

1st Norton on Tees Scout Group



THE MILLSTONE



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Welcome to your very own newsletter, here again after many years of hiding.

Previous copy's of the millstone date back to 1945 and we will be including some extracts from the millstone over the last 50 years.

In a group like ours, with a long, exciting history, we are this year celebrating our 100 years of scouting in Norton, so the Millstone hopes to keep you informed on what's happening in 1st Norton.

Any items of interest you may have to contribute to the millstone, please inform your section leader or email us (yes we do know a bit on technology).

We hope to have around 4 or 5 issues a year so please give generously.

Enjoy reading!!

The Explorer Scouts.

What is yellow and stupid?

Thick custard.

What's green and goes camping?

A Boy Sprout



Brain Teaser

How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about this paragraph? It looks so ordinary that you would think nothing was wrong with it at all and, in fact, nothing is. But it is unusual? Why? If you study it, and think about it, you may find out, but I am not going to assist you in any way, you must do it without coaching. No doubt if you work on it, it will dawn on you. Go to work now and try your skills. Par is about half an hour.

The answer is on our group website:

www.1stnorton.co.uk



THE RUN OF THE MILL

The Group Scout leader

Hi everyone, and welcome to the first edition of the newly resurrected Millstone.

Hopefully it will be produced about 4 or 5 times a year. It will bring you news & information about the group. It will also inform you of fundraising events and section leaders contact numbers.

The task of producing the millstone was one given to the older scouts and I am delighted it has come to fruition in this special centenary year amidst other celebrations.

Input is not only for section leaders or boys & girls, It is for parents too. If you enjoyed a bingo evening, bowling or even fence erecting please put pen to paper and tell us your story.

If you were a member yourself when you were younger share your experiences with the members of today. Well done scouts, and keep up the good work.
Margo, GSL

The Cub Leader



I found a photo the other day going back to 1934. How many cubs have come through the pack since then? I bet Blue Smoke could go back even further, if you know anybody who might have some old photos we would love to see them.

Now, Blue Smoke of today, We have four people who do Blue Smoke, Sheila Lambert ACL, Matthew Ness helper, Margo Ness GSL and myself Geoff Ness CL.

We now take girls into the pack, we have ten boys and one girl in the pack. Two boys have gone into scouts. The cubs learn how to wash clothes, clean up (how else will you manage when you leave home or go to university!). Boys who have been in the cubs have told us if it had not been for cubs "I wouldn't have been able to !". We do a lot of badge work, we have outdoor activities and we go camping in tents, so come and join the cubs we meet on Tuesday nights 6:00-7:30. That's all for now, Akela - Geoff

Mill maintenance

This coming year will see many visitors to the mill H.Q. So the need for maintenance will be higher than ever. With the list of many jobs to be done, If you are keen to help please contact us, we will be having a few Saturday working days, dates TBA, but do please contact us, John Trotter.

The Scout Leader



Welcome back,
The millstone has been a part of 1st Norton for a lot of years off and on, but this year our anniversary year (I gather you know that by now) is going to be memorable for all involved in 1st Norton. I do hope this year will have many long lasting memories to take to the next generations of scouts as we remember our great history.

As leaders we are passing on our love of Scouting. Scouting has seen many changes in my years from a scout to a leader. The development of young people is what its all about and this is achieved through all of the traditional activities associated with scouting such as using maps, compasses, lighting fires, first aid, knots etc. These are still valuable today and will always be highly rated on our scout programme.

1st Norton scouts are encouraged to live up to the scout promise and law, which can be found on the back page.

Skip (John)

Hip hip hooray,
Its pancake day,
Cubs at the ready
Tin cans and candles.
Raksha made batter and
bought the marge and jam.
Matthew arrived with a large can,
Kim said "Is that your can?"
Candles weren't for Matthew
He had another plan.
His tin of wax and cardboard
was what he planned to use.
Matches at the ready
His plan got underway
Smoke appeared from the kitchen
Flames shooting through the can
Kim said "Was that really your
plan?"
Putting out the fire
Raksha lent a hand.
Matthew laughing as he did it.
He got a smaller can
Eventually he had a pancake
Spread with marge and jam

Matthew Ness - Group Helper

How do you make anti-freeze?
Steal her nightie!

