

Fellowship get back to Scouting!

After their time out enjoying themselves on away days, members of the Sevenoaks Fellowship joined other Fellowships from around Kent to run the sideshows and games for REACH 2006. REACH is an activity day for young people with special or additional needs aged between 8 and 16.



Getting to Whitstable in time to set up before the young people arrive meant leaving Sevenoaks early, but, despite munching breakfast on the way we were ready for the onslaught.

There were plenty of activities to enjoy, ranging from a climbing wall, to archery, face painting and much more. The Kent Ambulance's battery must have been nearly flat by the end of the day judging



by the number of times it's lights were set flashing and the sirens sounded.



Our contribution to the fun and games consisted of "Stacking Cup" races, "Softball Ten Pin Bowling" and a simplified game of "Boule". Judging by the number of Skittle Pins we had to replace, Cups and balls we had to pick up, our customers were enjoying themselves, even though it meant lying down on the job!

We even provided support for the First Aid tent.

All of the young people attending were escorted for the whole day by Explorer Scouts from all over Kent, many of whom were the same age as their charges. It was a fantastic experience for the Explorers and great to see the rapport that developed between them and the young people taking part. Challenges to beat one another at the games was the order of the day.



Even our own Fellowship County Commissioner helped out by running Camel Racing on his own base, but he also came and joined in the bowling!

Come and join the Fellowship and help us help Scouting whilst enjoying ourselves.



Well done to everyone at St Georges Day for collecting £228.41p for The Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

Family camp at 4th St.Johns

The 4th St Johns recently camped at their HQ for a weekend with the whole group taking part.

With Scouts and Cubs on the field and Beavers under canvas in the Scout Hut the area was a hive of activity.

Using mini buses from around the District the group went of to an enchanted forest at Groombridge for the day

and returned just in time to see England removed from the World Cup. However spirits were still high as they prepared for a Wide Game and campfire. During the camp the Group made a presentation too their retiring chairman Jane Whitting, who said that it was excellent to see the 4th going from strength to strength and how much she had enjoyed her time there.





Wide |games on the field and Sheila building an escape raft

I saw this and wondered how the young Scouters would remember their childhood in 40/50 years time

Close your eyes and go back in time...
To a time before the Internet...
Before semi-automatic guns, joy riders and crack cocaine....
Before Playstation or Super Nintendo..
Waaay back...

I'm talking about Hide and Seek in the park.
The corner shop.
Jam Roly Poly.
Butterscotch.
Hopscotch.
Skipping.
Handstands.
Football with an old can.
Fingerbobs.
Beano, Dandy, Buster, Twinkle and Dennis the Menace.
Hula Hoops, jumping the stream, building dams.
The smell of the sun and fresh cut grass.
Bazooka Joe bubble gum.
99 ice cream with a flake, or a screwball on a warm summer afternoon from a van that plays 'Popeye the Sailor man'.
Saturday morning pictures.
Children's Film Foundation, The Double Deckers, Red Hand Gang,

'Why Don't You'? During the school holidays,

Saturday Scene,
Our Show, Tiswas, Swapshop, The Banana Splits, Chris Tarrant, Sally James, Brian Cant, Toni Hart, Keith Chegwin, Noel Edmonds
The Tomorrow People, Doctor Who, RentaGhost,
"It's Friday.
It's 5 o'clock.
It's Crackerjack!"

When around the corner seemed far away and going into town seemed like going somewhere.
Earwigs, wasps, stinging nettles, sticklebacks and bee stings.
Sticky fingers.

Playing Marbles. Ball bearings. Big 'uns and Little 'uns. Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians, and Zorro!

Climbing trees.

Making igloos out of snow banks.

Walking to school, no matter what the weather.

Running till you were out of breath, laughing so hard that your stomach hurt.

Jumping on the bed. Pillow fights.

Spinning around on roundabouts, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles.

Jumping off swings and slides, even when you know it hurt

Being tired from playing.... remember that?

When the worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team.

Remember when..

You could see sparrows in London on a daily basis.

There were two types of trainers - girls and boys, and Dunlop Green Flash - and the only time you wore them at School was for P.E. (and they were called gym shoes or if you are older - plimsolls)

You knew everyone in your street - and so did your parents.

