

# THE WUDHUS NEWS

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## Camera Club - really taking off

The response to the previous article about forming a camera club in the village has been brilliant. After several meetings the numbers have gone up and it seems that we have hit the right note.

The idea behind the club was to try to fill a gap and provide a club that beginners could enjoy and learn from, not just experienced photographers. The most common things people have said is that they would like to 'get off auto' and know more about how to use their cameras. The club has had its first outing to try out different techniques and more are planned.

We don't bite...much! More experienced members help out those just beginning, the evening is relaxed and we try to help people understand more about their cameras and photography. If you want to come along, we meet every two weeks at The Old Oak Pub on Tuesday nights at 7.30 pm. The next meetings will be on: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> May.

If you are interested, get in contact via [glynnwilton@yahoo.com](mailto:glynnwilton@yahoo.com) or 07811 843 186. Alternatively just turn up at the pub!

Glynn Wilton





## Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

### April 2016

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Apr** (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Heanor Gate & Smalley 3 miles, meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am, to catch the 10:00 am bus to Heanor Gate. *Bring your bus passes.*

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Apr** (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Denby Pottery to Denby Village 2.5 miles, meet at Denby Pottery car park at 9.45 am.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Apr** (9.45 am – 11.30 am) Shipley Country Park 2.25 miles, meet at the Shipley Garden Centre at 9.45 am.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Apr** (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Guided walk at Ripley Nature Reserve – details to follow.

### May 2016

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May** (9.45 am – 11.45 am) High Wood Bluebell Walk 3 miles, meet at Kilburn car park at 9.45 am.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May** (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Denby & Crab House 2.25 miles, meet at Deny village car park at 9.45 am.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May** (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Shipley Country Park 2.5 miles, meet at the Shipley Country Park Visitors Centre at 9.45 am.

***This is a buggy friendly walk.***

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May** (9.45 am – 11.30 am) Gypsy Brook Round 2.5 miles, meet at Smalley car park at 9.45 am. ***This is a buggy friendly walk.***

### June 2016

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jun** (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Erewash Canal 3 miles, meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am, to go by car to Langley Mill. ***This is a buggy friendly walk.***

**If the weather conditions are bad the routes may be changed. The walk will only be cancelled if there is any ice.**

For more information, contact Amanda Gowing 01773 841 428 or Simon Harrison (walk leader) on 01332 780 450. **Full details available at: [www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk/info.aspx?p=12](http://www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk/info.aspx?p=12)**

### **If you wish to contact us or put an article forward:**

If you would like to put forward any details to be included in the next edition of the Wudhus News please contact Tania Pells (Editor) at [editorwudhusnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorwudhusnews@gmail.com). **If you are holding a fund raiser, have some community news or you need support to write an article please get in touch.** All articles and information submitted will be reviewed by the Parish Council before it can be approved. Unfortunately we cannot advertise businesses within the newsletter or print personal letters.

If you wish to use any material that is listed within the Wudhus News, please contact Tania Pells (Editor) on the above email address.

**Publishing Deadlines: Jun/Jul – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and Aug/Sep – 20<sup>th</sup> Jul 2016**

Unfortunately any information received after the deadline will not be included but may go forward to the next edition. Many thanks Tania Pells.

## It's the Carnival's Big 40<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016

A Ruby Anniversary show is being planned with a number of new and special attractions. We are delighted that one of the two RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Dakotas will be making a flypast during the afternoon. We have also booked BMX and mountain bike trials displays by 'Extreme Wheels' where professional riders will perform amazing stunts. We are keen to have more floats and fancy dress participants this year, so please put your thinking caps on and start planning your entry now. We are suggesting a 'ruby' theme or a 1977 look to echo the first year of the carnival, but the final choice is yours. There will be more details of the entertainment planned for this special event in the next edition of Wudhus News.

A big thank you for the wonderful support from the village last year. We were blessed with glorious weather and an excellent attendance which made for a really successful day with a great 'carnival' atmosphere.

We are appealing for volunteers for the afternoon to help make the Ruby Carnival truly memorable, especially on the entrance gate, in the refreshment tent and with marshalling. If you are able to spare even an hour of your time on 16<sup>th</sup> July, please contact Howard Beedle (details below).

