



Hello All and welcome back to a new term at Scouts.

We have loads on offer this year in terms of camps and activities.
Some dates for your diaries:

2010

9th October – **Promise Auction** – Scout fundraiser (more details later)

13th November – **Bonfire Night Celebrations** Eccleshall Community Centre

14th November – **Remembrance Parade** – Eccleshall (All Scouts required to attend – please keep this date free)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE HAS BEEN AMENDED FROM THAT ORIGINALLY POSTED

4th, 11th, 18th December – **Scouts Christmas Post**

18th December – **Scouts Christmas Carol Service and Party** – Holy Trinity Church and Scout HQ

2011

24th April – **St. George's Day Parade** – Stone (All Scouts required to attend – please keep this date free)

29th April to 2nd May – **G.A.S. Camp** – A joint camp between the Guides and Scouts – 3 days of fun and challenges

8th to 10th July – **Born Survivor Camp**, Kibblestone (See leaflet attached) – Loads of adventurous activities on offer, live bands, and a visit by **Bear Grylls**, Chief Scout. Bookings now being taken

30th July to 12th August (approximate dates) – **Haarlem Jamborette**, Haarlem, Holland. Check out the website on <http://www.haarlemjamborette.nl/2011> We will be joining Madla Speidergruppe from Norway and 1st Melbourne Scouts from Derbyshire for this international Jamboree. Loads of activities, outings into the local area and a chance to meet Scouts from all over the world. Cost £450 which will include travel, food, activities and outings. AS usual, this can be reduced by fundraising. A letter will follow about this but places will be limited. Speak to Helen if you might be interested.

Of course, there will be loads of other things going on throughout the year: 2011 is a **Gang Show** year so get ready in January to join in with rehearsals for the biggest Scout Show in Staffordshire...

Masterchef will be on again (we came first this year!) so keep practising your cooking ready.

Scouts will be given lots of opportunities to work towards awards – check out the website and particularly the challenge award requirements on

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/badges/scout-index.htm>

Also – did you know 1st Eccleshall Scouts have a website

<http://www.eccleshallscouts.org.uk/> On here you will find all the information that we give out on letters, kit lists for camps etc. and all the photos that we take during our activities. We are working on an up to date calendar of events. Please try and check it regularly for updates.

Also, did you know, Eccleshall scarves and woggles are available to purchase at the HQ Scarves £5 and woggles £1.50. See any leaders to buy these items.

Finally, **subscriptions** are now due at £30 per term. Please make cheques payable to 1st Eccleshall Scouts. If you have not completed a gift aid form, please see Pete Jackson.

For now, thanks for your support and we all look forward to a fun and rewarding year at Scouts.

Helen and the Scout team