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80th Cork Little Island Glounthaune

Edition 1—December 2015

Welcome to Little Island/Glounthaune Scout Group Newsletter!!

This is our first newsletter and we hope it will be beneficial to you. The aim of the newsletter is to keep parents and friends of the group informed of what is going on in the group and upcoming events. As we go through the year we will keep you updated of the activities going on throughout the group, as-well as projects we are undertaking.

The Phoenix Challenge

The following is a literal however somewhat satirical account of the Phoenix Challenge by Patrol Leader Kate Hyland and is entered to be read a bit, tongue in cheek... Enjoy

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“The most worth while thing is to try and putt happiness into the lives of others...”

- Robert Baden Powell



Maeve, Caoimhe, Issac, Kate, David Shalloo,(PC Scouts) George, Ana, Gavin and Glenn

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Hall Maintenance

The maintenance evenings are to look after the general up-keep of the grounds of the hall and will include sweeping, weeding, hedge trimming, window washing etc.

Monday the 8th of February 7-8pm .

Please come along if you are willing help out for an hour,

Our Sections

Beaver Scout Section

Due to demand, this year we have two Beaver Colonies operating on Tuesday and Thursday nights. This has allowed to us to grow the number of Beaver Scouts we have to 46. This was only possible due to the 8 parents who have come aboard to help out as leaders in these sections.

Both Beaver sections have been working hard since the start of the year on skills that were used during their trip to Mount Melleray for our Group Camp. On the day each Beaver Lodge completed eight small challenges. These challenges included kite making, a blind mans trail, tent pitching, a jigsaw, bomb disposal, a spiders web, a team challenge and first aid.

Once the challenges were completed we went on a short hike to the back of the Monastery to follow tracking signs and build survival shelters with the help of the Scout Section. The shelters were quite impressive and there are lots of pictures of them on our Facebook page!

Once we came back from the hike everyone was ready to have some dinner before the bus ride home. Some of the older Beavers stayed at group camp for the Saturday night and took part in a dance off followed by a campfire!! Not forgetting the annual rubber duck race on Sunday morning.

On Tuesday nights the leaders are Laura, Joanne, Mary, Treasa, Liam and Rob.

On Thursday nights the leaders are Brid, Brendan, Una and Jim.

If you need to get in contact with the Beaver Scouters the beaver section phone is: 083-8068906

Fundraising

Fundraising is very important for the growth of the group. As a group we constantly have a number of projects in the pipeline. These currently include the erection of a drying store, additional storage space and surfacing the remaining driveway and store areas.

We also have yearly expenditure for the upkeep of the hall, the purchase and maintenance of our programme equipment and the upkeep of our



Photo from the Scouts Summer Programme 2015

Bag Packing

Thanks to the parents and scouts who helped out over the weekend in September. It raised much needed funds for the group. €626 euro was raised from this,

12 Days of Christmas Tickets

The money generated from the sale of the tickets goes directly into the group. We would like to thank everyone who sold these tickets as the money generated from the sale of the tickets goes towards the purchase of equipment for the group, 10% goes to Scouting Ireland for the running of the draw.

Further activities

We are currently looking to put together a fundraising team for the group. If you would be able to help out please get in contact with us.





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Christmas Tree Collection by your local Scout Group Saturday the 16th of January



This a community service being provided by the Little Island / Glounthaune Scout Group.

If you want your tree collected please leave your tree out front. Trees are being recycled to authorised collection sites.

Donations for the service are welcome.

Collection Times
Little Island: 10:30 -12:00
Glounthaune: 12:00 – 15:00

We would like to thanks Hillside Nurseries Gardening Centre in Kilcoolishal Glounthaune for their continued support with our Christmas Tree Collection.

www.hillsidenurseries.ie





Cub Chief Scout Award

Grainne Guest, Max Crowley, James Hyland, Aaron Mc Guirk, Leo Dineen, Craig Murphy, Tim O' Riordan and Kaitlyn Quaine

For their 20km expedition hike they walked 20k from Blackrock observatory, through the city centre, on to Mayfield and Glanmire and back to Little Island scout hall, all in time for annual awards day in June, a great achievement for all.

Cub Section

In the Cub section we have had a very active start to year with 28 members our activities have included an overnight camp, group camp, county hike and county orienteering.

Our Cub leaders are Rachel, Eoin, Paul, Grainne and Niamh.

If you need to contact the cub leaders the number is 087-2643557



Scout Section

The Scout Section has been very active since the start of the year, taking part in activities such as Survivor, Port of Cork Raft Race, an over night survival and a mountain hike.