If anyone has any photographs of some of the early carnivals, for instance of the carnival queen, fancy dress or floats, please contact Alison Napier (details below) as we would like to include them on our Facebook page or possibly for press publication.



Alison Napier (Chair) and  
Howard Beedle (Secretary)  
Horsley Woodhouse Community Association

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## The history of World War One

The greatest sacrifice for any community is the lives of its young men. This has become the overriding image of the First World War. It was a war like never before, it affected everyone in a way that no previous wars had. Wars had been fought by professional soldiers in foreign lands. The First World War pitched volunteers into battle and mobilised civilians on the home front.

Such was the scale of death in Europe that it was not possible to transport the fallen back to their home countries for burial. Hundreds of thousands of grieving mothers and wives did not have the simple comfort of being able to visit the final resting place of their loved ones.

The whole country was affected in some way and everyone was urged to help with the war effort. Children were encouraged to pick blackberries to supply jam to the services. The children of the Derbyshire village of Parwich did their bit for jam.

The demand for cordite, used in explosive shells, outstripped the supply of wood chippings used to make a chemical for its production. A scheme was proposed to extract the same chemical from conkers and children were paid by the weight they collected. Matlock Bath school children helped out in conker collecting.

The sheer scale of the war is darkly impressive. Although the Second World War was bigger still, the First World War was the first of its kind. Never had so many countries been involved in war, or so many men. Everything was scaled up to cope with the demands of keeping the war effort going. A document produced by The War Office in 1922, records the statistics of the War and illustrates in mind numbing figures just what an all-consuming monster the conflict was.

In just 1918 the following was supplied to the troops in France:

Fifty seven thousand six hundred and eighty tons of biscuits, nine million six hundred thousand knives and forks, four million spoons, three million six hundred and thirty thousand mess tins, one hundred and ninety six thousand kettles, three million six hundred and forty thousand razors, six thousand four hundred and thirty two tons of tobacco and cigarettes, twenty five million six hundred and ninety three thousand wooden tent pegs.

Over half a million miles of barbed wire was shipped out in 1918 weighing one hundred and three thousand eight hundred tons. It would stretch to the moon and back.

Some equipment was repaired in repair centres rather than replaced. One such repair centre, in just six months from January to June 1918, cleaned and repaired over four and a half million items, including over one million blankets and half a million greatcoats and leather jerkins

(waistcoats). Another repaired between twenty five and thirty thousand pairs of boots each week.

The British alone fired 8.5 billion bullets in the course of the War, an average of 63 per second for every second of the four years. These were the .303 standard rifle and machine gun cartridges and if laid end-to-end, would go around the world 17 times.

During the War it was necessary to train cooks to feed the troops from the field kitchens. Sixty seven thousand were trained in the UK, twenty five thousand in France, three thousand in Egypt and two and a half thousand in Italy, Greece and Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey).

In 1917, when food supplies were tight, rabbits were used to supplement soldiers' meat rations. To cope with the left overs, the Army Rabbit Skin Clearing Committee was formed, they 'cleared' five million six hundred and fifty thousand rabbit skins, which were sold for a total of £123,192. At the time of the Armistice on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1918, the Royal Army Service Corps was feeding over five and a half million men.

Glynn Wilton

## **'We Will Remember Them'**

### **Suicide in the Trenches by Siegfried Sassoon**

I knew a simple soldier boy  
Who grinned at life in empty joy,  
Slept soundly through the lonesome dark,  
And whistled early with the lark.

In winter trenches cowed and glum,  
With crumps and lice and lack of rum,  
He put a bullet through his brain,  
No one spoke of him again.

You smug faced crowds with kindling eye  
Who cheer when soldier lads march by  
Sneak home and pray you'll never know  
The hell where youth and laughter go.

