

201st ISLINGTON

SCOUT GROUP



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Wow!, what a great result from the bag packing sessions at Asda last weekend. For those of you who haven't seen the website update, we raised a whopping £2092.54p. This is a very good start to our mini bus fund. A huge thank you to the following people who made this possible by turning out for the stint they had volunteered for:

The Saturday Crew –

Alexander, Charles and Penny Daniel and Janet, Colin and Elaine, Symeon, Joshah and their dad, Sarah and Lesley, Whitney and Sandra, Gemma P and Giacomo, Geraldine and Mary, Stephen and Judith, Catherine and Barbara, Kieran, his sister, his mum and dad, Edmund and his dad, Mark D, Emma, Susan and Karema and Mary, Danny and his dad Mick.



The Sunday Crew -

Shane, Julie and Rayne, Richard, Omari and his dad, Martin and Sarah, Alex R, Phill and Gemma T, Sean, Mark and Jan, Luke, his sister and his mum, Justin, Stephen S, Angus, Stephen D, Peter, Emma and Susan, Mary Joseph, Mark and Margaret, Lesley, Dawn

I do apologise if I've missed anybody off the list, you know that you supported us so thank you anyway.

Thank you also to those parents and leaders who took the trouble to let me know that they were unable to take part in this fundraising event because they had work commitments or were out of London for the weekend. It seems I should be grateful that some of you responded. I have to say that some of the excuses that were given to me for not helping were pathetic.

Cheryl, Zakary and Chris D also volunteered to help us, but **couldn't be bothered** to let us know that they wouldn't be coming. Why not?? – we needed you.

There was also a large number of parents who **didn't even have the courtesy** to respond to my two requests for help. With your help we could have raised a lot more money and achieved our goal much quicker.

I must take this opportunity to remind all parents that the leaders and adults of the group give up their time every week completely voluntary to do Scouts, and are all supported by their wives/husbands, without whose help none of this would be possible. We do not get paid at all for doing any of this, and fit this in around our own family life, care commitments, hobbies etc, whilst working full time.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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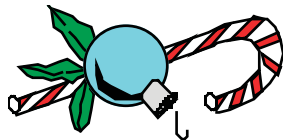
As well as Monday nights, we also attend other meetings, undertake training, take the time and trouble to plan and organise activities, camps and events, all of which places a huge demand on our time. We also pay our own camp fees, travelling expenses, etc. We constantly try to keep costs of camps and events as low as we possibly can so that everyone has the chance to take part. Everything we do is for the benefit of the children in the group. It is therefore totally reasonable to ask for and expect help and support from you, the parents. If we didn't do any fundraising, subs, camps and activity costs would be much higher.

In future please don't ignore our plea for help because it's for the benefit of your children that we do this.

I sincerely hope there is far more support coming through in future as we continue our fundraising, not just for our minibus, but to provide the normal running costs of the group.

On a much brighter note, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Looking forward to a much better supply of your help and support in 2006.

Lesley Bugg
Group Chairman.



Stephen and Judith have decided that they will no longer be able to run the cub pack and Judith has decided to hang up her woggle. Stephen is going to step down to the role of Assistant Cub Scout Leader and also give up his role as District Training Manager and spend more time with Isobel. Stephen will also take a least a year out but will help when he can.

I would like to thank them for all their hard work over many years with the 201st and we will hopefully see them around at future fundraisers.

I am currently interviewing two new leaders who will hopefully be joining us in the New Year as Cub Scout Leader and Assistant Cub Scout Leader. We may have to make some minor changes because of their work commitments but we will need to work with them and give them our support.

Have a fantastic Christmas and we will see you all on the 9th January

Mark Darlow
Group Scout Leader



Subs dates for 2006.



A reminder that subs should be paid on the first Monday of each month, £5 per person, by cash.

January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 8th, June 5th, July 3rd, September 11th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

Alternatively subs can be paid by the term, by cash or cheque, on the following dates:

January 9th, for the spring term through to Easter, £20 per person
May 8th, for the summer term through to July, £15 per person
September 10th, for the autumn term through to Christmas, £20 per person.