



1st Nuneaton (Attleborough) Scouts Quarterly Newsletter January to March 2019 - Issue 159

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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	9 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	13 th	Beaver Panto "Sleeping Beauty"	Abbey Theatre
February	28 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	13 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
March	25 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	9 th	Beaver Quiz	DISTRICT
April	13 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	25 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	10 th	Group Committee Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm
	28 th	St. George's Day Parade	DISTRICT
	29 th	Leaders Meeting	HQ 7.15 pm



GSL's Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bonfire night as a raging success. We raised over £400 on the stalls, plus the donations and just covered the cost of fireworks. A huge thank you to everybody who worked so hard organising and running this brilliant evening.

We are having a work party on Saturday 12th January. Can you spare us an hour or two? I'd like to get the place all ship shape ready for the coming year, fix a few bits and bobs and have a blooming good clear up. We'll start at 10.am and I'll supply the tea and coffee. You supply the muscle. We will clear out leader room, deep clean the kitchen, replace a roof tile, jet wash the gateway, level the bonfire patch, clear out compound to name but a few.....and even clean the windows!

Sadly our superstar Secretary, Dennis, has decided not to stand again at our AGM, although he will stay onboard with the Group Executive Committee, but wants to reduce his workload... but what does that mean?

Basically the 'Exec 'keeps the doors open, makes sure we are legal, insured, solvent and all that stuff, leaving my leader team to concentrate on running the programmes and activities for our young people. Dennis has managed the subscriptions, recorded and circulated, minutes of meetings, published the newsletter, managed the group webpage and host of other stuff, and now we need to find replacements.

Do you have a flair for any of the above and are prepared to help? Give Mick or Kirk a shout!

Also, we wish Richard Goode, our Treasurer, a speedy recovery from his current illness. We look forward to seeing him again in the new year.

Many thanks for your support,

Mick Judd, Group Scout Leader (Baloo).

News Items

News from the Sections

MONDAY BEAVERS

Monday Beavers has been, as always, filled with activities, games, and new challenges for new badges and plenty of adventures !

We have been working on three badges this quarter – our Disability Awareness, Creative Activity and Builder Activity.

We've had a couple of themed nights and enjoyed both the rugby training and science evenings – tiring and messy, but fun !

For our badges we've been designing, building, constructing, creating comic books, painting, dancing and even some singing !

We have learned about living with disabilities, completed various challenges, learned sign language and got the opportunity to meet Kare, a Paralympian who has competed in the Rio Olympic games and won medals. It was fantastic to meet her, see all her medals and understand how her wheelchair really helps her excel at athletics.

Phew !!

We managed to squeeze in a Halloween party, took part in the sleepover at the Sea Life Centre and are now looking forward to our badge award night at our Christmas party !

With our thanks for all our parents' support and very best wishes for a great Festive Season !

(Mick), Tic Tac (Viv), Chip (Alex) & Malak (Julie)

FRIDAY BEAVERS



Hi All,

Well we have had an amazing quarter and I am astonished how much we have packed in. We have had 2 Sleepovers one at Conkers and the other at the Sealife centre. Both events were brilliant, we did all sorts from sleeping with the fishes and penguins, scavenger hunts, going down rabbit holes and walking a barefoot trail.



We have had several visits and visitors, which started with a visit to see the Mayor, the Beavers learnt about the civic silver collection, what they did in the council house and what the Mayors job is. They were all presented with a present at the end which they thought was the best part of the night.

We had the special privilege to meet Kare Adenegan Paralympic champion, who answered lots of very interesting questions from the Beavers.



The final visit was to Nuneaton fire station and spent the evening with the fire crew who told us about their job and demonstrated how loud the siren is on the fire truck!!! It was very loud!!!

Tucked in all this was Remembrance parade, District Campfire that we hosted, first aid badge, Disability badge, Christmas Jumper evening (well done beavers you raised £20 for Save the children) and to finish off the year a Christmas Party where they watched their own production of the Nativity story which they recorded the week before.

We are very proud of our 4 Bronze Beavers Luke, Max, Isabelle and Eve. Good luck in Cubs we will miss you. Thanks to Sam Marshall our DC for presenting these awards.

We welcome our new Beavers and our new Leader Sarah, I hope you have a great time with us.

Hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to another year of adventure.

