



**1st Nuneaton (Attleborough) Scouts
Quarterly Newsletter
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For further information please visit our website at www.1stNuneaton.org.
Location in Avenue Road. Contact at meeting times 02476341625.

Forthcoming Events

DISTRICT/COUNTY TEAM EVENTS are for selected members only)
DISTRICT/COUNTY EVENTS are for all members within a named Section. If no Section is named then the event is open to all members..

January	7 th	Cubs Ten Pin Bowling	DISTRICT
	10 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	11 th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	DISTRICT
	16 th	Rock Council	DISTRICT
	25 th	Scout Leaders Meeting	DISTRICT
	29 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
February	3 rd	Cubs Activity Day	DISTRICT
	8 th	Scout District Quiz	DISTRICT
	14 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	20 th	Rock Council	DISTRICT
	21 st	Explorer District Quiz	DISTRICT
	24 th	Beaver District Quiz	DISTRICT
	26 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
March	11 th	Final Numbers for Get In	DISTRICT
	14 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	20 th	Rock Council	DISTRICT
	20 th to 24 th	Gang Show	DISTRICT
	26 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
April	11 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	30 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
May	18 th to 20 th	Get In camp @ Bramcote Barracks	COUNTY



GSL's Report

Happy New year!

Over a year that has seen many comings and goings of Leaders I was really glad to welcome several new Leaders at Beavers Cubs and Scouts, most recently Viv and Aaron, to strengthen our team.

We are working on our new Website, corporate branded and linked in with our Facebook page.

Dennis has worked his socks off to get us into the 21st Century with our direct debit system. Thank you to everyone who has registered for this. In the run up to Christmas we only had 4 parents who hadn't registered. Thank you Dennis, you are a star!

We now also have every Section operating on a system called Online Scout Manager (OSM) as all of our Leaders become more accomplished at this, each parent will be able to login to their own child's record to see how they are doing and the planned programmes for their Section.

And so to the coming year, we are planning a Group camp in the summer, our first for many years, more information to follow.

County Camp (Get In!) will take place in May instead of Family camp this year. It will be a fantastic opportunity for all sections and this time it will be at Bramcote Barracks. We will need parental help and with an anticipated 4000 in camp it will be an awesome experience.

Save the date posters are up, more information to follow week 3.

Congratulations to Rebecca and Ewan on being chosen to represent the County at the World Jamboree in the USA in 2019.

So my final note must be a huge thank you to my awesome team, for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment over the past year, to deliver exciting scouting to our young people.

Happy new year everybody!

Mick Judd, Group Scout Leader (Baloo).

News Items

Secretary's Report

Direct Debit system

I would like to thank all the parents for their co-operation in our transfer to the Direct Debit method of payment of subscriptions. The October to December 2017 quarter was the last piece of the learning curve before the move to the new system on 1st January 2018 where it will change to a monthly system at £12 per month covering 10 months. There will be no charge in August and December. Only a handful of parents have not yet signed up to this which, hopefully will change in January.

The only down side of the system is that a Direct Debit mandate is only valid for one Section. This means that when a child moves to a different Section a new mandate has to be set up. I hope you continue to support this method as it massively reduces the time spent on administration by Leaders and Support personnel enabling more time to be spent on running the programme for your children.

Dennis White, Group Secretary

News from the Sections

MONDAY BEAVERS

Monday Beavers have welcomed Bethia, Jude and Satveer to our colony and Bill and Freddie were invested in November. Our newest members were invested at our Christmas party.

We will be saying a very fond farewell to Felix, Bill and Bailey who are moving up to Cubs in the New Year – we will miss you but know you will have a fantastic time in the Cubs !

We have worked on our Emergency Aid badge, learning all about safety, hazards, how to call Emergency Services and how to treat cuts, bruises, burns and falls !

We've completed our Experiments badge – making Lava lamps, snow man slime, blowing up balloons with vinegar and making our awesome volcanoes from building them through to painting them then having amazing lava and colourful fizzy eruptions! Finally we made our lollipop stick catapults and had great fun firing marshmallows at each other (and the Leaders !)

