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

Forthcoming Events

April	3rd to 5th	Jota/Joti	
	1st to 30th	Virtual Camping	
	9th	Group Executive Meeting	Webinar?
	30th	Leaders Meeting	Webinar?
May	1st to 3rd	District Camp Willesley Cancelled	
June		Cubs Together.. Nope, this one's cancelled as well!	

GSL's Report

Welcome everybody, I hope you are all well and safe?

Please keep sending your pictures in, we'll post them on our FB page to let everyone know how you're getting on.
These last few weeks have thrown up some very interesting challenges, and while all face to face Scouting is currently suspended we as a movement, both locally and nationally, are trying to bring you ideas and challenges to keep our young people engaged and occupied (and help maintain parents sanity).
I realise home schooling is presenting quite a challenge to many parents, so please remember this is to help support you, and is not mandatory!
Several planned activities, such as camps and gang show have been cancelled, any outstanding monies will be returned once we restart our meeting.
You should all have received the email from me, letting you know we are granting a subs holiday until we get started back, but please do not cancel your direct debits as it will give us a huge task when we restart.

Meanwhile!!

Jota/Joti Special April 2020

For those of you already missing your Scouting .....WOSM have announced a special edition of Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet, usually October, but now on the 3rd to 5th April, a great chance to be in contact with Scouts across the world.
Get yourself involved and stay safe and well **https://www.jotajoti.info/**

Great indoors/virtual camping.

We have been invited to join Northumberland Scouts to participate in an International effort to break a World Record at Virtual Camping, please see the attached PDF sheet, it is open to all sections, and it is a great way to earn Nights Away Badges!

Be patient and stay Safe

Mick Judd, Group Scout Leader (Baloo).

Monday Beavers News Letter – March 2020

Monday Beavers Colony has had another very busy few months since our last update. It's never quiet on Monday Beavers nights – BUT, it's always exciting, full of new adventures and challenges and certainly never boring! As usual and most importantly we've had LOTS of fun doing all of our activities!

***** With the current suspension of our weekly meetings due to the COVID-19 issues – we have (very sadly) had to postpone all of our upcoming activities, events and outings. HOWEVER, and as you will have seen from various communications, we are working hard behind the scenes to ensure all our children can stay involved and engaged in Scouting. Please use the attached link for some information, ideas and activities you can do at home. www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/ . Please keep a record of what your child does so that we can count it towards relevant badges. For Monday Beavers, you can email any details directly to vivcruickshank@gmail.com – and if you have any questions at all about any badges or activities – please don't hesitate to ask. We will be more than delighted to help! *****

So….What have we been doing…?

Well… we started the year off with our trip to see Aladdin at Abbey theatre - we had a great time (Oh yes we did...!) and then we made individual New Year Resolutions which we displayed and will look back on next year. Truly inspirational thoughts from the children and a lovely task to start the year with!

We've been working on our Experiments and Animal Friend badges, as well as completing a few craft, teamwork and challenge nights as more children work towards their Chief Scouts Bronze awards.

We've celebrated Chinese New Year and Pancake Day – lots of eating, crafting, cooking and generally making a huge (but mostly very edible!!) mess..! It was brilliant.

We've made volcanoes erupt, crafted our own lava lamps, made crazy hairdo cress heads and built planets, as well as two evenings of building and constructing with lego, clay, spaghetti, match sticks and marshmallows. The imagination and final creations from the children were amazing to see and we are so proud of them !

We met some animals at HQ - Storm the rabbit, Tom & Jerry the guinea pigs, Sticky the stick insect and Skittles the tortoise as part of our Animal Friends badge – fantastic to get to hold Sticky (very brave Beavers..!!), cuddle the rabbit and guinea pigs and we loved that Skittles was happiest in his bath…!!

We were lucky to manage a night of Mother's Day crafts and enjoyed serving tea and cakes to all those important people in our lives.

We've clocked up just over 100 badges since December for Monday Beavers - and our end of term badge awards will take place as soon as we can all get back together !