As the days start getting longer in the new year the amount of camping and activities will increase going right through the summer.

Over the next few pages you will see an account of The County Competition and The Phoenix Challenge from last year's teams. This will give an insight into the activities they take part in.

The leaders in the Scout Section are Mark, Deirdre, Kris, Kevin, Conor and Richard.



Scout's gate from the Phoenix Challenge 2015

Important Dates for your Diary:

4th of Jan - First Meeting Back after Christmas

1st - 3rd of April - County Expedition Weekend

29th Apr - 1st May - County Campcraft Competition

23rd - 31st July - Preliminary camp dates (TBC)

18th - 21st Aug - The Phoenix Challenge

Cois Laoi Shield

2015 written by Kate Hyland &

George Dwyer

We had two patrols one on campcraft and one on expedition.

Expedition

The expedition patrol went to get our bags checked before the then met up with the campcraft teams for the opening ceremony. The weather wasn't exactly great at this point and the prospect of hiking then bivving was something everyone was looking forward to. We said a tearful goodbye to those on campcraft and headed onto the bus. We were one of the first to get off.

We had to hike for about 5 kilometres before we got to Moanbaun woods. The hike was tough in the rain but we made it with plenty of time to spare. We collected rubbish along the way to stick into the log. That was really fun and hygienic.

We reached Moanbaun and were shown to our bivi sites, we got started building straight away the rain falling down harder than ever. We had a small snack of cookies and headed off to bed. We had a full day of bases in the morning.

For bases we were paired with another patrol and headed off through the woods. There were a number of bases, passing cups of water across a river, (It probably wouldn't have made a difference if someone had fallen into the river because we were soaked from the rain anyway but thankfully no one did.) Some wilderness first aid, and orienteering all before lunch.

After lunch we headed to Watergrasshill scout hall for our two afternoon bases and our test meal.

After we finished bases we began to cook our test meal and work on our log. We had way too much fun cutting up the litter and sticking it in the log! After dinner we hopped into the bus and headed back to the campcraft teams in Killcully.

It was good to catch up with the others and it was fun sharing horror stories about the previous night. Then we headed to the campfire which was a little unusual. Because of the rain we couldn't have it outdoors. So instead we lit like a million candles in the wet weather shelter and sang songs around that, it was actually really cool! We also sent a recording of everyone singing We are Young by Fun to Michael John Shinnick.

This was one of my favourite parts of the weekend.

Campcraft

The rain was pouring down, typical Friday night shield weather!

Between 7pm we began site build. It rained non stop for the next 3 hours but we were delighted with our progress as we had all the tents pitched early and all the necessary gadgets made by the time 10 came. All the patrols went to Tom's cabin to warm up and try to dry off! At 11 15, we went back to the site and into the tents!

We woke up the next morning to the sound of rain hitting the canvas, we packed up our sleeping equipment and pulled on our waterproofs. We headed to the Lee Fields for the raft race!

We built our raft and lifted it up the banks, we put it in the water and waited for the staff. The raft team was Isaac, Josh, George and James. Not only did we win the race but we also won the base! We got changed and headed back to Killcully on the bus.

As the patrol did some site work, Isaac went to a Patrol Leaders meeting and

seeing as the weather was so poor we could cook the test meal on gas. Josh and Meabh set about preparing and cooking our meal. After dinner we had the sketches where each patrol were given a selection of props to use in their sketch. The sketch went relatively well!!

We woke up the next morning, had breakfast and started some site work. We then had a trek cart where each patrol raced around a track and it was timed.

Of course it stopped raining just as we finished walking the site!! We changed into our uniforms and waited until the closing ceremony and awards!

All the patrols lined up and we listened to the County Commissioner Derek Long speak and our CPC Brendan Lynch speak. The trophies were presented after these speeches. We won 5 of the 8 awards between the campcraft and expedition patrols - the campcraft test meal, the expedition log book, the raft base, the bases trophy and the expedition pioneering project award. We won the overall campcraft trophy, the overall expedition trophy and the overall shield trophy!

We were all delighted with the results and it showed the effort us scouts put in at the weekend and during the training as well as the time and effort the leaders spent helping us train!



Campcraft and Expedition team members:

Back r-l: James, Ana, Orla, Glenn, Josh, George, Kate and Conor

Front r-l: Caoimhe, Rachel, Maeve, Ciara, Sadhbh, Isaac and Ethan

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We then headed to the opening ceremony to hear a moving and inspirational speech from Dave Shaloo. We were not disappointed. Then the countdown began and we ran back to start the build. The sun/rain (it depends who you ask) was beating down the whole time. We built the site in no time with only a few minor injuries and no fatalities, even Glenn was still alive! This was a personal best for us and we were thrilled. Next up were the on site games. We had to go to other troops and find our opposites. It was really exciting and definitely the best part of the whole day. We went to sleep excited for the next day's challenges.

