



3rd Buxton Scout Troop

The early part of 2006 saw the Scouts doing lots of expedition training. They had a very successful Weekend Expedition walking from Buxton to Gradbach (fully laden), camping overnight and walking back to Buxton on the Sunday. The Scouts also completed the Athlete and Cyclist Badges. They spent a lot of time cooking in preparation for the Summer Camp in the Lake District. The Scouts took part in canoeing, sailing, archery and shooting with each patrol camping separately and doing their own cooking.

This has been a very changeable year for Harpur Scouts with the closure and subsequent reopening of the Troop (in September). Tony and Susie finished Scouts in early September and Chris stayed on to help until Christmas.

The Autumn Term saw Scouts reopening with three new Leaders. The first few weeks were spent getting to know everyone, team building and programme planning. The Scouts and new Leaders had a very enjoyable weekend at Gradbach (24th -26th November). Activities included making tie-dye t-shirts, woggle making, a curry night and lots of scoutcraft skills.

We ended the year with a trip to AMF Bowling in Macclesfield on the 18th December. Everyone had a great time.

Andrew Nimmo has set up a Buxton Explorer Troop. In January our older Scouts and Explorers started in the new Explorer Troop reducing our numbers. We have had cubs linking in over the last couple of months so our numbers are back up to nineteen.

We have started the year doing lots of traditional scoutcraft activities and skills. On Sunday 4th February we had a hike over to Gradbach to practise our compass and map reading skills. Even with one group's unplanned detour, everybody managed to reach Gradbach in one piece. The weather was fantastic and we all had a great day.

The Scouts would like to thank Tony for his many years of service and wish him well in the future. We would also like to thank Chris and Susie and congratulate them on the safe arrival of their son.

Many thanks to Jim Fearn, Mark Rushworth, Lesley Musgrove and Chris Bee who have assisted us over the last few months whilst we completed our first stage of Training.

Paul, Rhiannon and Cath.