It wasn't odd to have two or three 'best' friends.

You didn't sleep a wink on Christmas Eve.

When nobody owned a purebred dog.

When 2/- was decent pocket money

Curly Wurllys, Space Dust, Toffo's, Top Trumps, Fizz Bombs, Gob Stoppers,

Nutty, Ice Breaker, Mint Cracknell, Finger of Fudge, Happy Faces Ice lollies, Jubblies, Jammie Dodgers.

When a Mars a day helped you work rest and play, and NOBODY questioned it!

When you'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny.

When nearly everyone's mum was at home when the kids got there.

When any parent could discipline any kid, or feed him or use him to carry shopping, and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it.

When being sent to the head's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving pupil at home?

Basically, we were in fear for our lives but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs etc.

Parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat and some of us are still afraid of them.

Didn't that feel good?

Just to go back and say, Yeah, I remember that

Remember when....

Important decisions in the playground were made by going "Ip, Dip, Dog Shit" or even "Ippa, dippa, dation, my operation....."

"Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest.

Water balloons were the ultimate weapons.

Football cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle.

Choppers and Grifters.

Eating raw jelly. Orange squash ice pops. Vimto and Jubbly lollies

Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in Monopoly

The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was germs.

And the worst thing in your day was having to sit next to one.

Kiss-chase.

It was unbelievable that 'British Bulldog 123' wasn't an Olympic event.

Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a catapult.

Nobody was prettier than Mum.

Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.

Ice cream was considered a basic food group.

Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.

Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors.

If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED.

Scis, Pap, Brick (Scissors, paper, brick;).....I dare, no, I DOUBLE-DARE YOU!!!!

Shouting for Scouting

Imagine this; You are out at the pub on a really nice evening sipping beer in the garden having a chat and then the whole thing turns into a camp fire sing a long. How many Scouters would be brave enough to take their group to the local pub and sing songs from Camp Fires Burning to Pizza Hut.

Well the leadership team at Halstead did exactly that and raised £167.02p to boot! They also raised the profile of scouting in and around Halstead visiting The Badgers Mount, Cock Inn and Rose and Crown for half an hour at a time.

June says that one person offered to double the donation of £5 if the group went into the pub for a repeat performance. I'm not sure if this was meant as a compliment.

Parents of the youngsters went along and thought that the whole thing was so successful they want to do it all again and at least one of the venues want the group to return at Christmas for a session of carol singing.

A fine example of Shouting for Scouting

Halsted were also out and about at the Knockholt Carnival



7th Sevenoaks (Halstead) took part in Knockholt Carnival on 15th July. It was very hot.

Mary Caluori (Group Chair), Addie Dunlop (Scout parent rep) walked in costumes as 'ladies of the shire' Graham Baldwin (Pack Assistant) and Seren Edwards (scout) walked in uniform. On the float were Liam and Cory Gerlin, Cameron Essam, Amber Caluori (Scouts), Kelly Leary (Cub), Erin Hollands (Beaver) and June Johnson (GSL). The theme was myths legends and fairy tales. Our float was 'Lord of the rings' and was made to represent bilbi bagins home. we were awarded second place in the category of 'imaginative'.

Trevor (SL) was left to video the carnival parade and set up the stall for the fete.

Float was built by Mary, Addie, June, Graham, Fiona and David Noakes, and assembly was assisted by the Scouts.

Congratulations

to the three Explorers who received their D of E Bronze award at the District AGM



Jonathan Davies, Nigel Burgin, Dougal Harper

We are told by Hugh Field to expect to see some Dof E Gold and Queen Scout Awards shortly.

The Riverhead carnival will take place on the 17th September on Chipstead Common Witches lane Riverhead . The Hulabaloo Roadshow will be in attendance and is a great place to show of your Group as well as raise some cash.

The 3rd organise the Event and so Scouting is very much in evidence on the day. Go along in uniform or costume do some Shouting for Scouting and have a great time.

The Next issue of Newlink will be at the end of September . Please send in reports and pictures of activities you have been on over the summer. You all have stories and successes to tell and we want to hear them!.