We have built and flown our paper aeroplanes and have researched our favourite planes, learning all about them and sharing with everyone in our colony. We've also worked our way through lots of games and challenges and enjoyed a spook - tacular Halloween party and amazing bonfire night.

Over the coming few weeks we will of course be having lots more fun and have more great activities and games planned. We are looking to work on our Animal Care, Creative, Cook and Air Activity badges and will be doing some crafts, making some unusual (but very yummy !) treats and learning how to care for animals and pets – watch out for more details over the next few weeks.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support .

Baloo, TicTac and Chip.

FRIDAY BEAVERS

Friday Beavers have started the Autumn term with the musician badge, making musical instruments, playing and learning about different composers.

We had a treasure hunt in Nuneaton town centre and finished off with a drink and fruit in McDonalds.

The Beavers made cakes for the bonfire cake stall and we made nearly £100 for Diabetes uk. Thank you also to all the parents who brought in cakes.

The Beavers found their singing voices at the Beaver district camp fire. The weather was against us but it did not dampen the enjoyment. At the time of writing this we are doing lots of Christmas activities including a trip to see Mother Goose, making reindeers, writing to Santa and a Christmas party. We are really proud of Hallie, Charlie and James for gaining their Bronze Beaver and will wish them good luck when they swim up the dam Cubs.

Keeo, Tigar, Eeyor, Piglet, Ringtail, Chip and Chatter

ROWALLAN PACK (MONDAY CUBS)

Another busy quarter working towards and earning lots of badges:-

- Digital Citizen badge working on a Stop Motion project, taking photos of a scene after lots of tiny movements -think Morph for all of you who are old enough to remember Take Art! Great Fun and I must say a fabulous finished project. Well Done Cubs.
- Pioneer and Creative - building projects using lots of different resources - wool, string, ropes, poles, our favourite being spaghetti and marshmallows and of course the strawberry laces for practising our knots again. Lego, Mecanno, Knex, paper, Magnetix constructions, made a Guy for the Bonfire Night and Christmas cards for friends and family.
- Scientists badge - although our experiments didn't all work out! never mind, we weren't deterred and found some alternatives - looking at pulse rate and how they change when we exercise, to keep us fit and healthy. How hot air rises, what acid and alkalines are, examples we use and how they can be used safely.

Some Cubs attended the Conker tournament and had great fun.

We also held our Remembrance sleepover and attended the parade on the Sunday morning. Cubs pitched tents inside, made Remembrance lanterns and iced cakes for supper with a poppy emblem. We ate pizza, watched a film and had popcorn and sweets - What more would you want, apart from some sleep!

We spent an evening at HQ scratching our heads for lots more program ideas for the coming quarterWait and see.....

For Christmas, we shall be wrapping up warm and going on an outing to Tamworth Snowdome, for even more fun in the snow and ice.

We welcomed back to Scouting and Invested Tim to our leader team

Also Ella was very proud to present Keane and Charlie with their Chief Scout Silver Award, in her role as District Youth Commissioner.

3 Beavers in link to Cubs - welcome Felix., James and Bill

Well done to Charlie and Keane who now have moved up to Wednesday Scouts.

Akela and the leader team wish you all a very Merry Christmas and will see you all in the New year.

.Akela, Ella, Tim, Chil and Sam

WALSH PACK (THURSDAY CUBS)

This quarter we have been covering the Photographer badge and finishing the Disability Awareness badge. The Cubs learned about Braille and signing, they finished off with signing a song. We have also been doing Christmas crafts. We had a Cub Forum to see what activities the Cubs would like to do next year.

We had a team in the District Quiz and all of the team did really well despite the questions being really difficult. The rest of the pack joined in with a campfire and hotdogs at 1st Bedworth

We have welcomed Devon into our Pack. He decided he liked us and was invested on Thursday 14th Dec. Sadly, Burt and Joshua are moving onto Scouts and we wish them all the best for a scouting future

Akela and the Walsh pack team.