Keeo, Tiga, Piglet, Eeyore, Ringtail, Chip and Chatter

ROWALLAN PACK (MONDAY CUBS)

It's been a busy quarter but here are some highlights :- Started with, as part of our World badge , a visit to Nuneaton Fire Station, where we saw all the equipment the firefighters have onboard their engines, learnt about the importance of smoke alarms, had a go with the hoses and had to get out of the way for a real Shout! For Thanksgiving we learnt about the Pilgrim fathers journey on the Mayflower and gave a moment of Thanks for things we have and value in our lives like friends, family, food, water and warm homes - ahead of Christmas

District events - spent a full day at The Birmingham Science museum - Think Tank where we were proud to invest Katie standing above the skeleton of a dinosaur. What an amazing place full of fascinating and interactive exhibits. Would highly recommend a visit.

Thanks go to Logan, Kian, Felix , Katie, Aston and James for taxing their brains whilst representing Rowallan pack in the District Quiz - A super effort. Our Congratulations go to Walsh pack who went on to win.

Ten of our cubs had a fabulous Sealife sleepover with Jack playing with the Penguins. Thanks to Keo and Skip for arranging such a fabulous event.

We spent other time gazing up to the skies in search of stars and identifying constellations as part of our Astronomers badge, Christmas movie night watching The Grinch, and made some Xmas tree decorations from clay, glittery snowflakes and melting snowmen biscuits. It's those marshmallows again!

We are so pleased our pack numbers have increased to 16 Cubs, after welcoming Oliver, Eve, Joshua and Luke from Beavers and Aston joining us following his house move. We shall be sad to say goodbye to Dylan and Rogan as they move on up to Scouts - you've both been great fun to be with

Looking forward to an exciting year ahead in 2019 with lots more fun and adventure. Happy New Year to one and All

Akela, Bagheera, Chill, Kaa and Sam

WALSH PACK (THURSDAY CUBS)

We started the term off with the Lime Kiln Hike back to HQ, Hikes away Kaa set off at quite a fast pace but we did the hike in time with many weary Cubs and even wearier leaders



We took part in the District Cub quiz in November and the Team who represented Walsh Pack won. A BRAVO to Maggie, Megan, Isaac, Reece, Jonah and Jake.

We have had a visit from a priest, Father Dexter, who talked to us about Advent and its meaning,, We learned a lot about this Christian celebration.

We have been looking at the World Challenge badge and had a visit from Margaret who volunteers for Teams4U. She bought along a shoebox that is given to children at Christmas in war torn Europe who would have nothing if they did not receive these gifts. The Pack have been busy bringing in toys, crayons , drawing books and other gifts and shoeboxes. These will be used for presents next year.



We also made some table decorations for Christmas, planted bulbs in pots and got our singing voices out. We went to the Attleborough Grange Care Home and sang Carols to the people who live there and presented them with a pot plant each.

We wrapped up the quarter with a Christmas treat to see The Grinch.

Looking forward very much 2019

Akela and the Walsh pack team.

SOMERS PACK (FRIDAY CUBS)

We have invested Jaydn Hall from Monday Beavers.

We have carried out disability awareness over several weeks learning how people with disabilities cope with everyday things including what help and aids they can receive. Spreading bread butter and jam is hard enough for the Cubs with 2 hands with two hands available but ask them to do the task one handed and all I can say is don't try this at home unless you want to clear up s sticky mess.

Cubs also learnt how to use sign language to say their name and give a short message.

They also learned to write their name age and address using a braillewriter.

One week we made mincemeat and Christmas cakes then the next week added marzipan and icing and decorated them. They all looked brilliant

On our last meeting we all went bowling on Bermuda Park and a good time was had by all.

Thanks

Somers Pack Leaders

TUESDAY SCOUTS

Here we are again with another newsletter after yet again a very busy quarter.



We started the quarter having fun using pulleys and learning how you can lift heavy weighted objects. Towards the end of the evening the Scouts and Leaders all got to lift themselves off the ground!



A lot of the sections this quarter ran activities centred on disability awareness and Tuesday Scouts was no different. The Scouts learnt about sign language and reading and writing using braille. The evening ended with the Scouts having to push each other in wheelchairs from the HQ to the pedestrian crossing and back. The certainly learnt it wasn't as easy as it seems.



With Halloween taking place in the quarter we got the Scouts Pumpkins for carving. You have never heard so much complaining about getting the insides out of a pumpkin. However eventually as you can see the Scouts got some decent scary pumpkins carved and were able to take them home.