We woke up at the ungodly hour of 6 on the Friday morning. We were doing onsite bases for the day. First we had our pioneering base. George was task leader for this one. The base went really well and we hit the target every single time. Well almost every single time.

Then we had a beautiful exotic lunch of ham sandwiches and Taytos. Our afternoon bases were based (get it BASEd) on the spices. These were a series of activities to see how we worked as a team. The one where we had to perform in front of people was definitely the best and not at all uncomfortable. Friday night was the trade fair. It was actually really good. Ana loved it, it was her favourite part of the whole weekend.

We got a lie in on Saturday and didn't have to get up until 7. Yay. We were going to be doing backwoods bases all day. So we prepared another exquisite lunch and got ready to head off. We hiked for about 5kms to the nearby woods. We spent the day lighting safe and controlled fires and setting intricate traps. We also built a fulacht fia, a rocket and a shelter. We cooked a beautiful lunch for the markers of fish peas and potatoes and we did this without using any pots or cutlery. We then hiked back to site and cooked a gorgeous dinner of chicken curry. Next up was the trek cart race which was a total success apart from a wheel falling off but who needs two wheels anyway. It rained a lot and unfortunately the campfire had to be cancelled. We all got to bed nice and early and went to sleep as soon as we were asked to.

We woke at 8 on Sunday morning and had a beautifully cooked fry. We then headed to the scouts own which was as thrilling and exciting as it always is. Next up was site take down. It's always weird seeing the fields so empty after site take down when only two hours before it was like a small town. We got the site down and everything was running on schedule like always. We had final inspection then headed to the closing ceremony.

This was horrible. Sure the end result was nice but oh my god the wait was not. First they called out what standard each team got (gold, silver or bronze). We got gold. Which was a relief. Then they thank a bunch of people. We won the bases and the gate. It was at this point that we really started to freak out. Then they thank a bunch more people. Then they call out 25th to 4th. So at this point we knew we were in the top three and I had died. Then they sing a freaking song to thank Dave Shaloo which was really nice but seriously what awful timing. Then (finally) they called out first second and third. We placed second. Second! There was a lot of cheering and shouting and what not we were just so happy. It was a fantastic end to a fantastic weekend.

Venture Section

The Venture Section opened in the group in September as has gotten off to great start.

A group of 11 older Scouts moved together from the Scout section which has given the section a kick start for the year.

So far this year the ventures have taken part in the Port of Cork Raft Race, Ulster and Connacht MPC's, Trizone, gone wall climbing, attended group camp and went to the cinema!

The Venture section is currently planning and budgeting their summer camp for 2016 and will have a parents meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the plans.

The leaders in the Venture Section are James and Richard



Dates for your Diary:

3rd of Jan - County Ice Skating

April (TBC)- County Competition

15th - 22nd July - Preliminary camp dates (TBC)

Group Camp 2015

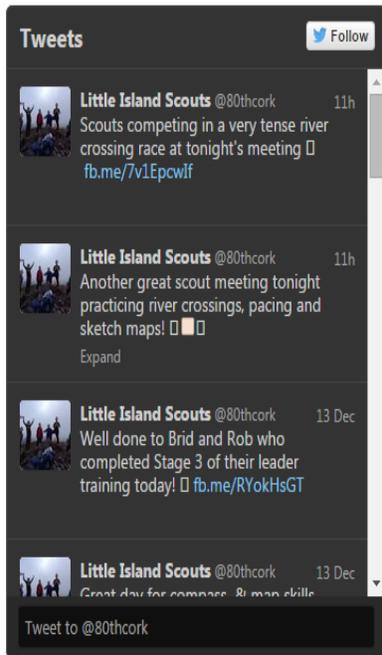
We held our biggest group camp yet this year with close to 100 youth members and 17 Scouters attending. Despite the challenging weather conditions over the weekend, each section took part in activities around Mount Melleray. We would like to thank the Scouts and Ventures who helped support the programme for both the Beavers and Cubs for parts of the weekend.

Below is a group picture we took before the Beavers headed home on the Saturday evening.



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Our Website

You can now check out our website www.80thcork.com

We will be adding information to it over the coming months and there is a live feed from our Facebook and Twitter pages so you can see what we get up to at our meetings and activities.

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