

St George's Day 2019



Scouts from 16th Ilkeston having fun with homemade catapults.

Scouts of all ages had a brilliant morning celebrating St George's Day at Drum Hill. The annual event took on a slightly different format this year with a fun-filled morning of activities ranging from hook-a-duck to a graffiti wall.

St George's Day is held every year to celebrate St George, both the patron saint of England and of scouting. The story of Saint George is one of legend that tells of how George managed to slay a dragon that was terrorising a city.

Baden-Powell said of St George that "When he was faced by a difficulty or danger, however great it appeared,

even in the shape of a dragon - he did not avoid it or fear it but went at it with all the power he could ... That is exactly the way a Scout should face a difficulty or danger no matter how great or how terrifying it may appear."

St George's Day this year was an opportunity for scouts from Ilkeston to try different activities with each other and to meet scouts from another district.

Ilkeston District would like to thank Derby East District Scouts for celebrating St George's Day with us. More photos can be found on Facebook.

Voyager ESU head to Norfolk

Voyager Explorer Scout Unit had a brilliant weekend on their first ever camp as a unit in Norfolk at the end of June. Lots of fun was had by all during a murder mystery around Sheringham, fish and chips then followed before an incredible boat journey out to see some seals.

The next day saw some incredible sand engineering as the explorers enjoyed a morning on the beach. Forts were built, games were played and everyone enjoyed a very refreshing paddle in the sea. An ice cream was the last point of call for many in Sheringham before heading back to Ilkeston. Big thank yous go to 1st Holt Scout Group for the use of their hut, Sagarmatha ESU for the use of their minibus and to the Voyager leaders who successfully ran their first nights away with the unit.





Cubs from 21st Ilkeston enjoying a game of chess.

Cubs District Board Games Night

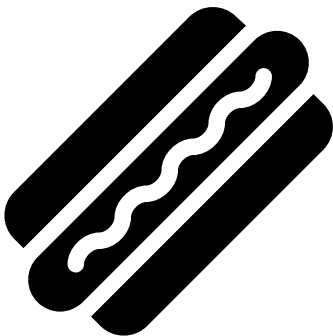
Cubs from all groups across Ilkeston came together in March for an evening playing games, possibly slightly different to what they were used to. Not a games console was in sight as the cubs tried to outsmart each other in more traditional games from chess to Jenga.

It was an enjoyable evening for all and it was brilliant to see cubs from all across the district meeting different young people and having fun, trying something which for many of the cubs was a completely new challenge. A big thank you goes to the 2nd Ilkeston for hosting the event.

Cubs District Night Hike

In January Cubs from across Ilkeston met at Mapperley Reservoir for a hike around Shipley Park. The Cubs enjoyed meeting lots of other cubs from around Ilkeston while also having fun exploring in the dark.

The evening concluded with a chip supper (not forgetting bucket loads of ketchup). Thanks go to Paul Gant for organising the evening and to leaders from 10th Ilkeston for helping to organise the food.



Cubs trip to Skegness

At the end of June, cubs from all across Ilkeston District met up for a trip to Skegness.

As part of their trip, the cubs went to the Natureland Seal Sanctuary where they were able to see seals up close as well as meerkats and goats. A trip to Skegness wouldn't be complete without heading to the beach, sandcastles were built, donkeys were ridden and ice creams were eaten, as well as a quick dip in the sea obviously. A brilliant day was had by all and a huge thanks goes to all the leaders who helped organise the day and ensure that it was such a huge success.



Highlights from social media



Apocalypse ESU on a bike ride around Ilkeston and Shipley Park.



8th Ilkeston Cubs and Scouts cooling off from the hot weather at Victoria Park.



8th Ilkeston Beavers toasting marshmallows after a fun day of activities.



Voyager ESU enjoying hot dogs after an evening at Mapperley Reservoir.



21st Cubs doing a Dragon's Den challenge trying to build a camp gadget.

Ilkeston District Media Team

This newsletter has been put together by the new Ilkeston Media Team, we are always looking for new members so if you have a skill either in photography, writing, website design or using social media we want to hear from you.

Some of you may have noticed we have completely re-branded the website with the new Scout Guidelines, if your group is looking at re-branding to fit the new

guidelines or would like some information regarding them please get in contact.

We also try to attend as many district events as possible and update our social media channels to help show the world how brilliant scouting is in Ilkeston. You can find the links for our social media on the first page.

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