Mick Barham

## Something a little light hearted

**It is getting close to the holiday season. These are actual complaints to Customer Services of some of the large travel company's:**

*"I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."*

*"It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time - this should be banned."*

*"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food at all."*

*"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."*

*A tourist at a top African Game Lodge overlooking a water hole, who spotted a visibly aroused elephant, complained that the sight of this rampant beast ruined his honeymoon by making him feel "inadequate".*

*A woman threatened to call police after claiming that she'd been locked in by staff. When in fact, she had mistaken the "do not disturb" sign on the back of the door as a warning to remain in the room.*

*"The beach was too sandy."*

*"Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women."*

*"We bought 'Ray-Ban' sunglasses for five Euros from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."*

*"No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled."*

*"It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England it only took the Americans three hours to get home."*

*"I compared the size of our one-bedroom apartment to our friends' three-bedroom apartment and ours was significantly smaller.."*

*"The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the accommodation'. We're trainee hairdressers - will we be OK staying there?"*

*"We booked a holiday to Benidorm. There are too many Spanish people. The receptionist speaks Spanish. The food is Spanish. Too many foreigners now live abroad."*

*"We had to queue outside with no air conditioning."*

*"It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."*

## County Councillor Kevin Buttery – Keeping you Updated

Amber Valley Borough Council, along with five other Councils in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, has decided not sign up to the proposed North Midlands Devolution Deal. Local Authorities were being asked to commit to a Deal that had yet to be finalised and had not undergone public consultation.

I can understand Greater Manchester, whose economy is bigger than Wales, wanting a say on how money is raised and spent, and why Devolution works for them. But when you look at the aims of the North Midland Deal, they have just fine-tuned the aims of the D2N2/Local Enterprise Partnership, which we have had since 2010. A Local Enterprise Partnership that will still exist even with a Combined Authority.

Plus, how much is a 3rd Tier of Local Government going to cost? No doubt several millions of pounds, money I would prefer spent on front line services, rather than on bureaucracy. As for benefits for Amber Valley, they boil down to the possibility of influencing the allocation of resources, which are already being spent in the local area.

The success of any Combined Authority relies on economic growth. Yet, the Deal lacks the inclusion of Leicestershire and, more importantly, East Midlands Airport, which I think is essential to establish a Free Trade Zone. That would then give this region the economic clout that is required for it to be successful.

I certainly have concerns that even after 12 months, the actual Agreement itself has too many issues that are unquantifiable, uncertain, contain unknown costs and potential liabilities, to outweigh any possible spin off benefits for Amber Valley at this time.

Derbyshire County Council has now completed its review of 20 mph speed limits and zones. It has produced a 42-page report that incorporates 11 recommendations. Emphasis still remains about reducing actual casualties. The Cabinet will consider whether it will accept some, or all, of the recommendations and will respond in May 2016. However, the police have changed their policy, in that they will no longer object to 20 mph limits or zones and enforcement will be conducted in the same way as enforcement for other speed limits.

The Council has now produced its Council Plan priorities for 2016/2017, these are available on its website.

It would appear that the Highways Winter Budget has overspent by £1.3m, with the main expenditure being on grit and staff wages. This was queried, as it has been such a mild winter, the response was that it was due to increased potholes. I'm still scratching my head on that one!

Consultation is currently being undertaken in respect of subsidised bus routes. Legally, the Council does not have to provide subsidised bus routes or Community Transport Dial-a-Bus shopping buses. Please make your views known by the online questionnaire on Derbyshire County Councils Website, or pick up a paper copy at your local library.

**If there is an issue I can help you with, please contact me on  
01332 781 092 or [kevin.buttery@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.buttery@derbyshire.gov.uk).**

## Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

### Report from February and March Parish Council meetings

#### February

- Cllr Buttery reported that he is organising Amber Fest this year, which will be held in Alfreton, this is to promote market towns for all of Derbyshire and will be held in May 2016.
- Members asked Cllr Buttery to confirm what Derbyshire County Council's school crossing patrol policy is for Horsley Woodhouse Primary School.

#### March

- Cllr Buttery confirmed by email that Horsley Woodhouse crossing patrol is to be retained by Derbyshire County Council for the foreseeable future and that the School Patrol Crossing is not a statutory requirement and it is the responsibility of parents/guardians for getting children to school safely.
- A cultivation licence for the piece of land across from the Doctors has been granted, this area will be maintained by the Parish Council in the future.