We've said a very fond farewell to Freddie, Dylan and Drew who will continue their Scouting adventures in cubs. We've welcomed George, Izzy and Isaac to our colony as new Beavers – your adventures in Beavers are just beginning and we already love having you as part of our team!

Sadly, we've also said goodbye to Ruby (one of our young leaders) as she takes time out to concentrate on her studies. Ruby – you have been awesome and inspirational and we will all miss you. A huge thank you from all of us at Monday Beavers for being such an amazing part of our team!

What's next ?

Well, we have a very full program of activities and outings planned. This will now be deferred until the current circumstances change, but please be assured that our Beavers will have lots to look forward to in the future.

None of what we do would be possible without the support of our amazing Leader Team and of course the outstanding help and support we get from our parents. Thank you everyone for helping make Monday Beavers such a great place to be! All support is hugely appreciated and we are always here if you have any questions – especially at the moment.

Please take care, stay safe and try out some of those home activities!

Very best wishes

Baloo, Tic Tac, Malak, Chip & Amy

Thursday Beavers

1St Nuneaton Thursday Beavers is now well and truly established – We've settled in, we're growing all the time and it's fantastic!

We have 18 Beavers (soon to be 20) and our new Leader Team is flourishing – Official welcomes to Bubbles, Owl, Chip and Badger (all names chosen by the children !!). Katie still has to have her Beaver name decided – but we are delighted to have everyone on board for what is a brilliant third Beaver colony in our group.

Please use the attached link for some information, ideas and activities you can do at home. www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/ . Please keep a record of what your child does so that we can count it towards relevant badges. For Thursday Beavers, you can email any details directly to kellygore619@gmail.com if you have any questions at all about any badges or activities – please don't hesitate to ask. We will be more than delighted to help! **

So…. What have Thursday Beavers been up to…?

Since our last update we have been working hard to complete our Creative and Experiment badges and our personal challenge awards.

It's been fun – we tried out new experiments, made crazy hairdo cress heads, up-cycled and then gave old mugs a bit of a 'makeover' (with lots of added mess, but we're sure it as worth it !!!)

We've managed to squeeze in plenty of challenges too – bouldering wall mastered by everyone, and, as well as creative and craft challenges, we've had an evening of construction challenges – outstanding teamwork and amazing creations from very creative minds.

Work on our safety badges has begun - we had a visit from the Fire Brigade to help us understand safety and it was huge fun sitting in the fire engine and using the water hoses (Bubbles had her car cleaned by accident – but we think she was quite happy !!).

Charlotte from ATMAKARATE put us through our paces with an evening of karate (Thanks Charlotte – we all loved it !), and of course we've eaten lots of traditional, new and yummy treats as part of the celebrations we had for Chinese New Year and Pancake Day..!

What have we got coming up…?

Next term, Thursday beavers were due to enjoy a packed agenda – this will be deferred until the current circumstances change, but please be assured that the children will have lots to look forward to!

Thank you for the continued support and enthusiasm we have had from our parent group. You really help make it all possible! If you have any questions – especially at the moment - please just ask the Leader Team any time.

Please take care, stay safe and try out some of those home activities!

With Best Wishes

Baloo, Tic Tac, Bubbles, Owl & Badger, Chip and Katie.

Friday Beavers

Friday Beaver Colony has enjoyed lots of exciting challenges and events over the last quarter.

Musician Badge

To complete their Musician badge after singing at Attleborough Care home at christmas, we had a musical night where beavers brought their instruments to play. Ringtail did name that tune and we learnt about different music.

Our Beavers showing their great musical talents.

Chinese new Year - The rat

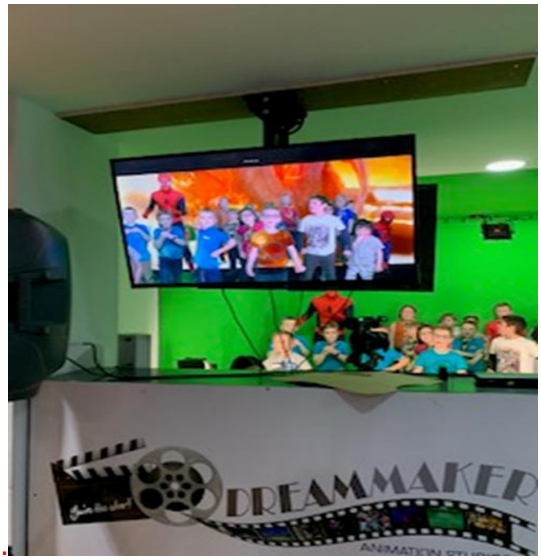
Beavers celebrated Chinese and worked towards their international/world badge by having fortune cookies, making lucky red envelopes, trying chinese food, decorating a lion and doing a chinese lion dance.

