

# **NEWSLETTER – September/December 2016**

## **15<sup>th</sup> CHELTENHAM (SHURDINGTON) SCOUT GROUP**

### **The Aim of Scouting**

Our aim is to make the weekly sessions both enjoyable and also give something to our members to learn and remember. Sincere thanks to all our Leaders, Cherie, Helen, Evie, Louise, Marie, Steve and John, Young Leader Anna, Helpers and committee members for their constant help and support. Please help us in turn by attending regularly, in uniform, and on time.

### **Membership Fee – SUBS**

Membership fees are now due for the Autumn term, and are still £35 for the term to December, with a discount of 25% for a second child i.e. £26.25. So two children in same family pay £61.25p. Please do pay on time to save us having to chase you. If you feel you wish to pay by instalments please let us know.

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### **Gift Aid**

If you work, earn a salary, and pay tax please do sign up for Gift Aid. It will cost you nothing but allows us to claim an extra 24% on your payments, and helps keep subs low.

### **Beaver Scouts – 5 ¼ to 8 years – 5:30 to 6:45pm**

Currently we have an almost full Colony but do ask as places may become available. We take boys or girls in all Sections. We currently have an issue with adult leadership in the Beaver section, and unless we find someone who is willing to take on uniform and help, there is a fear that we will need to suspend Beaver meeting until we are happy that it is being properly run. Two of the youngsters who have been partly running Beavers are no longer able to attend regularly. We have been missing a Beaver Leader for some years now. Personally I have been looking after Beavers together with Evie for some years but I am finding it more difficult as years go by. Whoever takes on the responsibility will have my full help and programmes are fully available in our archives. It would be a tremendous disappointment to see our Beaver Colony not meeting on a Friday, and as it is also a good feed up to Cubs it would have a detrimental effect on the future of our whole Scout Group here. Prospective Leaders do not have to be parents so

if you know anyone, or a friend, with some time to spare on a Friday, and would wish to be part of our Scout Group please let us know. Thank you.

### **Cub Scouts – 8 to 10+ years – 5:45 to 7:00pm**

Spaces are currently available in the Cub Pack. Again we could do with more adult or Young Leader help.

### **Scout Troop – 10+ to 14+ years – 7:15 to 9:00pm**

We are currently endeavouring to recruit more Scouts as we have only 8 on our books.

### **Section Programmes**

Each Section programme can be found on our website. Please do look at it to see what goes on every week. This is important as we may need either your help at times or are meeting somewhere rather than at our Headquarters.

**[www.shurdington.org/Scouts/home.htm](http://www.shurdington.org/Scouts/home.htm)**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

This year falls on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, and our Group members and families are invited to attend the service which is held in the Century Hall in the Social Centre. More details later.

### **Uniform – After Investiture**

A reminder that we are a uniformed organisation, and coming to weekly meetings dressed smartly is called for. This is especially important on events outside our Headquarters, like church parades and outdoor public events. We are however lax on meeting nights, as we need our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to be relaxed to have a good time. Uniform top and necker, smartly ironed and folded, are sufficient for the Monday and Friday meetings.

### **Behaviour**

We strive very hard to give our members a good worthwhile time with us, and therefore expect respect and good behaviour from everyone. Thank you.

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