On a personal note this quarter Skip was invited to go to Westminster Abbey for the National Scout Thanksgiving service in recognition of his 25 years' service a couple of years ago. He was joined for this celebration event by Kees wife. The service was a very moving one hearing about how Scouting and Girlguiding had change the lives of so many young people thanks to the support of leaders, committee members, other volunteers and parents for letting their young people come along and join in.



We ended the quarter with the Scouts having the opportunity to build and then take home Airfix models. The Scouts worked in pairs with the pair having the same model so they could work together. In the end most of the Scouts had to take them home to be able to finish them.

The troop welcomed new members Josh and Jake from Friday Cubs with Daniel, Joseph and Jake coming from Thursday Cubs and to be invested in January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tuesday Scouts Leaders

WEDNESDAY SCOUTS

This term has been packed full of excitement - investing new members from our Cub sections, learning new skills and challenging each other to new activities and experiences.



Starting with an evening completing the Model Making Activity Badge, Games Workshop hosted an evening assembling and painting models, along with an introductory skirmish table top game. At the end of the evening, prizes were given to the most creatively painted models and for engaging with



the table top skirmish. We would like to thank Games Workshop Nuneaton and Alan, its Manager, for giving up his time to help run the activities and managing a shop full of Scouts! The Scouts were also challenged to a conkers Tournament – many conkers breaking on the floor due to misses!

We worked towards the First Aid Staged Activity Badge and Fire Safety Badge throughout the term. The Halloween evening was filled with spooky themed activities including apple bobbing, pumpkin carving and ghoulish racing. The Scouts also learned the principles of pulleys as part of the Pioneering activity Badge.



At the Ballroom Rock Climbing Centre in Coventry for bouldering and rock climbing, the climbing instructors gave the Scouts a few challenges like climbing between hoops and using certain coloured grips— even Chief scaled a few of the walls!

Many Scout parents came down during a Patrol Restaurant evening. Both patrols cooked food from their own menus they prepared the week before and - while the food wasn't quite as well timed - many lessons were learnt about organisation and teamwork (the Mexican Tacos and Fish Pasta Bake were particularly tasty!). We end the term on a Bowling evening at Bermuda Park with a few more Badges for presenting including joining in awards. The Scouts have already expressed an interest in what they would like to do next year, which will be worked into the term's programme – watch this space!

Important to note that this term also marks the end of Chris's role as the Scout Section Leader for the troop, as he will be stepping down to become an occasional helper, with his retirement starting next term. On behalf of the Group, the King Troop Scout Leaders and all the Scouts he has helped throughout his time as a

Leader, we would like to wish him a well-deserved and enjoyable retirement and thank Chris unreservedly for all his time he has dedicated to Scouting.

Wednesday Scouts Leaders

EXPLORERS

Hi All

As we close the year the Explorers have been navigating at night by following grid references and evidencing that all of the points given were found. Joining in with the Scouts we made scary faces in Pumpkins for Halloween.

Another joint meeting with the Scouts was 10 pin bowling at Lakeside and Paul managed to miss the 'red' pin three times so thought he had missed out on a free drink. However he then got a fourth chance and hit it.

We took part in the District competition of Ready Steady Cook and came fourth out of 8 teams. On this occasion we were given the ingredients but the previous week at the HQ we had a practice where we were given a budget of £10 per team and had to create our own menu of soup starter and mains. Barbara provided us with a sponge cake that we had to decorate.

We had a visit from a former leader, Simon Winterman, who is the director of Sudden Impulse Theatre Company. He came to talk about putting on a production and all that it entails. We found out each other's favourite school subjects and Simon picked up on them and showed each unit member how we can be involved without actually setting foot on stage.

Another district activity that we joined in with was an Ice Skating night at Sky dome in Coventry. Caitlin was nervous but managed to spend the evening on her feet, unlike Ewan who was fairly confident but still fell over a few times.

A few of us went to the cinema to see the new Wreck it Ralf which we thoroughly enjoyed. A typical family film with innuendos that go over the children's heads. Very funny.

During the quarter Ben went on a trip to Belgium with other Scouts and Explorers to the Menin Gate and the Graveyards of the Somme. He was chosen to lay a wreath during the ceremony.

We have recently welcomed two new members to the unit, Sam and Owen who have joined us from Wednesday Scouts. We hope they will have a great time with us.

To round off the quarter and the year, we had our annual Christmas Dinner at Mick & Barbara's, followed by a sleepover. We are writing this article over a breakfast of bacon sarnies while we wait for our parents to collect us.

Happy new year everyone

The Explorer Unit