Winter Youth Olympics

This event had lots of different sports that you would find at the Winter Olympics, unfortantley without the snow. Beavers took part in Curling, Ice Hockey, Saloam Sking, Human snowblower and Penguin Shuffle.

Beavers have been really creative and have Designed a t-shirt logo using crayons and have made Valentine desserts and cards. Pancake day was celebrated with games, blindfold tasting, healthy eating and not so healthy eating of pancakes ☺

A visit to Krazy Krocs during half term was a lot of fun with spider man being part of our fantastic evening.



During this quarter we have given out lots of badges and have welcomed 4 new beavers and have said goodbye to 4, we have proudly presented 3 Bronze Beavers and are looking forward to present more in the near future.

Wishing you all well hopefully we will see you soon.

Keeo, Badger, Hawkeye, Ringtail, Mouse and Foxy

Monday Cubs (Rowallan Pack)

We have welcomed Joshua to our pack from Monday Beavers and Olivia, new to Scouting but heard first hand how much fun it is from Charlie! We welcomed in the New Year with our resolutions night noting our thoughts and wishes for the coming year - we will take a look at these Next Year. During February we pledged to do a good turn every day to help others. Some fantastic actions were performed by our Cubs showing they value and understand the value of their Promise.

This term we have focused on our Communicators badge - secret messages, code breaking, sending a text and email, remembering messages and recalling them to others. Chinese whispers showed us all how we can easily spread the wrong message.

We started on Road Safety and have a visit planned from our local Police PCSO , this was programmed in response to a very unfortunate but real, road incident involving local school children.

We all enjoyed making and eating our delicious fruit pancakes, with a few Cubs volunteering to wash up afterwards! which was warmly welcomed by leader team. Our science experiments underpinned the

current health situation - explaining the importance of washing our hands in the correct way to help prevent the spread of any nasty Virus and for Mothers Day we made with lots of love handmade scented soaps as gifts xx

To keep Scouting during our little break in service we have emailed suggested badges to work towards at home. You could always look at Pinterest for extra inspiration, although be ready to be bombarded! Further work could be done whilst in the garden - listening for and spotting birds and mini beasts. Perhaps you could identify what they are and their habitats (Naturalist badge)RSPB can help.

For a quiet time, reading books and writing a review for your friends at Cubs.

Or for a double whammy you could help out around the home completing tasks like, cleaning, making beds, laying table etc for Home help, chefs or DIY badgework. For more badges please take a look at Scouts.org.uk and click on the Cubs Beta badges link.

Keep washing your hands and have fun. We will see you all soon.

Your ever smiling Monday Cubs Leader Team x

WALSH (Thursday) Cubs

This term we have been working towards our Fire Safety Badge, and our Skills Challenge.

We have had Charlotte come to us from ATMA (Association of Traditional Marshall Arts). Charlotte came to give us a taster session. The Cubs learned some new games to warm up and then took part in kicking and punching activities. The Cubs absolutely loved doing this, learning new a new skill and having so much fun in the process.

We have also attended the annual District Cubs bowling where the Cubs got unlimited bowling and had such a wonderful morning being very competitive and joining in with the other packs from the District.

We have been looking at Fire Safety and what causes fire and how it can be avoided. We learned about the Fire Triangle of the three components for Fire HEAT/OXYGEN AND FUEL, we also learned which fire extinguishers would be used to put out fire. We had a good look around the Scout Hut to see what or where a fire might start. Cubs were very keen to learn about this and we had a mock fire alarm and evacuation of the building to demonstrate how to leave and where to meet.

