



1st RADNAGE SCOUT GROUP

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what we hope will be another year of exciting, interesting and adventurous activities for your youngsters to enjoy, and a special welcome to all the new parents and children joining the group for the first time. There have been a few changes over the summer hence the delay in getting out the programmes for the Beaver and Scout sections. I'm sorry about this but these will be published as soon as possible.

What we have to remember is that times have changed, gone are the days when you had a leader and perhaps one assistant and they did everything from weekly meetings to summer camps, from organizing trips out to arranging guest speakers etc. People (including leaders) are far busier these days and the amount of time they can give is limited therefore to be successful the workload needs to be shared out amongst more people. Last year we tried this with the Cub section and it proved a great success. We now have five warranted leaders and with the occasional help from parents it means that not everyone has to be there every week.

As you know Richard, Vicky and Stuart all stepped down from the regular leadership of the Beaver section which leaves Beth and Paul as the only leaders. Obviously with the number of children we've got we need 3 or 4 more warranted leaders. If you can only help once every 3 or 4 weeks with enough people we can build a very good leadership team within the Beaver section and go on providing exciting evenings for the youngsters. Please don't hesitate to speak to Beth or myself or any other leader, your help is vital.

It is great to see the numbers in the Scout section increasing albeit slowly. It says a lot for the effort being put in by Mark and John however they are struggling. Whilst running weekly meetings and camps etc are not a problem it is the admin side (contacting people, making arrangements, producing letters and forms for parents etc) that is proving to be Mark's biggest problem. If there is any parent who can help please contact mark on scouts@radnagescoutgroup.co.uk.

Ok maybe you would like to help but are unable to get to meeting because of work but what about supporting the group by joining the Executive committee. We will shortly be holding our AGM and will need to elect a new committee especially a new secretary. It means about 5 or 6 meetings a year and is mainly responsible for fund raising activities. A famous man once said

Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country

I would turn that around and say to you

Don't ask what your Scout Group can do for your children but what are you prepared to do for them

There is already one group in the District in danger of collapsing (they have very few leaders and no committee) because the parents are just not interested. PLEASE DO NOT let this happen to Radnage.

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