



# Trout Scoop

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## Happy New Year!



## Kingfisher WIN.

**We've sifted back through all the old patrol records in the patrol boxes. We've talked to all the old patrol librarians. We've looked for remains under the hut. Apparently no Patrol Leader has ever organized an over-nighter. Evar. Until now.**

On 21st December 2008, Cameron Dalziel, Stempy & Alistair started in Willingham and

spent the day in ~~hey~~ mild 12°C conditions, as they hiked through the ~~treacherous~~ boggy fenland tracks to Rampton. They sat down to a lunch of lukewarm baked beans— spaghetti in Stempy's case— purchased fresh that morning on the first ever Kingfisher Tesco Expedition, then forged on along a track beside a stream where "Alistair sung all the songs he knew". They took Gun's lane back to Histon, where "we trudded through mud and cow poo, Alistair got stuck three times in the mud and the conditions also filled our shoes with iced water with every step". They celebrated the successful conclusion of their mission by feasting on sausage rolls and (dry) Bread and singing tales of Scouts of long ago around the radiator. The stars of the night sky were bright, just a week after the brightest full moon this decade, but the cold night was tempered by the modern sleeping bags, and the fact that they were only looking at them through Cameron's skylight.

Well done lads. Scouts is nothing without its Patrols and some Youth

Leadership. In fifty years, You can tell your grandchildren about how you restarted Scouting in Histon. You might want to boast to your mates right now, too.

### About Trout Scoop

*by Greg Harewood*

Welcome to your new troop magazine! William is your Youth Editor, but he's had a bit of trouble getting you lot to write anything for Issue 1. So I thought I'd lend a hand to get things rolling. It's a 1st Histon troop-only newspaper, by the troop, for the troop. We have an editor, we have a brand new copy of Windows Vista and more geeks than you've had hot dinners, but we don't have material. You make it, you write it. Take photos of what you do. Write articles. Note down funny things that people say for the Quote File. And we'll put out a fabulous new issue once a month.

### That was 2008

**June**—Greg arrived for the first time, and the year started! There was archery.

**July**—More archery. And Kabaddi! Kabaddi gooooooood.

**August**—Apparently some of you went canoeing. See what happens when I try to write the history? Most of it is blank!

**September**—Back to Scouts... Woohoo! "Cooking" on fires, map reading, stunning cycle game, wiring plugs, threw ropes, ironed scarves (trauma!). Scavenger hunt won by William's patrol... even though he didn't yet have a patrol.

**October**—You realized for the first time that you can't tie knots or lashings. Scouting FAIL! Doh! Planned a hike but forgot to go on it. Alistair organizes the Halloween Event, covers you all in flour. Scouts gets too cool for Wedge, who quits for something easier like rugger.

**November**—A-Frames. Who Moved My Cheese? Changes and promotions. Stir Fry. WIN! Pioneering FAIL!

### William's December Round Up

*by William Schimrigk-Biagini*

#### 1st-PL's ran the evening

On the PL's night we did: Puzzle's, Disability awareness, 10 pin bowling. Most people enjoyed it.

#### 8th-Wide Games

Wide Games was also a very fun evening with lots of games on offer. Greg gave everyone a glowstick and they were involved all of the games.

We had a very fun evening with investors at the end and PL's and APL's getting their badge. After every one got Cocoa.

#### 21st-Spy Masters

Spy Masters was a end of troop programme treat. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

## Join the adventure

The Scout Association

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# Summer Camp!... Horner 2009

Oh boy are you lot in for a shock. Apparently people cooked for you in previous camps. Apparently, you had bowls, water and taps and stuff. Apparently, you had no idea you had ever left cubs. Apparently, you had buses to take you places.

In my day, we got up at 05:30 and did BP stretching exercises. We strip-washed in the river, breaking the ice if need be. We went for a run, hung the brailings, caught our breakfast, cooked it, broke the flag, inspected ourselves and woke our leaders up with a cup of tea at 9am. And we liked it. We knew we were lucky.