SOMES PACK (FRIDAY CUBS)

This quarter the cubs decided to get into a little science and have been working on the Scientist badge. This started with Thursday leader Kerry coming down and talking the Cubs through some basic health and fitness, including the importance of warming up and muscle groups. The next week saw them experimenting with more on the human body, non-Newtonian liquids and making mini pressure explosions using bi-carbonate of soda and vinegar. A break in between weeks for Halloween, and then back to more experiments. This time seeing how white light is made from blue, green and red; having fun with static electricity by making hair and cans move, and extracting DNA. Now we can clone Cubs, Mwahahahaha. Back to reality and they spent some time looking at how Scouting, particularly Cubs, is run in other countries, specifically Poland, Australia, Canada, India and Japan. Then to find out about another country which, when using the computer at home, worked towards their digital citizen award. Some basic Scouting for the last couple of weeks by learning a few knots and the history of Cubs and Scouts as a whole. We will finally finish on the 22nd with a Christmas party. Congratulations are in order for Alex O'Neill, Ryan Mansell, Henry Wood and William Cassell-Gibson for gaining their Chief Scout Silver award, and a farewell to Ryan, Henry and William as they are off to Scouts, but a welcome to Halle and Charlie who have joined us from Beavers. See you next year,

Somers Pack Leaders

TUESDAY SCOUTS

With the lighter nights a thing in the distant past Tuesday Scouts turned their hand to indoor challenges and seasonal activities for the time of year. In October we had a Conker tournament however unlike the younger sections the Scouts had to drill the Conker first and then thread through the string before they were able to do battle. With Halloween falling on a Tuesday night it was too much of an opportunity to turn down transforming the HQ in a scene from "Thriller" thanks to the Explorers and especially Barbara. The Scouts took part in some traditional and not so traditional Halloween activities having mostly arrived in fancy dress for the

evening. November started with an evening of Go-karting at Ace Karting, the troop were split into 4 different groups and then given time around the circuit, could we have found the next Lewis Hamilton??? Towards the end of November, with the Explorers using the main room for the night, we had an impromptu night of Attleborough history, showing the troop where the HQ use to be and also where the main road use to run. We finished November and started December with 2 nights of activities based around problem solving and working in a team. We have welcomed Ryan, Henry, William, Joshua and Bert into the troop from Thursday and Friday Cubs

Tuesday Scouts Leaders

WEDNESDAY SCOUTS

This quarter has been very eventful for the Scouts, starting off with pumpkin carving and apple bobbing for Halloween. We then moved on to some badge work, where they learnt how to change tyres and how an engine works. Towards Christmas we had a night of Christmas craft, decorating juice glasses and creating Christmas cards. We also welcomed some new members, Charlie Thorpe and Keane Ramsey moved up from Cubs. As a fun way to end a successful year, the Scouts went to Ace Karting and had a great time. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2018! Have a fantastic Christmas.

Wednesday Scouts Leaders

EXPLORERS

During the Autumn quarter we have been learning First Aid to Level 4 standards. Kim came along with the Resusci-Anne's and all of the Explorers had a go at CPR.

The Unit also organised and ran the Halloween party for the Tuesday Scout troop where there were frights and treats galore. The Scouts ended up getting very messy during the final game, a relay involving apple bobbing followed by finding sweets in icing sugar and then finding more sweets hidden in jelly – all with no hands!!

As the District Beavers were using the HQ one evening for their annual Campfire we all went Bowling at Lakeside. Barbara was the overall winner, but I have to admit that the bumpers were up.

We got the Explorers to try a new form of dance – Well new to them anyway. It is probably the oldest form of Street Dance going but Anker Morris came along and taught them all a couple of dances, one which the Explorers performed at the end of the evening for the Scouts. A big thank you to Jon and his team for their time.

The end of November saw the Explorers visit a very cold Coventry Air Museum as part of their Air Activities badge. A look around the Museum indoors was followed by a look around the planes outside and sitting in the cockpit of the Vulcan bomber. We then headed back to Mick & Barbara's for a warm, a spot of lunch and the start of building of airfix kits. These were finished on the following Tuesday evening and will be displayed shortly in the Explorer room

Another activity that is new to a large proportion of the Unit was climbing. We took them to the Ballroom Climbing Centre in Coventry which is in the old Hotel Leofric ballroom. A great time was had by all and I think we have a few new spiders in the group!

On that note we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to more interesting and exciting activities for and from the Explorers.

The Explorer Unit