



### January 2008 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We haven't quite got all the programme sorted for the weeks leading up to Easter - that will follow! Please bear with us.

Long term planning wise - please make a note of the following :

**Annual General Meeting-** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May please support this evening we only ask once a year!

**Cycle Camp -** 17/18 May - to Melton and back

**Group Camp -** 6/7/8 June 2008 - all sections will be camping together at Bail Wood. It won't cost much but we guarantee you fun!

**Summer Camp - Northumberland -** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008

By way of a change the Troop is heading north this year. To Dilston Campsite which is near Hexham. It looks a good site and it's sited conveniently within a Ballista's throw of Hadrian's Wall. There are lots of activities and apparently there is a river suitable for swimming - but I'm awaiting more firm details re water activities. We will take the opportunity to visit Holy Island and travel over the famous causeway - I have checked with the tide information and it is favourable for the proposed visit date.

There will be more about prices later but if you are interested then a £10 deposit will secure a place.

We will be having a meeting to discuss camp but for now I need expressions of definite interest.

#### **SUBS - CHANGES**

Subs have been £3 a month since I can recall. The annual fee (capitation) that we have to pay to the Scout Association for insurance etc is now £25. As we only charge 11 months subs it doesn't take much to work out that subs, as it stands, only covers the annual capitation fee with just a little bit left over.

So from now on....

its £1 a week

AND

In November I will ask for a separate amount to cover the capitation - about £25

I'm sorry about this but I don't really want fundraising to go towards capitation and that is the case at the moment

The cost for the 1<sup>st</sup> term up to Easter (10 weeks) is therefore £10.

Rob