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# 1st Thatcham (St Mary's) Scout Group Newsletter



*Only 4 Weeks to Christmas*



Dear Parents/Carers,  
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

It gives me great pleasure in sending you this newsletter, the first for a long time from the Group Executive Committee. Unfortunately with the lack of Volunteers on the Committee, regular communication has not been possible.

We have had a very busy year in each of the sections which you will have heard about through the sections communications.

**Great Bear Lake  
Beaver Colony**

**Goodman Cub Pack**

**Dartmoor Scout  
Troop**

It is our intention to include in future Group Newsletters, details of some of the activities which take place in each of the sections, through delivery of the of the 'Balanced Programme'

This will hopefully give you a better understanding of what to expect as your child moves up through the section at 1<sup>st</sup> Thatcham.

The main aim of this Newsletter is to advise you of our fundraising activities on the run up to Christmas. Some will not cost you a penny but will help the group tremendously as well as

**SAVING YOU MONEY!!**

"Merry Christmas"

**Group Executive  
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## BOOKS



2.5% Donation

## CLOTHING-FASHION



2.5% Donation



2.75% Donation

## TRAVEL



1.75% Donation

## MOBILE PHONES



£50.00 Donation

## Easy Fundraising

### Raise Funds When You Shop Online!

Have you heard about easyfundraising yet? It's the easiest way to help raise money for **1st Thatcham Scout Group**! If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay or HMV, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

#### So how does it work?

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/1stthatchamsg> for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself.

#### How much can you raise?

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There are over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

#### Save money too!

Easyfundraising is FREE to use plus you'll get access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only will you be helping us, you'll be saving money yourself.

## Easy Search

### Raise Money As You Search!

Are you one of the 6.4m people that use a search engine every day? Did you know you can raise money for **1st Thatcham Scout Group** while you search?

<http://1stthatchamsg.easysearch.org.uk/> combines the results of several search engines such as Yahoo!, Bing and Ask to ensure you can always find what you're looking for. But the fantastic thing is that **EVERY TIME** you search, half a penny is raised for **1st Thatcham Scout Group**. Search just 15 times a day and you can raise around £25 a year for us.

#### See what people are saying about easysearch

**"easysearch is a great idea and just as good as Google for the results! I've recommended it to my friends and I think this site is the best around as it does something for people. Well done!"**

**"What a fantastic idea! I was using Google anyway but this way I get to raise money for my good cause every time I search...brilliant! I've made easysearch my homepage!"**



## Music Magpie



Musicmagpie.co.uk is a unique fundraising initiative to make money for your Charity by collecting old and unwanted CDs and DVDs. Collecting old CDs and DVDs to raise money for your charity is a totally free fundraising initiative that can deliver results quickly throughout the year.

### How do we go about collecting CDs or DVDs?

You can help us by collecting all old and unwanted CDs and DVDs. Bring them in to us complete in their cases, with the insertion sleeve where possible. We will then arrange for them to be collected and Music Magpie will pay us their value.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Thatcham Scout Group Events of 2010



The year 2010 has seen our Group celebrate 75 years of Scouting during our time in Thatcham. Throughout the year there have been a number of events arranged where we have shown the history of our Group to current and hopefully future members of Scouting in Thatcham.

One event we held was in Thatcham Broadway where we had pictures of our Group history stretching back nearly 70 years. Previous members of the Group turned up for the day and were reunited with former past Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as well as Leaders. Evoking some memories, it was interesting to hear what Scouting was like in their day.

## COMPETITION TIME

The Executive Committee are looking for a 'catchy' name for our Newsletter

i.e '1<sup>st</sup> Thatcham Times'

Please either e-mail me your ideas or write it down on a piece of paper (don't forget to give your name and section) and pass to your section leader. A prize will be given to the name we choose. This competition is also open to Parents !

*Thinking caps on*

Closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

We unfortunately suffered damage to our Scout HQ during the storms of the winter months. We desperately need to replace the roof, as it currently leaks rainwater into the kitchen area. Your support in all our fundraising activities has been really great so far, but we do need to keep it going. If anybody is able to provide us with a trade service such as roofing, plumbing, painting, landscaping or other trade, this helps us to keep costs down, and you give something back to the Group. If you can help us please do contact me directly.

We will be holding our end of term party for all Sections on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, and it would be nice to see as many parents there as possible.



*See us at:*

[www.1st-thatcham.org.uk](http://www.1st-thatcham.org.uk)



# 1st Thatcham Scout Group



## **SAINSBURY'S SUPERMARKET NEWBURY BAG-PACKING FUNDRAISING DAY - Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

Dear Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Parents and Guardians.

We have again been given the opportunity by Sainsbury's in Newbury to raise much needed funds for our Group by bag packing in their store. Last Christmas we raised over £1140 and the event was a great success. We hope to repeat this success again with your help.

Parents of Beavers may stay if required as some Beavers may find 60 minutes is enough for them. Older Scout Group members, particularly at Scout age, may wish to do more than one shift. We hope everyone can help on at least one shift over the weekend. Please return the slip below indicating when you can help.

Leaders & Exec Committee members.

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### ***1st THATCHAM SCOUT GROUP BAG-PACKING FUND-RAISING DAY***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION  BEAVER SCOUTS  
 CUB SCOUTS  
 SCOUTS

I CAN HELP ON THE FOLLOWING SHIFTS: SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010

<input type="checkbox"/> 1000-1200	PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT TO TAKING PART IN BAG-PACKING FUND-RAISING
<input type="checkbox"/> 1200-1400	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1600	

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number to use in the event of an emergency during the event.

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN ON OR BEFORE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010 TO YOUR SECTION  
LEADER OR IAN LYFORD CUB LEADER.