

## SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I hope you have enjoyed this latest edition of the Braintree District newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the contributors who have kindly sent in their tales of adventures and photos too. There has been so much going on over the last term that we have had to expand the size of the newsletter so that we can share it all.

We would love to hear what you think about the new format and its content. Do you like spotting yourself in the photos, or reading about what other groups have been doing? Do you look forward to reading the newsletter and glad that there is now even more to read?

So Scouts, Leaders and Parents let us know your thoughts so we can improve the newsletter for you! Have a chat with your Leader or email in your thoughts to braintreenews@gmail.com.

Don't forget Edition 6 will be out in December, so email in your stories of the Summer/Autumn and you can appear in the next newsletter too!

Have a great summer!

Pam Groom, Editor

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September	
Thurs 9	District Executive meeting
Sat 11 - Sun 12	Water activity weekend
Sun 12	District Beaver outing to Diggerland
Fri 17 - Sun 19	Scout Border Hike - Gradbach Scout Campsite, Derbyshire
Wed 22	Appointments committee
October	
Fri 1 - Sun 3	County Explorer Scout marathon - New Forest
Sat 16	Fun in the Pool - Braintree Swimming Centre
November	
Wed 10	Appointments committee
Sun 14	Remembrance parade
December	
Sun 5	Christmas Celebration
Thurs 9	District Executive committee meeting

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## LIVING WILD!

The May bank holiday is always a popular weekend for Scouts under canvas and this year was no exception for 4th Braintree Scout Group.

The idea for the weekend came from Scout Leader Martin Darch who wanted a chance to show the younger sections what the Scouts get up to on their weekend and week-long camps. Using the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, 'Living Wild' book as a theme, over the weekend everyone had a chance to practise with crossbows, play some fantastic new wide games, build edible camp fires and rafts, as well as building real fires and preparing their jacket potatoes or stew for dinner.

The Sunday saw the Beavers building rafts to race on the river, while the Cubs and Scouts built slightly larger rafts, so all the young people had a chance to get wet.

All the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts thoroughly enjoyed the weekend at Bures Scout Campsite in Suffolk, thanks to the co-operation of all the Section Leaders with the input and energy of the Explorer Scout (Young Leader) team, who all pitched in to make the weekend a success!

Clare Darch, Assistant Scout Leader, 4th Braintree Scouts



## 1ST BRAINTREE GO CAMPING!

Over 100 people enjoyed the gorgeous weather at the 1st Braintree Group Camp at Thriftwood on 21st to 23rd May. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in a variety of activities including air rifle shooting, trampolining, kayaking, rafting, circus skills and cresta run, amongst others. The Cubs and Scouts camped for two nights, whereas Beavers slept either in Oak lodge or under canvas with their parents. The camp was a great success, with lots of smiling faces during the weekend.

## JOHN FRANKLIN PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Braintree District Scout Fellowship are proud to launch the second annual photography competition. All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can submit a Scouting related photo to be in with a chance of winning.

Each Section winner will receive £10 and the overall winner will receive an item of photographic equipment, as well as the John Franklin Cup.

Only 1 photo per person. Closing date 31st October 2010. The winner will be announced at the Christmas celebrations. See your leader for an entry form.



## ITS RAINING SCOUTS AT RAYNE!

Rayne Scout Group is now larger than ever before thanks to the sterling work of Leaders and helpers.

Congratulations to Scout Leader Kevin Welsh for obtaining his Wood Badge. And all those award recipients at the Group's AGM in May, Hannah Mortier - Beaver of the year, Ben Sansom - Cub of the Year and Louise White - Scout of the year. Also Ollie Dome for winning the Richard Felton shield for being the outstanding group member of 2009/10. Well done everybody!

The Group will again be holding a sleepover and renewal of promise service this July combined with the Brownies and Guides from the village.

Colin Miles, GSL 1st Rayne

## BRAINTREE DISTRICT WEBSITES YOU MAY ENJOY!

1st Braintree [www.1stbraintree.org.uk](http://www.1stbraintree.org.uk) 2nd Braintree [www.2ndbraintree.com](http://www.2ndbraintree.com)

4th Braintree [www.4thbraintreescoutgroup.co.uk](http://www.4thbraintreescoutgroup.co.uk) 1st Coggeshall [www.1stcoggeshall.org.uk](http://www.1stcoggeshall.org.uk)

Braintree Explorers [www.braintreeexplorers.escouts.net](http://www.braintreeexplorers.escouts.net) Great Notley Scouts [www.greatnotleyscouts.org](http://www.greatnotleyscouts.org)







