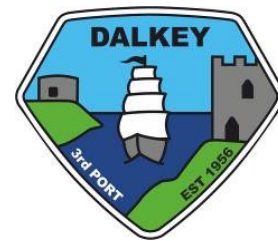


3RD PORT NEWS



41st. DUBLIN (St. Patrick's, Dalkey) GROUP 3rd. Port of Dublin
Beavers, Cubs, Sea Scouts, Ventures & Rovers

Jan 2018

Welcome to 2018...

We would take this opportunity to update you all with our news. We had a very successful and strong 2017 and look forward to greater scouting things in 2018. We have a fabulous committed leader team as well as a strong crew of all ages and we would like to thank everyone involved and encourage any new volunteers out there to come and take part!

Some Highlights of last year....

Our scouting year as always was full of adventure with all sections learning skills in preparation for the outdoor activities hiking, camping, backwoods, pioneering, sailing and paddling to name a few. Our scout section took part at the Phoenix Challenge in Stormont and their efforts won them a silver award as well as the experience of scouting at national level. Our Scouts also competed in the Hamill Cup, the Fry Cup & the Team sailing event. These events are held in September and are long established Sea Scouting challenges.

Our Cubs camping highlight was a 2/3 day event in Larch Hill last June and the Beavers enjoyed a hostel trip to Glendalough as well as their annual camp in Mellows. We finished off the year with a snowy trip to Santa in Larch Hill for Beavers, both Cubs & Beavers enjoyed a festive Fossett's Circus, while the scout section went skiing in Kilternan. We all joined together for our annual carol singing & craft sale...thanks to Select Stores for the hot chocolates and to all the parents and leaders, family & friends who supported us on the day. We raised 1,200e for the Simon Community.

Plans for 2018...

All sections including our new Venture sections, are back now after the Christmas break with preparations being made for the highlight of the scouting calendar each year...**Summer Camp**. Each section has a summer camp appropriate to their age group with the Scout/Venture section planning a foreign camp to Holland this year. They plan to participate in the international sea scout jamboree in Nawaka. This is a great opportunity for us and we wish them fair winds and plain sailing!

Keep an eye on Facebook for updates of what each section is getting up to and how they are progressing.

"A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances"

- Robert Baden Powell

Parents & Friends Support Group

Can you help with

- Fundraising?
- Boat Maintenance?
- Website Management?
- Social?
- A car with a hitch?

Please email

pfsq@dalkeyseascouts.ie



Scouts at Stormont



Cubs Campfire



Water Activities & Beavers



Dear Parents & Friends,

We are re starting a **Parents & Friends Support Group** again after an absence of a few years. The aim of this will be to provide support and assistance to the Scout Group. For example, some areas you could help us with is fundraising, boat maintenance, social and any other job that would free up the scouters to continue their work with the youth members. We also have requirements for members with expertise such as IT or any adventure skill such as sailing etc. If you have a yacht you can make available or even a car with a hitch! If you have a job or contact with an organisation that may be of interest to the scouts (all sections) then we would like to hear from you. There are many ways to offer support.

Fundraising in particular - Each year we depend on membership subs, grants and other fundraising to pay our running costs and help us maintain equipment and provide training for Leaders etc. We are very grateful to all the local businesses including Dalkey United who support us and all our friends and neighbours who buy our 12 Days of Christmas raffle tickets.

This year among other things, we will be helping the scout section to achieve their goal of attending the camp in Holland. So any bright ideas re fundraising would be appreciated. We hope for representation from all sections on this committee as a Parents Support Group will benefit the whole troop.

First step is to contact Henrietta at pfsq@dalkeyseascouts.ie; we will let you know our plans for a meeting as soon as it is organised. Your support is needed.

Yours in Scouting - Padraig OHiceadha

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Scouting Ireland have an amazing new website, which is very informative and to find out more about scouting please log onto: <https://www.scouts.ie/Parent/Scouting-In-a-Nutshell/>

COMMUNICATIONS: There are many different modes of communication being used within the troop for weekly transmissions What's App, Email, text & Facebook. We also have our own website www.dalkeyseascouts.ie and Scouting Ireland www.scouts.ie have a very accessible website with mountains of information about scouting. Please keep in contact and up to speed.



"The Aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the **Social**, **Physical**, **Intellectual**, **Character**, **Emotional** and **Spiritual** development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and as responsible citizens, to improve society."