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ISSUE 1 - MARCH '09

Welcome to the first edition of Kidderminster Explorer Scouts Newsletter which will be published at least quarterly. It will contain items, snippets & photo's on events & activities past, as well as info on forthcoming unit nights & events.

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There are two Explorer Scout Units in the District one meets on a Thursday from 7pm to 9pm & is based at Blakedown (Blakedown ESU) and the other meets on a Monday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm & is based at Rhydd Covert (North ESU), There is also a unit which supports the Young Leaders in the District, this is based at KD1 Sea Scout HQ & meets on some Friday nights. All the Units work closely together & regularly hold joint meetings. The Explorer Scout training programme consists of - the Platinum Award, Diamond Award & Queen's Scout Award (the highest award in Scouting) it is also possible to participate in the D of E Award Scheme.

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EUROFEST 2009, De Kluis Scout Centre, Belgium.



Plans are progressing well with our trip with many aspects now confirmed including our

travel arrangements & the fact that all the Explorer Scouts will be camping together in one sub camp led by Dave Denton.

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COMPETITION - As you will notice this edition of the newsletter is lacking a name - If you can think of a catchy, original name &/or logo please forward it to the Editor (details as per "Who's Who" list).

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CHRISTMAS BAG PACKING - Explorers raised over £1,600 - & are hoping to beat this at Easter

CAMP COCKEREL - Back in November 2008



Kidderminster Explorer Scouts hosted the first ever "Camp Cockerel", a weekend event with Friday night disco and team challenges including a night hike on Saturday, which proved to be so successful (with 23 teams taking part) that Rocky the Cockerel (that's him on the

badge!) has requested that we do it all again from 13th to 15th November this year! - Places are limited so don't miss out - put the dates in your diary now!



As you can see - the disco went down well!!!

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YOUNG LEADER TRAINING - Any Explorer Scout who helps out at another section is a Young Leader. All Young Leaders need to complete training including their Module A training which should be completed within 3 months of commencing helping. The next Module A Training will be run on Sunday 19th April 09 - for further information please contact Terry Dovey (details in "Who's Who" list).

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WANTED - Your reports, notices, photo's & suggestions to fill the pages of Issue 2 of this yet unnamed newsletter which will be "going to press" June/July 2009 - Come on - It's your chance to have your say

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TURN OVER FOR EVEN MORE



JOINT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES -

St Georges Day Parade - 26/4/09 - meet at 10am outside "Bed City" in New Rd, Full Uniform, District Neckers, No Jeans or Trainers.

Special Olympics - 27/6/09 - help needed with supporting participants at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

Pledged Plod Camp - 2-4/10/09 - 40th Plod & Anniversary Camp.

Camp Cockerel - 13-15/11/09 - Start sorting out your teams (& their names!!).

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EXPLORER SCOUTING "WHO'S WHO" - Here are the "key people" locally & how to contact them! -

Acting District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) - Responsible for supporting all Leaders & Explorer Scouts in all aspects of Explorer Scouting - Dave Denton, 01562 850326, 07771965560, davedenton53@aol.com

District Explorer Scout Administrator (DESA) - Responsible for all aspects of administration including finance & databases - Dave Pagett - 01562 68640, pagettdavid@aol.com

Explorer Scout Leader - Looking after the planning & running of the weekly Unit meetings -

Blakedown Unit - Ian Pain - 01902 579340, 07794200195, iandpain@blueyonder.co.uk

North Unit - Scott Denton - 07979534771, scottdentonnorthesu@hotmail.com

Young Leader Unit - Terry Dovey - 01562 636651, terrydovey@blueyonder.co.uk

Newsletter Editor - Responsible for compiling this newsletter - with your help!! - Ann Denton - 01562 850326, 07971237507, anndenton55@aol.com

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ALL SCOUTS 13½ OR OVER ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO MEETINGS OF ANY OF THE UNITS PRIOR TO JOINING EXPLORES AT 14 -

PLEASE PHONE ANY OF THE LEADERS LISTED ABOVE TO ARRANGE YOUR VISITS.

PROGRAMME - NORTH UNIT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
06/04/09	Campfires Burning	Rhydd	
13/04/09	Ice Skating	TBA	
20/04/09	St George's Practice	Rhydd	
27/04/09	Ice Cream Survey	Rhydd	
07/05/09	Climbing Tower	Rhydd	Thur - Joint Evening
11/05/09	Bush Craft & Soap Box	Rhydd	
18/05/09	Climbing & Absieling	Rhydd	
25/05/09	Camping Skills	Rhydd	
01/06/09	Soap Box Derby & BBQ	Rhydd	Mon - Joint Evening
08/06/09	It's a Knockout	Rhydd	
15/06/09	Bush Craft Skills	Rhydd	
22/06/09	Chip Shop Run	TBA	

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PROGRAMME - BLAKEDOWN UNIT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
23/04/09	Athletes Badge	Blakedown	Sports Gear
30/04/09	Athletes Badge	Blakedown	Sports Gear
07/05/09	Climbing Tower	Rhydd	Thur - Joint Evening
14/05/09	Athletes Badge	Blakedown	Sports Gear
21/05/09	Soap Box Preparation	Blakedown	Build a Cart
28/05/09	Soap Box & Camp Prep	Blakedown	Check Equip & Carts
01/06/09	Soap Box Derby & BBQ	Rhydd	Mon - Joint Evening
11/06/09	Archery	Blakedown	
18/06/09	Pioneering	Blakedown	
25/06/09	Point to Point Race	Blakedown	

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PROGRAMME - YOUNG LEADER UNIT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
17/04/09	Social & Registration Evening	KD1
19/04/09	Module "A" Training Day	KD1
28/04/09	BBQ	TBA
09/05/09	Theme Park Trip	TBA
05/06/09	Climbing & Abseiling	TBA

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12/06/09	Shooting	TBA
27/06/09	Cook Challenge	Rhydd
03-05/07/09 (provisional)	Modular Training W/E	Rhydd
10/07/09	Bowling	TBA

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