

Stuck in the mud!

Noah and his friends have been out with Mr A doing some navigation training, but their first walk provided some excitement and amusement!

First they came to a footbridge - but found that it was under water, as the stream was running full ! However, everyone got across safely.

Later in the day, they came to a patch of very soft clay on the farm track. No

doubt Noah hadn't tied his laces tightly enough, because his boot got stuck in the clay and he was hopping about, trying to keep his sock dry! Fortunately his friends helped to extract the boot - with clay now both inside and out - for Noah to put on and continue his journey!

Their compass navigation on Chapel Common near Liphook went off smoothly. And no-one lost their boots!



Crossing the bridge



The aftermath!



Retrieving the boot

For details of 2nd Alton Boys' Brigade, contact David Allan on 01420 84739
Information on the Methodist Church from Philip Simpkins on 01420 83167



Dates for your diary

- Wed 15 Apr Band Practice 7pm. (NO Young Venturers)
- Fri 17 Apr Parade Night 7.50pm.
- Wed 22 Apr Games 7pm; Young Venturers expedition planning 7pm.
- Fri 24 Apr Parade Night, 7.50pm.
- Wed 29 Apr Band Practice 7pm.
- Fri 1 May Parade Night, 7.50pm.
- Wed 6 May Dress Rehearsal for the Display, 7pm. (ALL to attend, in uniform.)
- Fri 8 May **Annual Display 6.45pm for 7pm.** Parents warmly invited!
- Sun 10 May Volunteers to man the **Water Station** for the Alton 10-mile road race. Early morning!
- Wed 13 May Games, 7pm.
- Thu 14 May ▶ Ten-Pin Bowling** at Festival Place, Basingstoke.
- Fri 15 May Volunteers to help at the Juniors' **Taster Evening.**
- Wed 20 May Band Practice, 7pm.
- Fri 22 May Games on The Butts Green. Meet **7.30pm**; finish 9pm.
- Wed 27 May No meeting - Half-term holiday.
- Fri 29 May No meeting - Half-term holiday.
- Wed 3 Jun Games, 7pm.
- Fri 5 Jun ▶ **Laser Quest**, probably at Superbowl, Woking.
- Sat 6 Jun **Battalion Sports Day** at Spectrum Centre. Details to follow.
- Wed 10 Jun Band Practice, 7pm.
- Fri 12 Jun Wide Games; meet **7pm** at the church.
- Wed 17 Jun Games, 7pm.
- Fri 19 Jun ▶ Outing to **Coral Reef Leisure Pool.**
- Wed 24 Jun Band practice, 7pm.
- Fri 26 Jun **Escape Room** - details later. Older Boys stay for overnight bake-in.
- Sat 27 Jun **BB Coffee Morning** in aid of Naomi House and Jacksplace, 10am.
- Wed 1 Jul Games, 7pm.
- Fri 3 Jul Mountain biking - meet **6.30pm** at the church; bikes in good order!
- Sat 4 Jul ▶ **Battalion Top Golf**
- Wed 8 Jul Band practice, 7pm.
- Fri 10 Jul "Wait and See!" Meet at the church, **7.30pm**. Finish 9pm.
- Wed 15 Jul Games, 7pm.
- Fri 17 Jul **Walk and Barbecue** - details to follow.

Some future dates

- 22-29 Aug ▶ **Summer Camp** to Dyffryn Ardudwy, Wales.
- Fri 4 Sep First meeting of the new session, 7.50pm.

▶ *Consent Forms, with full details, will be issued nearer the date.*

Training for our Young Venturers



The Boys had been learning about map reading, safety and first aid each Wednesday since New Year, and it was now time for them to set off on their first outdoor exploration. Armed with maps, they set off from Medstead, and found their way successfully on a circular route, sheltering briefly from a hailstorm!

Unfortunately Jackson had injured himself at football that morning, and so couldn't join to other two on their journey.

Mr A was well pleased with the Boys' efforts. They used their observational skills well, and are now well prepared to plan and undertake their 10km walk

Battalion Day of Action - Our Results

Court Moor School was the venue for the usual Battalion Day of Action. We fielded teams in every event, and felt reasonably satisfied with our performance.

However we finished in a rather disappointing fourth place overall - but we did bring home a Drill trophy . . . and also built the highest tower with spaghetti and marshmallows, to win the Surprise Event!

- 1st : Single Line Drill
- 2nd : First Aid
 - Senior 5-a-side football
- 3rd : Colour Party Drill
 - Scripture Quiz
 - Junior 5-a-side football
- 5th : Inspection
 - Potted Sports



Congratulations to our 2nd Alton DofE Achievers

At the recent East Hampshire Certificate Presentation Evening in Bordon, ten young people who had gained a DofE Award in the preceding year were present to receive their certificates from the Chairman of the District Council, Graham Hill.

The full list of achievers is shown alongside.

Bronze: Holly Lavey, Daniel Ward

Silver: Harvey Bolland, Angus Bostelmann, Alice Franklin, Charlie Hay, Finley Hazeldine, Alex Levey, Jacob Taylor, Hannah Ward, William White.

Gold: Jacob Gibbs.



More Battalion Events

There are a couple of events coming up during our Summer programme.

Firstly, we have Sports Day at The Spectrum Centre on Saturday 6th June. We hope to field a full team in both the Senior and the 14-and-under categories - so please make sure it's in your diary!

And there's a NEW activity this year - we're going to Top Golf on 4th July. You hit micro-chipped golf balls at large targets, with your range and accuracy being measured. But places are limited!

Hydration is important!

We'll be looking for a few volunteers to man the Water Station for the Alton 10-mile Road race on Sunday 10th May. It's an early start, but the organisers give us a good donation for our help.

