



1st Swindon Village Scouts St Lawrence



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1SV Groundsheet February 2014

District Cooking Competition - Shurdington

Eight of our Scouts formed two teams to take part in the District Scout Cooking Competition, held at Shurdington Scout HQ. The challenge this year was to cook and serve a three course meal for four people and the complete meal had to be either gluten-free or dairy-free. All eight teams from around the district cooked meals that the judges would have been happy to eat and the standard was incredibly high. Our teams both prepared delicious meals and while they didn't win, they still got to sit down and enjoy their hard work and had a lot of fun in the process! **Congratulations** to all of you, and a big thank-you to the parents for all your support.

Mountain Activities in the Brecon Beacons

Five of our Scouts took part in the County organised Mountain Activities day in the Brecon Beacons with a dozen other Scouts from around Gloucestershire. We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed a dry, sunny and windy day as we climbed up and around the Bloreng Mountain near Abergavenny. After an enjoyable day's hiking, we all piled into a chippie in Monmouth for tea before heading home to rest those aching feet! This was the first of five mountain hikes needed to gain the Scout Hillwalker Badge and at least two of our Scouts are booked onto the next county trip up to the Lake District in May.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014

We are again collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. We hope to obtain some new equipment at the end of the scheme. Please **hand your vouchers to any of the leaders**. (Don't post them in the Play Group Box in the Hall entrance by mistake) – Thankyou 😊

Joshua Williams – The Chosen One !

I'm delighted to announce that Joshua Williams has applied and been selected to take part in the World Scout Jamboree in 2015. He will be one of a contingent of 27 Scouts and Explorers from Gloucestershire and will spend the next 18 months training and preparing for the Jamboree which takes place in Japan. This is the third consecutive World Scout Jamboree that a Swindon Village Scout has managed to gain a place on and we look forward to learning of his experiences.

Jumble Collecting around Swindon Village Saturday 8th March

We will meet at Swindon Village Hall at 10am and collect around the village. The more people that come to help, the faster we can get the job done. (It usually takes us around 1½ hours at the most). We need **Scouts & Explorers** (in uniform tops & scarves or Swindon Village Scout sweatshirts) and Mums & Dads (and any other adults) with cars to collect the jumble in. Cubs & Beavers welcome only with responsible adults please. Please come and support us - it's YOUR Scout Group !



Jumble Sale - Saturday 22nd March

This is one of our **main fundraising events of the year** and its' success is vital in keeping the cost of subs down, so the more help we have - the more money we can raise.

The sale itself will start at 11am **but we will need help** from 9am onwards, until around 1pm, but any time you can spare between these times will be gratefully received. Please note the date on your calendars – more info to follow !

Leader Contact Details

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Dates for Your Diary (County Events in Green)

7 th – 9 th March	County Badge Weekend: Cranham
Sat 8 th March	Jumble Collecting around Swindon Village
Sat 22 nd March	Jumble Sale at 11am: Swindon Village Hall
Sat 22 nd March	Scuba Try Dive at Sir Thomas Rich School
16 th & 17 th April	Climber Badge Course at the Warehouse
Sun 27 th April	District St. George's Day Celebration
2 nd – 5 th 6 th May	Mountain Activities Weekend: Lake District
9 th – 11 th May	District Scout Patrol Camp at Pikes Pool
Sat 17 th May	District Fete & Funday – Montpellier
24 th – 26 th May	Survival Skills Weekend at Miserden Park
6 th – 8 th June	Group 50th Birthday Camp at Cranham
20 th – 22 nd June	Activate Camp - Rhydd Covert Camp Site
27 th – 29 th June	Malvern Challenge on Cleve Hill
26 th July – 2 nd August	Summer Camp at Titley

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