The Beaver Leader

The Beaver Colony meet between 5.45pm and 6.45pm on Monday evenings. There are two leaders, Sara and Linda, who are helped by Sue, and by Sarah who has just recently began helping out. There are currently 12 Beavers and their recent activities have included making gifts for mothers day, celebrating the Chinese New Year, tasting pancakes, the Commonwealth games and playing with the parachute. The beavers are looking forward to participating in the groups centenary celebration events. The beavers buried a time capsule at the end of 2007, containing newspapers, badges, a Necker and pictures drawn by the beavers. They also had an evening planting trees down at the headquarters in the dark.

Amik - Sara Ness



The Millstone Post Box

This bit is devoted to all comments and goings on from all sections, but not from the leaders.



We have 3 camps booked this year, we cant wait to

see the dads putting tents up in the dads and scouts camp. We hope to have a few events like, canoeing etc. Everyone enjoyed the mums & scouts bowling night. We are on the lookout for some pram wheels or any wheels suitable for go-karts so if you have anything spare we would greatly appreciate them.

Scouts' is a fun place were you learn about scouting with your friends. It is made enjoyable by our leaders at 1st Norton who mix scouting with sports and games that use some kind of scouting, whether it is trust needed or a simple reef knot. At 1st Norton there are many opportunities other than a Monday night in the scout hut. we go bowling with our mums and recently we went on a bike ride with a some instructors to gain our cyclists badge. We also go camping twice a year normally, but this year we are going three times as it is the centenary. I have gone through beavers and cubs to get to scouts and I am old enough to be an explorer scout, and it looks like more fun is in store for the older members of the scout group with activities like escape available to test your scouting abilities and teamwork and the possibility of a new explorer section.
Phillip Codd - Scout Patrol Leader

You may be sat there thinking

"What explorers?"

Well, the older Scouts and John, Richard and Matthew have been wondering whether to set up an explorer unit, so we are giving the leaders a bit of encouragement by including an explorer box!



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Find the following hidden words:

Norton, scouts, beavers, cubs, leaders, millstone, badenpowell, hundredyears, bluesmoke, mowgli, akela, skip, camp, campfire, badges, fun,

Would a Dixie full of Skips camp soup be an alternative to a chemical war?

I have been going to scouts for about three years now. I first started going to scouts when I was in year seven. One of my friends who already went to scouts invited me to one of the scouts Halloween parties. That's when I decided that I was going to start going to scouts. Over the years I have been moved up the scale of scouts, at first when I joined I was a normal scout, but then I became a "APL" which stands for Assistant Patrol Leader, however now I am a "PL" which stands for Patrol Leader, this title requires to look after the other member of you patrol, if they want to do something different they go to there "PL's". My favourite part of scouting is that we go camping for a weekend, the amount of times we go a year varies, this year we are going three times. Once we get to the campsite we have to put our tents up in the summer, however in the winter we stay in a dormitory. The first night we have our tea and unpack our things, then go to bed. On the next day we have breakfast (we all enjoy our meals because we decide what we are going to eat before we go) , after that a patrol has to do the washing up and have a kit inspection, once that is over with, we have to do a few tasks outside, this could be making something or go into the village and look for thinks. We also go hiking; these hikes are about 4 miles long there and back. When we have finished we have free time; this is when we can play games or walk around the campsite. On this night we go outside and have a camp fire and do some singing.

On Sunday we do another kit inspection and again have our breakfast and a different patrol has to do the washing. We have to do some more tasks outside, and we also have free time, however we leave early on the last day so every thing is shorter but not by much. Before we leave we are allowed to go to the campsites shop and buy souvenirs. That is what a scout camp is like, I really enjoy them.

