scouts.ritdns.co.uk/gooutdoors>
- **Mountain Warehouse** – Offer a 10% discount to Leaders and Scouts show your appointment card or necker, ask for the website discount code over the phone.

**Any comments/suggestions for items to be included please contact
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