

## Amazing efforts reaped big rewards

THANKS to the amazing efforts of our Group we have raised over £1,300 since September. Our Cub Leader Sam Mace took part in the GNR to kick start the funds with a fantastic sponsorship total of £425.

We then took chocolate donations each week and huge thanks to all of the parents, carers, friends and family who donated, we had a tremendous response.

This enabled us to have prizes for our Christmas party and treats for the

children leading up to Christmas. The fundraising committee worked hard to secure some fantastic prizes for our raffle and many thanks to those of you who sold and bought tickets.

And we are also grateful to those organisations and businesses who provided the prizes (see below). We attended a couple of Christmas fairs and this boosted our total even further. Name the Clown, Guess the number of Sweets and the teddy bear tombola all proved very popular. We

also sold 72 mini Christmas puddings at the fairs and in the run up to Christmas. But the icing on our Christmas Cake was the amazing Christmas party night we held at the Killingworth Social Club, 140 people came along to enjoy an evening of music, bingo, quizzes and party games and everybody agreed that it was an excellent night.

This has been a remarkable team effort over the past weeks and months. The money raised will mean that those members who

want to attend the Wild West Marra will have some of the cost subsidised.

There should also be funds left over to begin the task of upgrading our new venue. With that in mind, we need to strengthen our team work and efforts over the coming months, when our fundraising will be needed to make sure that Olave Lodge is a pleasant place for our Group to meet.

We hope that you will be able to continue to support us, please see below for the help requested next term.

### Just the ticket

WE were very lucky to secure donations from the following businesses and organisations and we want to formally thank them for their generosity.

Beamish, Eldon Leisure, Blue Reef, Whitley Bay Playhouse, Alnwick Garden, Segedunum, Benfield Skoda, Hyper Lazer Tag, Café My Place.

### Cash 4 Clothes

WE would like to continue to raise funds through this scheme, the bags we deposited prior to Christmas raised over £40.

We will now only accept donations in the week prior to the termly break (so the session before Easter) as we do not have any storage available at Olave Lodge.

Just a reminder that the clothes need to be clean and in reasonable condition/quality.

They will not accept any school or other uniforms.

They will take paired shoes, again not too well worn, and accessories such as bags and belts.

### Easter Eggs

WE were overwhelmed by chocolate donations we received and would like to run a similar collection this term and request donations of Easter eggs, chocolate or Easter-related items.

We are hoping to have another social night with bingo and quizzes and also have

Easter Egg hunts for the uniformed members.

With your support we can make up some eggs-related prizes. Please think about sticking anything from a couple of crème eggs to one of your 2 for 1 eggs you know will be creeping into the supermarkets. Thanks.

### Tombola prizes

WE are hoping to secure a tombola table nearer to Easter, possibly in Killingworth Centre or any other venues you might want to suggest. We already have

a range of prizes that we have kept from earlier donations but if you have any other items, such as unused Christmas gifts then please consider donating them.

### Wishes come true

THE Wish token appeal has now ended and we are collecting in the remaining tokens.

We need to send them to Chronicle by the beginning of February and we then eagerly await the news on how much share we receive.

Thank you to everybody who has been

collecting the tokens.

We have now signed up to the fundraising stamps scheme and

we are asking everybody to save the postal stamps to be recycled.

We will receive £11 per kilo for the stamps we send to them. Please remember to cut them from the envelopes and bring them in to Group.



### ASDA token collection

WE have a very dear member of the Group to thank for our nomination to the token collection at Asda Benton.

Dave Fuller, Group Treasurer for three years, sadly passed away last year but we unexpectedly received notification that we were successful for the application he had made.

So in memory of Dave,

we hope to secure the top charitable donation of £100 by receiving the most tokens in the collection point.

Please make an effort to shop at Asda if you don't already, and remember to ask the cashier for your tokens (they sometimes forget to offer!)

The collection point for tokens can be found in the glass fronted foyer.

### Lodge appeals

OUR Cub Leader, Sam Mace made an application on behalf of 3rd Killingworth Scouts and 1st Westmoor Girl Guides to this appeal and we have successfully been awarded £250 to make eco-friendly improvements to Olave Lodge.

Over the coming months we will be making further bids for grants and awards

to supplement our fundraising efforts and if you have any information about any funds or awards that we might apply for then please let us know.

We hope to secure some large amounts to improve Olave Lodge, and we will be working together with the Girl Guide group to do this.