Dale Grainger. Scout Patrol Leader.



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Group Executive Committee

Within our group we have an Executive Committee which is made up of Leaders and Parents. We are looking for Parents to join the committee. There are about 6 meetings a year, and we need parental input for the running of the group. If you are interested, please speak to your child's Section Leader.

Links in Scouting

www.1stnorton.co.uk
www.scoutbase.co.uk
www.communicate.co.uk/ne/csc/
www.stockonthornabyscouts.org.uk/pybus/
www.thecommsteam.co.uk/

HISTORY OF THE MILL

WHY THE MILLSTONE?

For the new generation may not know of our humble beginnings, 1st Norton acquired land in the grounds of the old mill in Billingham bottoms. To this day we refer to our HQ as the new mill opened in 1981. We will publish extracts from Mr. Huckle and also members who were present at the time of the building of the new mill. It will all eventually become clear.

This is an extract from the 1968 edition of the Millstone on the year 1908 describing local life.

The year is 1908. a tram car clatters and sways along Norton high street, in Billingham bottoms the wheel of the water-mill creaks as it turns as it has done for the past 250 years. A traveller hurries to the station, passing the terrace of new houses on his right, but with the fields still open to the horizon on his left. A group of boys cluster round one of their number who has been given a copy of the first part of a book by one of the nations heroes of the day- "scouting for boys" by lieutenant-general R.S.S. Baden -Powell., C.B.

As they walk and chatter they pass the grocers shop of Mr. Edward Reed. It is doubtful if he or they realise the effect that this slim book will have on them, and countless others.

Scout snippets

When I first joined scouts, we played loads of fun games and practised some easy, but some difficult knots. I met new people and made new friends. I was greatly excited apart from the fact I was going to be in a troop full of people 2-4 years older than me. If you are a cub soon to be a scout, don't be nervous, its great fun. It was harder for me to move to scouts, as I came from Fairfield cubs and left most of my friends to come to Norton. But now I've made as many friends as I lost.
Andrew Trotter.

G.S.L's Challenge

See if you can find out why these dates are relevant to scouting.

- 22nd February 1857
- 23rd April
- 1st August 1907
- 15th November 1908
- 16th December 1916
- April 1949
- April 1986
- 8th January 1941
- 1926
- 1st August 2007

Answers to Margo via your Section Leader.

UNIFORM

Within the next two weeks all members will be given a gift of a new centenary neckerchief and a woggle and will also receive a badge which was designed by Steven Trotter from the scout section. They will wear these for the year of celebrations. May I remind you that blue scout trousers are a part of the uniform and **should be worn by all members**, beavers, cubs and scouts. If your son/daughter doesn't have them they are available from scout house on Norton road on Fridays between 7-9pm, or from Rawcliffe's in Stockton

Dates for your diary

St. Georges Day Parade - 20th April

Scout Camp - 2nd to 5th May

AGM / Presentation Night - 8th May

Centenary Fayre - 17th May

Dads & Scouts Camp 13th to 15th
June

Birthday Party / Fireworks -
12th September

Open Day at the Mill - 13th Sept.

**Celebration with Ex-Members at
Norton Cricket Club** - 13th Sept.

Cub Camp - 27th to 29th Sept.

Scout Camp - 10th to 12th Oct.

PROMISES AND LAWS

The Beaver Promise

I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
And to love God.



The Cub Scout Promise

I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the
Queen,
To help other people
And to keep the Cub Scout Law

The Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts always do their best
Think of others before themselves
And do a good turn every day.

The Scout Promise

On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the
Queen,
To help other people
And to keep the Scout Law.

The Scout Law

A Scout is to be trusted.
A Scout is loyal.
A Scout is friendly and considerate.
A Scout belongs to the worldwide family
of Scouts.
A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
A Scout makes good use of time and is
careful of possessions and property.
A Scout has self-respect and respect for
others.

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