

1st RAMSDEN & DOWNHAF SCOUT GROUP - SUMMER 1972

50th Anniversary Year.

"THE ARROW"



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Summer time, is FETE TIME, watch out for details of this event, on the 8th July 1972.

followed by

"DANCING to DISCO" in the evening.

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Stop-press We are pleased to be able to offer, several good quality seat benches, suitable for the garden, at £2.50 each. Anyone interested, please contact the G.S.L. or Scouters, or a member of the committee.

GROUP CHAIRMAN:- Mr. C. Clark.

G.S.L. Mr. J. Crockett.

DATES FOR DIARIES:

JUNE 17th: Scout Troop - Weekend Camp at Belchamps.  
JULY 8th: GRAND FETE AT the Y.M.C.A. Hall (see notice)  
& DISCO and field.  
OCTOBER 1st: Pack outing to Windsor Safari Park  
(See Notice).  
OCTOBER 28TH ~~MOCK AUCTION~~  
NOVEMBER 11th ART & HANDCRAFT EXHIBITION - Group H.Q.

There will also be a DISTRICT DAY OUT for CUBS;  
CUBS DAY OUT on LOCATION making a film.  
DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA at Basildon  
These three events have yet to have the dates  
fixed, but as soon as these are known, notices  
will be sent out.

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MAY WE INTRODUCE -

We would like to introduce to those of you who did not have the pleasure of meeting him at the Annual General Meeting, our new Group Scout Leader, Mr. Joe Crockett. Joe is an experienced Scouter, who has taken over this thankless task. A Group Scout Leader does not have the pleasure of running a Pack or Troop and coming in direct contact very often with the boys. His job is to co-ordinate all sections of the Group, from the youngest Cub to the newest lay-member on the Group Council. The G.S.L's job is rather like that undertaken by General Managers, and it is his responsibility to ensure smooth running throughout the Group. Joe is a tireless worker, and has spent many years assisting with Gang Show Productions, Fund Raising for other Groups, and until joining 1st.Ramsden & Downham, travelled each week from Raleigh to West Ham, where he ran a Venture Scout Unit. Many of you may remember the pageant in Lake Meadows, two years ago, commemorating the sailing of The Pilgrim Fathers to the New World. This was written, produced and directed by Joe. We do hope that you will support Joe in any venture that he will undertake on be-

half of the Group, either fund-raising, social, or Pack and  
 Pop Activities.

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### PACK NEWS

There will be several outings for the Pack during the next few months, but at the moment we are unable to give definite dates for some of these, but Cubs will be notified as soon as these are to hand. However, we can give a date for the outing to Windsor Royal Safari Park. This is to take place on SUNDAY 1st October, and will be for Cubs and members of the Supporters Association who care to bring their families along for what should be a very pleasant day. The cost for this will be CHILDREN £1.75 each ADULTS £1.90. This covers the coach trip to and from Windsor, Entrance Fee to the Safari Park, Entrance to the Dolphin Show and a set Salad tea prior to the return journey home. (Packed lunches will be taken). Please may we have names as soon as possible, together with a 50p per person deposit. The balance may be paid in instalments or in a lump sum by the second week in September. We regret we cannot take brothers and sisters unless they are accompanied by one or both parents.

SWIMMING - 1972 is "Learn to Swim" year, which is sponsored by COSPA and backed by the Government, in association with the Scouts. There is a money prize for the Pack that has had the most number of Proficiency badges issued for Swimming from the 1st May to December. Please encourage your son to learn to swim this year. Don't forget, we teach Cubs to Swim on Friday evenings at Basildon baths, upto Stage 1. standard. If you would like your son to benefit from this, please let us have his name as soon as possible.

FOOTBALL. We are pleased to announce that the Pack Football team, had a very successful season. They reached the Finals in the District eleven aside league, and carried off the "Ellis" trophy for the six aside matches. Congratulations to both teams. Also our thanks to both trainer Mr. Evans and Manager Mr. Stratford.

"AKELA"

TROOP :- The Scouts are now meeting regularly on Wednesday Evenings 7 - 9 p.m. under the leadership at present of the G.S.L. We are still looking for a Troop Leader to take over from him, and will be pleased to hear from any Adult interested in running the Troop. Experience is not necessary, as training can be given.

There will be a weekend camp at Belchamps training and camping ground. 16th to 18th June.

GROUP COUNCIL: We would like to thank Parents and Friends who supported and gave jumble for our recent sale. We can always accept items of furniture, clothing, toys, bric-a-brac for future sales. Please leave same at the H.Q. or contact one of the Scouters.

SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION:- Have you joined yet? If not the Scouters will be pleased to give you information regarding this important section of the Group.

B.P.Guild: The Billericay and Wickford Scout Council have now formed a B.P. Guild, and they will be pleased to hear from any ex Scouter in Ramsden or Downham, who would care to join. Mrs. Ayton will be pleased to give information to anyone who is interested.

WANTED - WANTED - WANTED- Bottles of all sorts (filled of course) for the bottle stall at the fete. Broken or Cracked Crockery for the "Old Crocks" Stall, and donations of items, suitable for prizes will be gratefully received. (Please could we have any unwanted balls of wool to the Cub Pack as soon as possible - thank you Akela).

Have you, or do you know of anyone, with a very old Piano to dispose of?

GRAND FETE on the 8th July. Watch out for further notices of this grand fund-raising event. We have a splendid programme of events lined up, and the fete will be opened for us by Trevor Bannister Stage and T.V. Actor ("Heavy Brething" of the Dustbinmen) and who is currently appearing in Coronation Street, and has appeared in Doomwatch, and Steptoe. He is also appearing at the Palace Theatre, Westcliffe. Please bring along your friends to the Discotheque at the YMCA in the evening.