#### Recreation Matters (Feb):

- **Litter Bins** - Cllr Buttery reported that a litter bin at Four Lane Ends has been installed.
- Members were very disappointed to learn that a large hole has been made in the cemetery fence from the Sitwell Recreation Ground; the fence has now been repaired, and will hopefully remain intact for the foreseeable future. However, it was noted by members that this fence has been vandalised on several occasions in the past and are concerned that someone appears to be cutting through the hedge to gain access from the recreation ground to the cemetery.

#### Planning:

##### February

##### **AVA/2016/0033 Golden Valley Farm**

Prior notification of agricultural development for agricultural building

No objections

##### **AVA/2016/0016 The Club**

To clear site for redevelopment

No objections

##### **AVA/2016/0013 170 Woodhouse Road**

Proposed orangery

No objections



Proposed initial plans for the refurbishment and extension to the **Scout Hut** was circulated to members, who agreed that the lease is to be considered before making any decision regarding the future of the Scout Hut.

The **Arthur Medical Centre** has requested that the Parish Council sell a small parcel of land from the Horeston Recreation Ground for use as additional car parking to enable the development of the surgery to proceed. The recreation ground is held in trust by the Parish Council and any sale or part sale of the land would have to be approved by the Charities Commission and CISWO.

### **March**

#### **AVA/2016/0057 7 Wood Lane, Horsley Woodhouse**

Proposed detached garage with leisure room over

No objections

Members agreed that any building works to the **Scout Hut** must be approved in writing from the Parish Council, it was noted that detailed in the lease the Scout Hut is to be used as a Scout Hut and purposes connected therewith and for no other purpose whatsoever.

The Parish Council has received an offer for a small parcel of land adjoining the **Arthur Medical Centre** which is to be included in the re-development of the surgery. The Charity Commission and CISWO have been consulted and the Parish Council will be moving forward to completing the sale of the land to the Arthur Medical Centre. In the terms of the conveyance for the Horeston Recreation Ground money received will be spent on the redevelopment of the play area on the recreation ground.

#### Parish Council Contact Details:

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- ◆ Mrs K Richardson (Parish Clerk) – 01332 883 404  
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#### **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in the British Legion Hall**, all members of the parish are welcome to attend to observe the meeting and raise any issues.

## Local clubs, community groups and societies

### Jog Derbyshire

Horsley Woodhouse Joggers meet every Thursday at the Church Hall at 7.00 pm. It is a group for absolute beginners or those returning to jogging after a break. For anyone who wants more details please contact Sam Draper by phone 07891 571 488 or email [samanthadraper@live.com](mailto:samanthadraper@live.com).

### Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) Thursday – 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Cubs Scouts (8-10½ years) Wednesday – 6:30 - 8.00 pm

Scouts (10 ½-14 years) Monday – 7.00 - 8:30 pm

Please contact Ian Britton, GSL, 1<sup>st</sup> Sitwell Scout Group on:

Mob: 07847 207 756 E-mail: [gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk](mailto:gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk) or Web: [www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk](http://www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk)

### Orchard Group

We meet every fortnight at The Orchard Centre on Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Please contact Peggy Parry for more details on 01332 883 240.

### British Legion

Horsley Woodhouse Royal British Legion branch meetings are held on the first Monday in each month at the Legion Hall. The series of articles which have appeared in the "Wudhus News" covering the village men whose names appear on the various war memorials in the village, are now drawing to a close. The Legion are planning to produce a commemorative book to perpetuate their memory. This will be a source of information for their descendants who may wish to trace their family tree. If anyone has additional information to that already published in the series, please let any Legion members know and we will gladly include it.

1916 was a shocking year for the British Army, it suffered appalling casualties on the Somme. A service will be held in June at Derby Cathedral to remember these men and also to mark the 100 years which have elapsed since those they came to lie in a foreign field. Details to be advised at a later date.

The branch welcomes any new members to help us carry on with our work.

Don Barham, Hon. Secretary

### Ladies Group

April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will have guest speaker, a local lass, Tania Pells talking about the work of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Start time 7.15 pm in the British Legion. We will also try to pull in some of the AGM items which couldn't be completed due to illness of a number of the Committee members.

