

Welcome to the April / May edition of our Newsletter.
I wish all the best to those Unit members who are busy sitting exams at the moment.
Good luck!

News:

We now have a flickr group where photos of activities will be available for members to see (**and upload your own!!**) This can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/kennetexplorers/>. A small selection of photos are publically viewable, but to see all the things we do please join.

Our website has undergone a re-vamp. Check out <http://www.kennetexplorers.org.uk> to see the new look.

Also, listen out for our radio advert on Breeze FM , recorded by Amy & Callum!

New Forest "Camp"

This was organised by Amy & George as part of their Scouting Skills and saw us visit Braggers Wood Campsite, in the New Forest. During the weekend we visited Bournemouth and its Oceanarium. A Mexican themed evening meal was enjoyed by all. Onsite activities included Crate-Stacking and Archery and we returned via the Rufus Stone where we invested Kieran.



St. Georges Parade

A very good turn out again this year. Approx. 22 Explorers Scouts in attendance with some walking with the Groups/sections that they help with as Young Leaders.

Karting

27 members took part in an evening of Karting in Swindon, where each group (of 9) could race for 30mins. Several impressive lap times were set (congratulations to Liam Anderson of Hydra ESU for the fastest time of 28.765s). This was a fun evening, enjoyed by all, and we will look to arrange another session soon!



Expedition Weekend (Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hike)

The group of 5, made up of members from Hydra ESU & Pegasus ESU, walked from Hurstbourne Tarrant to Linkenholt and then onto Inkpen. They planned the route to seek out several Geocaches, using handheld GPS, along the way, and also created several new ones for others to find.



Shooting Weekend

During the same weekend as the Expedition, Unit members had the opportunity to stay at Linkenholt and partake in a weekend of Shooting, under the tuition of Ian & Marcus. They were able to use several different types of Air-Rifle and enjoyed competitions and fun sessions (shooting chalk targets, spinners & cans/bottles etc.)

Pioneering

Wyvern & Pegasus spent an evening building a tower. Several different lashes and knots were used (not always the right ones!!) and then once erected we had several competitions to see who could reach the top and return in the fastest safest time.

Burghfield Sailing Club Open Day

We had the opportunity to attend the open day and try the various water based activities on offer. These included: Paddle-boarding, Windsurfing, Sailing & Power Boating. Everyone had a great time and tried all activities at least once. We are looking to arrange further taster sessions and or specific courses at a later date.



Cinema

Unit members had the chance to relax from the stresses of exams and spend an evening at the cinema. There was a choice of 3 films and everyone stocked up on refreshments and had a very entertaining time.

In the next edition: Gliding, Football Competition, The Sun Run, Gilwell 24, end of term bbq party + much more so look out for this late July/August.