



## Expedition Newsletter

Welcome to the Ninth of our regular news letters. If you discover anything of interest and want to share it (links, articles etc), let us know and we'll include it.

### Money!!!!

The time is approaching when we are going to have to start paying our bills. We have things like Travel insurance, Trek deposit, Visa's and Hotel deposits to pay in the next few months with the balances payable in February. Can I therefore ask that you start paying money into the Expedition fund with the aim of having paid 50% by November. All money must be in by the end of January. If you wish you can pay monthly by standing order, direct to the district account. See Bernard for details.

### It's been a struggle

This month, with work, scout camps etc, it has been hard to find anything meaningful to put in this month's newsletter. Especially for page 2.

I would hope by now you are all starting to read up on life in Nepal, its wildlife and flora, Geography and of course the history of the attempts to climb Everest. If you don't you'll miss a lot things when we're out there.

There are loads of websites with info of all sorts. books by the shed load in the library, plus many news sites to see what is happening on a daily basis.

So come on, get researching and send me a short summary if you find something of interest. They don't even have to be 100% serious (see page two)

### Ripley Farmers Market

Most of you have taken a turn at helping out with our little money making exercise. I get the impression once you get into it, you're finding it's actually quite an enjoyable way to spend a morning. We're at the halfway point and we've still another seven to do so I do still need volunteers. We have people for Septembers market but the rest need manning

So far we have made £473.57. Can we make a £1000?

### In Brief

**Spectrum inductions** for those of you that haven't done it yet.

The next set of inductions will be on Monday the 4th of September at 8.00pm. Could you let Alex know if you can make it please.

**Passports.** Don't forget if you have to renew your passport do it now before the price goes up next month!

**Visa's.** We are going to need visa's to get into Nepal. I'll pop into the Embassy in London and see if we can apply in bulk. So don't do anything on that front just yet.

**Sunday Rambles** - We'll try and sort some dates out at our net meeting. I know some of you have other commitments (Rugby etc) we'll have to see what we can do to accommodate you)



### News Spotlight

The Next Expedition team meeting will be held on **Thursday 28th September 2006** Venue Merrow Scout HQ Starting 19:30.

**203 days to go and counting**



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Yes that time is approaching when you reach for your note pads and write Santa a list of presents you'd like for Christmas! Here's are draft letter for you to cut and paste into this years:

Dear Santa

Next Easter I'm off to Nepal with a very nice bunch of Explorer scouts and an even nicer bunch of leaders. We're going to have a look around Kathmandu, repair a water supply for a local village, then walk up a very big hill (You know the one Rudolph has difficulty getting over! It's called Everest). I'm going to need lots of bits and pieces can you help me with any of the following?

*(Delete items already owned as required)*

- A couple of 1 litre water bottles - To make sure I don't get dehydrated.
- A pair of boots - They don't have to be expensive but must be comfy.
- A couple of pairs of comfy walking socks - To keep my feet in good condition
- A couple of sets of warm clothing for the trek so that I don't stink out my room mates.
- Some thermal undies - As you know it gets colder the higher you go
- A fleece - to keep the wind off
- A waterproof - in case it rains
- A small day-sack - To put all my bits and pieces and revision notes for school exams in.
- A pair of Sun glasses - To protect my eyes.
- A Hat - I'm told the Sun is a lot stronger up there than down here at sea level. A woolly hat wouldn't go amiss either.
- Some warm gloves - To keep my little pinkies warm at the top
- Some nice smelly's - To disguise that "I've only been wearing these clothes for 4 days!" odour!
- A camera - to record those magic moments
- A large packet of *(insert favourite sweet / biscuits here)* to cheer me up if I'm feeling homesick.
- A good book or travel game to keep me amused in the evenings and on the flights.

If I think of anything else I'll send you another letter.

I promise I'll be a good Boy/Girl\* for the next twelve months. Work hard at school, do all the washing up at home and keep my room tidy.

Love and Kisses

*(Insert name)*

Well it's a different way to publish a suggested kit list!