May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will have guest speaker Beryl Murdy about the activities of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Start time 7.15 pm in the British Legion.

The June meeting will be about trekking in the Himalayas by a local chap who recently completed one. July will be the summer meal, further details in the next addition. All new members, no matter what age, are welcome. Terrina Girling, Committee Member

**Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club**

Club continues to meet on alternate Tuesdays at the Royal British Legion Hall for a 2.00 pm start. Members have now selected their 2016 seasonal outings and they are as follows.

- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> May - Melton Mowbray market followed by Crown carvery at Radcliffe on Trent
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June - Llandudno
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July - River Trent cruise with lunch on board
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sep - Boundary Mill at Grantham, followed by carvery meal

Committee have not costed these trips at this moment but will do so shortly and the times are also to be advised. Non-members are welcome on these outings. Contact Don or Cilla if you wish to come.

Don Barham, Hon Secretary

**Whist Drive**

Meet every Friday night at 7.00 pm at the British Legion - contact Malcolm Parkin for more details 01332 880 160.

**Studio 7**

Pupils from Studio 7 Dance (Lady Lea Road, HW) enjoyed successes at Chesterfield Dance Festival which took place at Tupton Hall School during February half term. They came away with lots of medals throughout all of the sections and also trophies for highest mark duet (Robyn Wilkinson and Hannah Beastall), Musical Theatre award (Jinny Gould), Highest Mark Solo (Jinny Gould).



Girls meeting dancer Lukas McFarlane at "Move it" convention in London

## **St Susanna's Parish Church**

### **April 2016**

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am – Morning Prayer

### **May 2016**

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer  
 Sun 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion  
 Sun 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer  
 Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 am – Morning Prayer  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – Group Service at St Mary's Church, Denby

### **Dates for your Diary:**

**QUIZ to be held in the Church Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15 pm**, £8 per table of 4. Proceeds in aid of St Susanna's Parish Church. ALL Welcome!

**Open Church** - join us for a cup of tea and a chat on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Apr and Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.**

**HoneyPot Café on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 a.m.** Come along for a cuppa.

**Vintage Tea** – a celebration for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 pm.** More details to follow in the next edition.

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### **Events and activities at the Church Hall - weekly programme:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
Sunday	a.m. Smalley Tennis Club – Junior Tennis	Simon 07469 210 548
Monday	p.m. Line Dancing	Megan 01159 326217
Tuesday	a.m. Fitness Class for New Mums	Sam 01332 468 428 07891 571 488
	p.m. United Response Disco	Michelle 07891 759 907
Wednesday	p.m. Circuit training	Sam 01332 468 428 07891 571 488

Anyone interested in booking the Hall for a party, other celebrations or for regular meetings of their club/society may contact Andrew Shaw (Churchwarden, St Susanna's Church) on 01332 883 124 or 07790 012 606.

## Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

**Minister:** Revd Judi Smart - Tel: 01332 781 296 (*on Sabbatical from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> July*)

### SERVICES

#### April 2016

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.15 pm – Service led by Mr Andrew Whysall

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.15 pm - Service led by Revd Sheila Baldock

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

at 10.30 am – Service led by Mrs Irene Newberry

at 6.15 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Philip Taylor

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.15 pm – Celebration of Faith Service led by members and friends, with a United Choir

#### May 2016

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.15 pm – Service led by Revd Roy Queripel

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.15 pm – Service led by Mrs Alison Wood

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

at 10.30 am – Service led by Mr Keith Bryan

at 6.15 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Mrs Geraldine Stamp

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.15 pm – Service led by Revd Julian Penfold

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.15 pm – Service led by Revd Dick Styles

### Dates for your Diary:

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**COFFEE MORNING** for Christian Aid – Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May from 10 am to 12 noon. All welcome.

