

NEWSLETTER

'Newsletter' Wow! What a boring title! Calling all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Parents.....we need your help to come up with something much more catchy! Please **email** us with **your suggestions** by **Sunday 26th June** and we will ask our young members to all have a vote at their polling station (the Kemsing Scout hut!!) during their evening sessions. Here's a few to get the ball rolling.....The *Sixth* Sense ; Pick 'n' *Sixth* ; **World Wide Woggle**.

Our recent fundraising events

A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who joined us at the quiz night at Kemsing Primary School. We raised in excess of £800.....*fantastic!!* Just in case you didn't hear, the Jumble Sale earlier in the year raised £1500.

Save the date! Some upcoming events

Queens' Birthday Picnic on the Common Field

Sunday 12th June

1.30pm to 3.30pm

This is a Kemsing Village event organised by Kemsing Heritage Centre. Bring a picnic, enjoy the fun, games and bouncy castle. We'll be there; we hope you will be too!

Group Exec Meeting

Wednesday 22nd June 7.30pm

The next meeting of the Group Executive Committee. Don't be put off by the grand title, please join us in The Garden Room, The Bell to help shape the future of Kemsing Scouts.

Family Fun Evening

Friday 1st July

from 4.30pm (TBC)

All the family are welcome to attend this free social get-together. It'll be an opportunity to meet up, have a BBQ, play some games with the kids ...generally just having some fun in the evening summer sun**! Parents will also be invited to join our AGM to hear about what we are working on and planning. More details on the Evening to follow.

Family Volunteer Day

Sunday 10th July

10:30pm to 2:30pm

All the family are welcome to attend even if it means a few are supervising the children playing on the Common Field. We would like to give the current hut a little face-lift to help it through the next 12 months.

Repairing the rotten wooden flooring; painting the internal walls, maybe even strimming the stinging nettles around the hut. Tea, coffee, squash & biscuits provided - bring a picnic lunch if you're able to stay for the day but please join us if you can spare even a little time on Sunday. More details to follow.

**Disclaimer: the *sun* is not guaranteed during this event

Our new website

Coming soon! We're currently developing a website and Facebook page to help keep parents better informed of news and upcoming events, to start shouting about the great things happening at the 6th and to make it easier for you all to send us your feedback and ideas.

Everyday adventure

The Group has some ambitious plans to increase the experiences on offer to our young people. Scouting after all should be less about smelly huts and more about providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship. Our outline 3 (and a bit) year plan includes increasing membership in each section (Beaver, Cub and Scouts), increasing the number of nights away and increasing the number of Chief Scout Awards being achieved.....Gold, Silver and Bronze. This is really exciting news as it will mean more challenges and experiences for all.

Diamond Anniversary

Records indicate that our Scout Group was founded on 15th March 1957, so 2017 will be our Diamond Anniversary. We want to make this a very special year, filled with events and activities for all. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved then please speak to one of the Section Leaders or contact a member of the Group Exec.

Our Hut

We want to have a welcoming base for our young-people: a place where we are able to offer a range of fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventures. We also want parents to come away at pick-up-time with happy children not smelling of old socks.....60 year old Kemsing Scouting socks!

You'll be pleased to hear plans are underway to replace our 'smelly old hut'. We have visited other Scout huts in the area to get some ideas, and are currently drawing up building designs (we're on the 2nd draft).

We hope to go from this.....



to something like this!



We have an ambitious target to replace the hut within 2017 - the Group's Diamond Anniversary Year. Very fitting don't you think? Clearly there is a lot to do to make this possible so any support you're able to give will be greatly appreciated.

Join the fun

Thank you to all the parents who have already contributed to our events and Beaver/Cub nights. We recognise many of you also give your time to other community needs such as Schools and activity clubs. This is why your support however big or small is greatly appreciated.....every little helps!!!

(I've just received 100 club points for advertising Tesco!!)

If you would like to help make Kemsing Scouts even better, there are plenty of ways to get involved.....such as...

- offering the odd hour or two (or more) to keep the old hut going until it's replaced
- helping out regularly with Beaver, Cub and Scout nights; maybe even take on a Section Helper or Leader role (you'll look great in uniform!)
- sharing your ideas for new fundraising events and/or activities
- joining in / helping with fundraising events
- providing your skills and/or advice on the design and construction of the new hut
- keeping the camping and other equipment in useable condition
- befriending a rich benefactor to 'fill our fundraising bucket'
- providing any useful contacts who could help with any of the above items

Come along to our Meetings

The Group Executive Committee supports the Group and Section Leaders by making decisions, looking after the monies and managing our assets. Currently, the Committee meets every other month in the Garden Room of The Bell Pub. If you would like to join us please come along for a drink and a chat. The more parents, the more ideas, the better Kemsing Scouts will become.



To give you an idea... during the last meeting we discussed new activities for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, fundraising and events, fire-pits, barbeques, camping opportunities at the St Clere Estate, plans for the new hut, Bear Grylls (he always seems to get a mention) and even using a Blue Peter-style fundraising thermometer (clothing choice optional!!).