

Winter 2011- 2012 News Letter

# Beavers Night with Santa !



**We may not have had a white Christmas this year but Santa still made it to Ramsbottom thanks to the East Lancashire railway .** The Santa Express arrived just in time to collect the

Greenmount Beaver Scouts on their hunt for Santa. Mr. Claus was last seen making haste in a northerly direction in an unlicensed vehicle laden with parcels and sacks accompanied by elves but not before

*Above : Jack, Paul , Rory , Ben & Callum*

he took the time to wish beavers "Merry Christmas" and ensure they had festive fun !

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**For those of you that have not heard the Scouts are venturing abroad this summer !**

Twenty Five Scouts plus 4 leaders are off to Switzerland . The traditional summer camp in the lake District has been put on "ice" for a visit to the International Scout Activ-

ity Centre, Kandersteg. The bus leaves Greenmount Friday 17th August for this week long alpine adventure. To support the event Scouts and their parents will be running a number of fund raising activities. Please support us if you can and help make this an event we are able to run again in the future.



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*Special points of interest:*

- Fund raising events for Switzerland Trip
- Car Wash Sat Feb 25th & Sat 28th Apr at the old School &
- Mothers Day Draw. Each section will get the opportunity to enter a draw for a bouquet of flowers
- Race Night 7.00pm 16th June St Anne's Tottington,, Bar , Pie and Peas . Children Welcome
- Morrison's Bag Packing Sat 31st Mar. Ramsbottom
- Adult volunteers needed for June 23rd or 24th . To help clean up after Marls pit Rawtenstall Relay for life

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# Annual Bonfire Sets Fund Raising Ablaze !

The 42th Annual Greenmount Bonfire , was yet again a roaring success. For those lucky enough to get one of the 3500 tickets sold to this exclusive all ticket event witness yet another phenomenal display of Fireworks courtesy of Graham Lord, Ramsbottom's District Commissioner for Scouting and pyrotechnic genius. (Of course has a badge for that ).

Big thanks to all those who came along to build the Bonfire itself on Saturday morning with the 4 Truck loads of wood delivered by C & C Re-cycling , for whom we are as always grateful for the support.

Of course not to mention the committee behind the scenes and the effort in building the stalls for Tom Bola , Raffles and all the other attraction running that evening.

As always the Village appetite outstripped demand and all the food was sold; bar two solitary bags of hot potatoes , we ate our way threw 2000 hot dogs , 25Kg of Black peas , 100Kg of Potatoes , 50 gallons of tea and coffee , 500 drink cartons .And that was just the Explorer Scouts .

Gary's wheel of fortune spun for all our visitors and the decision to make the event ticket only delivered a relaxed atmosphere to visit all the stalls and meet friends



*Just one Match ..... And a lot of hard work !*

and family.

The event made a profit and will allow the group to buy new equipment for 2012 and subsidies the subscriptions for all our Beavers, cubs and Scout .

## Looking Back on the Summer of 2011

13 Scouts took part in the annual one night "Young Camp - A day in the life of Summer Camp". The Scouts learnt how to setup a patrol camp with traditional Niger tents, dining shelters, fires etc. The afternoon was spent learning how to make camp gadgets and use knife and axe. They cooked a beef stew on the barrel fire. Sunday morning started wet, with breakfast being cooked

on the gas stoves, before laying out their kit and tidying the kitchen areas for the inspection. All aimed at giving them some of the skills needed for the week long Summer Camp in August. 5 older Scouts completed their Expedition Challenge badge walking from Greenmount to the Campsite carrying all the kit needed to camp and cook on their own on the overnight camp. Tea con-

sisted of pasta, sauce and Pot Noodles cooked on a Tangia. Sunday was spent walking back to Greenmount following a different route than the day before.

### Diary

- March 4th Church Parade
- March 30th Cub Winter Camp
- 31st march Beaver Sleep Over
- April 1st Church Parade
- April Adult weekend in Lakes ..walking before you ask
- April 22nd St Georges Day Parade
- May 4th to 7th Scout Viking Camp
- Ashworth valley
- May 6th Church Parade
- May 12th Pike View Hike Bibbys Farm , Cubs and Scouts .
- 5th June Village Jubilee Party
- June 16th Race Night St Anne's Church Hall—Fund Raiser for Kandersteg
- June 23rd& 24th Ramsbottom Dis-
- trict camp , Beavers Cubs & Scouts. Ashworth Valley
- 8th July Group walk to Ashworth Valley and BBQ
- August 17th to 26th Scout Summer Camp Switzerland.





## What happens to Beavers when they grow up ?

Well its hard to say , not much is known about the habits of this shy retiring creature. However a local wildlife photographer has managed to captured them in there natural environment.

Firstly they develop there out door skills



And Start to mature towards Adulthood. At this point they tent to gather in groups of 5 or 6 and spend long hours in canvers dwellings and cooking food that would generally would not edible to the adult of species . The they begin to learn and move up from Cubs Scouts .



Learning new Tricks and methods of Transport:-

Finally they settle down and build there



own home .



## Scouting And World Issues

**As part of their Global Challenge Award. The Scouts are learning about Global issues.** Looking at how conflict , disease and poverty affect the lives of millions of people less fortunate than ourselves. Whether it's the homeless on our streets or people thousands of miles away suffering because of events beyond their control .

We have chosen to support two charities Water Aid



We are therefore asking Scout to keep donating their spare 1p and 2p until we have filled a bucket for the " Spend a Penny " Campaign" to help developing countries with sanitation. And food parcels for homeless , Tins ,Dried food , and toiletries. For Porch Box a local Charity for the homeless.



## The Way They Were

Take a look at these guys , This picture is off the all new Web site !

[www.greenmountscouts.org.uk](http://www.greenmountscouts.org.uk)

Recognize any one ? They are all in Scouts still !! And not for much longer as they are getting close to deciding if they will move on to Explorers ?



**Recognized Anyone ?**

## Greenmount Scout Group

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[www.greenmount.org.uk](http://www.greenmount.org.uk)

The group has active Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.

The group caters for young people aged 6 - 14.

The Scouting sections are :-

Beavers 6 to 8yrs

Cubs 8 to 10½ yrs

Scouts 10½ to 14yrs

If you are older than 14 yrs , the group also works closely with The Ramsbottom explorer Unit with members up to 18 Yrs .

If you older than 18 !! ..... Then you are rare indeed please come and join us as a Leader , you'll find working with our young people rewarding and it will provide you the opportunity to learn new skills !



## Meet the Beavers



Beavers hold hands in a circle and we greet each other. If it has been someone's birthday, we all sing "Happy Birthday".

We then do an activity such as making something or an experiment and sometimes we have special people in to talk to us. If there's any time left in the hour we play games. At Beavers there's always plenty of games!

**Ellen The Beaver Leader invests new Beavers**

**Beavers is all about fun** and friends. We usually start the evening off with some softball football to use up some of the energy that most 6 and 7 year olds have.

We then 'gather logs' whereby all the



**Beavers Out On Night Manoeu-**



**Beaver Of The Week brings his own mascot to the nights action!**