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### Something a little light hearted

“Your manuscript is both good and original; but the part that is good is not original, and the part that is original in not good.” (Samuel Johnson 1709 – 1784)

“From the moment I picked up the book until I laid it down I was convulsed with laughter. Someday I intend reading it.” (Groucho Marks 1890 – 1977)

“He has impeccable bad taste.” (Otis Ferguson)

“If only he would wash his neck, I’d wring it.” (John Sparrow)

## Scouts, Cubs & Beavers

### Easter Egg Hunt

We had many visitors this year to our annual Easter egg hunt around the village. Thank you to all the Beaver, Cubs and Scouts that came along to help at the Easter event. Thanks to all the parents and children that made, donated cakes and helped out at the event. We really do appreciate it.

The funds are to go towards up-dating the Hut and will be used by all sections. We also had a great raffle and we had a great response from local and national companies. Again thanks for their support.



### Great fun was had by all

Cubs had a beetle drive jointly with 3rd Codnor. As part of the Cubs 100 year challenge they had a meeting with a different pack and 3rd Codnor kindly invited the Cub pack to their hut.

### Are you between 18 and 25 years old?

Changes have been made to the "Network" Section of Scouting which is aimed at members in the age range 18 to 25. One of the principle changes is that all members who have other roles in Scouting and who are in this age range automatically become Network members. Our District does not yet have a large number of young people in this age range but we do not want anyone to miss out on belonging to Network. With this in mind there is a possibility of joining with Alfreton District to form a joint unit. If you are interested please contact Ian.

### Cooking Competition

Cubs took part in the district cooking competition and did very well. The theme was 1916 and the kids had to work out what food people around this area were eating back then. Most foods weren't available back then so we did liver and veg followed by pancakes and tinned fruit. Well done to the Cubs who did their best.



### Scouts took part in a sponsored bike ride

The route was 16 miles along the Manifold Valley Trail, the route is very flat with several rest areas to help aching legs!! Many thanks to the kids who took part. The funds are to help the group on their cost of trips and activities.



### Camping

1st Sitwell Cub pack had a get time last month at Hesley Wood Scout campsite. The activities they did included pedal carts, scavenger hunt, crate stacking, 'The Cube', scientist badge, making rocky road cake, the zip wire and of course washing the pots. Just to name a few. Many thanks to the leaders for giving up there time for the Cubs.



### We do have some Brainy Kids at 1st Sitwell Scout Group!!

Last week we had two teams of Cubs and Scouts taking part in the district Cub/Scout Quiz and out of the nine teams taking part one team came third and the



other team came first. Please note we won it last year too. Well done to all the Scouts and Cubs who took part.

This year Hanna Newton got the most support from the leaders to win the 'Beaver of the Year 2015'. During the year at Beavers the leaders and helpers look at the kids and see which child is doing their best, this isn't the person who wins every time at games etc. but the person who put the most effort into the activities.

### Great News

We have received a grant from the "People's Postcode Lottery" to purchase new camping equipment. This will add to the tents we got via the Futures Homescape Ltd back in 2014. The items we will be getting are a new gas fridge, new camp tables, cookers and more tents to eat and sleep in. Getting grants can be hard work so many thanks to our Treasurer (Stephen) for filling in the forms and chasing the application. Camping is a big part of Scouting at 1st Sitwell and the equipment will help all sections in "the Scouting adventure" so many thanks for the grant from the "People's Postcode Lottery" and again thanks to Stephen.



If you would like to join the Scout section or want more information please email the group on [gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk](mailto:gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk).

## Come party and celebrate the history of the Hut

Are you an older member of 1<sup>st</sup> Horsley Woodhouse, 1<sup>st</sup> Smalley or when the two groups joined to become 1<sup>st</sup> Sitwell Scout group? **On the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016** we will be having a birthday party to celebrate the Beavers 30 years and the Cubs section 100 years since they started in the U.K. **Firstly we would like to invite you to the party from 7.00 pm until 8:30 pm.**

**Secondly we are looking to put together the history of the group,** ideally we would like photos of what you did back then. I am not local so have not got a clue what the Hut was like nor the surrounding area. If you have information and photos please email them to me and if needs be I can scan the photos. Please contact me via my email address [gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk](mailto:gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk).



**Hope to see you all on the 15<sup>th</sup> July to re-join the fun of Scouting.**