



2nd Chelmsford (Springfield) Scout Group

Registered Charity number 268683



Scoutlook - December 2010

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of everyone associated with the Springfield Scout Group, may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a successful and prosperous New Year.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders, Helpers and Supporters for all their hard work and dedication during 2010.

For the future, 2011 will be a great challenge as our Scout Group celebrates a very special year, our 75th birthday.

Paul Middlebrook, Group Chairman
Robert Mann, Group Scout Leader

2011 – our 75th Birthday

On the 3rd February 1936, the Parishioners at Holy Trinity Church in Trinity Road formed a troop of Baden Powell Scouts and they used the church hall as their HQ. We know this as we have the original log book from the meeting, which makes fascinating reading for any amateur historian.

The Scout Group moved from Holy Trinity in the 1950's to Vestry Hall behind the Endeavour Public House (now used by the Lions) and then to our current Scout Centre in 1971.

We estimate that at least 3,000 young people from Springfield have been members during the 75 years.

Anniversary Activities

Our target for the year will be to arrange a special activity, however small, every month. Hopefully, we will be able to organise a re-union of previous members and leaders, so if you know anyone then please let them know and pass us their details.

We want to make these events as inclusive as possible to try and build a real sense of community around 2nd Chelmsford and we will keep you informed as we get events in the schedule. So far we have one firm date and one less firm...



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On Saturday 5th February we will be holding a celebration service and renewing the Scout Promise at All Saints Church, followed by a Birthday party at the Scout Centre for all group members, parents, helpers and leaders – details will follow but please keep the date free if you can.

In November/December 2011, a community project has been arranged whereby members of the Group will be planting 75 trees in the Chelmer Valley Nature Reserve. The Chelmsford Borough Council will be donating the trees and we supply the labour!

We have a number of other ideas and plans, so as soon as we can we will confirm the dates to you. If you would like to help or have any ideas or comments then please let us know.

Also, you will see from the top of this note, a special badge has been designed and this will also be printed on t-shirts and sweatshirts for our members. Thanks to Mike Early for designing this.

News from the Group

Congratulations and thanks

May we congratulate the following leaders who have recently received Long Service Awards for their service to Scouting – it's a total of over 100 years of voluntary service for we which we are very grateful:

Colin Groves, Karen Cooper, Rhona Chapman, Chris Chapman, Richard Spencer,
Steve Vickers, Vicky Leach and Paul Leach

May we also thank Allison Jacobs, our retiring Group Secretary, and to Jayne Hughes who has managed our fundraising very successfully for the last 5 years. Thank you very much for your hard work ladies.

Fundraising

We have had a successful fundraising autumn, with two jumble sales, a quiz and the Christmas bazaar bringing in a total of around £2,000. A big thank you to Karla Pusey for stepping forward and organising the Christmas Bazaar at short notice.

Scout Centre

During 2010 and with the aid of a local authority grant we have installed disabled facilities and also new storage cupboards for all the sections. In 2011 we need to carry out additional remedial work as the Scout Centre is starting to look a little tired and needs a makeover for our 75th. We would like



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to start with a maintenance weekend on 8th/9th January – please come along if you can spare the time as we have far more chores and jobs than we would like. We also have a second weekend at Riffhams on 12th/13th February and our normal fundraising programme of Jumble Sales, so please, if you can spare us some time please let us know.

Riffhams Camp Site reminder

Families with members in our Scout Group are welcome to visit Riffhams. We own part of the larger Scout and Guide site, and a walk through the surrounding area, including Lingwood Common, on a cold frosty morning can be recommended. Please use our small car park to the right of the entrance track or the facilities at Blakes Wood – please do not upset the Guides by parking on their land to the left of the track.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 8th December	Song, Dance & Pantomime Evening
Saturday/ Sunday 8 th /9 th January	Scout Centre “Spring Clean”
Wednesday 13 th January	Group Management Meeting at 8.30
Saturday 22 nd January	Jumble sale at 2.15pm
Saturday 5th February	75th BIRTHDAY PARTY
Sat/Sun 12 th /13 th February	Riffhams Camp Site “makeover”
Saturday 12 th March	Jumble Sale at 2.15pm
Wednesday 16 th March	Group Management Meeting at 8.30

Contacting us

If you would like to talk to either Paul or Robert, then email is a good starting point.

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Alternatively please talk to your group’s leader who should be able to track us down.