Srsly - camp's going to be stunning. We have the stream, the fishing, the cooking in patrols, the fabulous scenery, most of Exmoor to ourselves, and the most perfect area for wide games that you have ever known. Talk amongst yourselves.

## Back To Basics... SMILE :-)

**by Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell**  
Want of laughter means want of health. Laugh as much as you can: it does you good; so whenever you can get a good laugh, laugh on, and make other people laugh too, when possible, as it does them good.

If you are in pain or trouble, make yourself smile at it; if you remember to do this, and force yourself, you will find it really does make a difference.

The ordinary boy is apt to frown when working hard at physical exercises, but the Boy Scout is required to smile all the time; he drops a mark off his score whenever he frowns. (extract from "Scouting for Boys")

## New Year Resolutions:

Ashley— Must eat less Twix  
Greg— Must remember Alistair's candy  
Alistair— Must stop falling over  
Fergie— Must join Explorers  
Jamie— Must come back one day  
William— Must stop talking at flag break  
Kevin— Must copy someone else  
Harry— Must wake upzzzzzzzzzz  
PLC— Must have one sometime

## Quote File

Alistair— "But Greg, you said Scouts is a microcosm of life" (*thumping Cameron*)  
William— "I get £100 pocket money a month"

# QuarterBack

**Quarter As In Master. Back As In Not Front. What!? It's a totally cool name!**

*So did you get any nice Scouty equipment Christmas pressie type things? Not. Nevermind. Because you can get them cheaper in the sales. Here's a few late Christmas present ideas:*

- Penknife, x blades, £y. (Where y=8+1.5x roughly, for a Swiss Army Job)
- Khahki Shorts-£20 say. (Baden-Powell styley-a must)
- Broad-rimmed hat-£20 ish. (Baden-Powell City-if you want to go the whole hog.)

- Frame Rucksack-£80 upwards. (Make sure it will adjust as you grow)
- "Scouting For Boys";big edition-£12; don't argue, just buy it.
- "Led Zeppelin III"-essential for Patrol camps.
- Hike Boots-£too much, from Scout shop; you'd be better off with some German Army Boots from Army Surplus-£22!!!
- Your own patrol T-Shirt... check out [www.cafepress.com](http://www.cafepress.com)

## Forthcoming:

*This column has been gummed on the back. Please tear out, lick thoroughly and stick to your homework diaries.*

Jan 5th—19:15—First Scout meeting back... Hooray!

Jan 10th—09.30— **Clean up the brook** it counts to a community badge

Jan 10th—10:00-13:00— is the **Table Top Sale**

Feb 28ish—**CUSAGC Forward**.... District Incident Hike

March ish—**District swimming gala**

April ish—**District St George's event.** It's a competition. We're going to win

July 19th-25th—**Summer camp in Horner on Exmoor... start planning!**

Aug 1st-8th—**Sea Scout Jamboree**... optional extra camp for a week or sailing etc..

Aug 2nd-9th—**National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra**... or if you're musical, apply for this by the end of January 2009. Grade 5 or above preferred. V. Cool.

## "Neil's New Year Crossword" —Yeah!

### ACROSS—

1. Useful wooden pole.
2. You can use one to find out where you are.
4. A hut made from frozen water.
6. There is no room for one of these in Scouts.
8. What you do on a Monday.
9. Scouts should always be .....
11. To chop a tree down.
13. Use a ..... to find your way around.
14. If you don't keep clean at camp you will be .....
16. A knot to join two ropes of unequal thickness.
18. A Scout should never get .... on a hike.
19. Don't go to camp without one.
20. Someone who could be a really good Scout.

### DOWN—

1. A stronger method of joining rope than a knot.
2. What you are.
3. A means of communicating over a distance.
5. Use a ..... to hold your scarf on.
7. All Scouts should be trained in it.
9. Use this to cut wood at camp.

10. Use a .....hitch to fix a rope onto a spar.
11. You should be able to make one of these quickly.
12. Use one of these to hold things together.
15. No Scout should be .....
17. Pot used for cooking at camp.

