

SCOUTS

The section in 2017/2018 saw us have consistent numbers from last year – with 3 scouts move to explorers during the year.

The review of our year starts in April with the annual St George's day parade and where we had a good turnout. May saw us go back to the Isle of Wight for a visit to the UK Sailing Academy. Event was a great success again and eventful with a flat tyre on the way home and making use of in touch to contact parents of the late arrival – thank you to Vicky Owen and Alli Roberts for helping me through facebook and phone to let all our parents know.

In July, we held our 4th Scout Regatta. Teams of scouts from other groups in the area were invited to join us for a weekend of fun and water based activities. The event continues to prove successful and already plans are well under way for the 2018 event. The district team appreciate this event and it takes a lot of volunteer hours and goodwill to make happen – a big thank you to all our volunteers for their support

Due to the large number of scouts now in the section, we stayed at out at the lake as long for as possible before moving back to the Wick. When the evening became too dark to sail we held several land based activities based around teamwork and communications

The turnout for the Remembrance parade in November was excellent and yet again we received praise and thanks from the Mayor.

We then moved back to The Wick (Haydon Wick School) for our winter season and started with a hike from Lechlade to Bowmoor. During this term Gavin, James and Mike took a break and we set up a land leadership team for October – March, focussing on skills and awards linked to the Gold Award. Activities Included Purton Treasure Trail, Bushcraft, Community challenge and Survival skills.

We finished the year with a litter pick in the local area organised and planned by the scouts.

Les Barnes was delayed due to weather and lack of teams – re arranged for October – we will keep you posted.

Christmas was also a very busy time with the scout post and 2 bag packing events in quick succession. I would like to thank the scouts and parents/families for all there help with all of these. This is a major part of our fund raising for the group, and we all know how tempting sat by a warm fire can be instead of selling stamps and delivering cards in the cold. Thank you!

A big thank you to all my leadership team and our helpers, especially when we are down here at the lake, as we would not be able to have so many children on the water without your help.

Welcome Josh, Paul and Rich who are now part of the leadership team, thank you to Nick Otley who when he was able came and supported the land watch team.

I would also like to thank those that helped run the tuck shop by offering to take on the responsibility of providing the scouts and leaders with a warm drink after a night of fun on the water, and to all the parents for bringing the scouts down to Bowmoor every week.

Thank you everyone.

Scout Leadership Team