We have started the Gardener Badge with Bug Bingo, we haven't finished this yet due to closure, however we will be sending out some badge work to finish at home

In this time of uncertainty and not knowing when we will be meeting again, please stay safe and be kind.

Akela, Jacala, Kaa, Chill, Kim and Faux

Friday (Somers) Cub Pack

Our Numbers have increased to 20
We have had two cubs achieve their silver Award Well done Sophie and Hallie

The Cubs completed the Science badge
We had a fun few weeks getting very messy with cornflour and water how it changes from lumps of cornflour back to liquid
They all had a chance to extract their DNA used power magnets
Thank you Kerrie for coming in to explain how organs in our bodies worked and where you could find them.
We also had a collection of creepy crawlies they were facinating {as long as they were behind glass} there was also a Snake and Frog
Many thanks to our ex cub Sam Ingrams for bringing them in
We did our usual Termly First Aid refresher night
For part of My Faith we had an interesting evening on Faiths Mythology and Folklore
The thing the Cubs enjoyed most was making a hoist that they could work them selves to lift them off the floor using their own muscle power
Knots and lashing can be used for fun things
Stay safe everyone

Friday night Cub Leaders

Tuesday Scouts Newsletter

We welcomed the troop back for 2020 with the aim of completing the Skills challenge badge, which consists of numerous challenges aimed at looking at the health and wellbeing of the Scouts. For the first couple of weeks activities we looked at sleeping; the patterns of sleep; the correct amount of sleep for the age group and the affects of not having the correct amount. This was followed by a drugs test ☺. We provided the Scouts with a description of numerous illegal drugs and again the affects these have on the body. I am pleased to say the Scouts all did well in recognising the signs of the drugs through a quiz type activity.

Another part of the challenge was to customise a piece of clothing. Purchasing a plain white t-shirt for each Scout, the troop then had to design a print to be added to the t-shirt, drawing the design onto sandpaper with crayons. The

sandpaper is then ironed onto the t-shirt. You can find instructions how to do this yourself here!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egM50a3eDwM

The troop was split into 2 groups with each group visiting the Games Workshop store in town. Games Workshop have an alliance with the Scout Association and they sponsor the model maker badge. During the evening, the Scouts got the opportunity to build their own figures, learn about the rules and also play games. A huge thank you to Alan in the Nuneaton store for his support in opening the store up specially for the scouts over the 2 nights.

Another year and another pancake day happening on a Tuesday, who would have thought it? Each year we try to make things different each year for the Scouts, this year we had a trading post evening with the Scouts having to complete challenges in order to get the ingredient and nice topping for them to make and eat their pancakes. The success of the troop was mixed; however, everyone did manage to get a pancake with lots of toppings!

For the last evening we were altogether-the Explorers ran the evening all around colour. The Scouts got to make a tie dye bag and well as have a quiz centred around colours.

It is going to be a difficult time for us all however we will try to stay in touch and provide the Scouts with activities and challenges to do to help keep them engaged (and earn badges!). Hopefully you will have seen the information we have sent out already and we will try and keep this coming. We will also see if we can set up a virtual Scout meeting using video facilities over the next couple of weeks.

Remember stay safe and wash your hands!

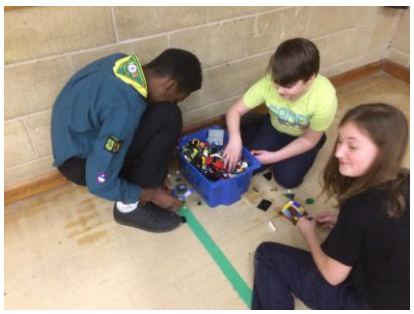
Tuesday Scout Leaders.

Wednesday Scouts.

Well, what an eventful start to the year!

This term began filled with activities that focussed on improving First Aid Skills, learning about Chinese New Year and their traditions and cooking delicious Pancakes. The Lego Challenge evening was well received and saw our Scouts creating secret models and communicating to another how to reconstruct it, demonstrating the value of clear

communication skills. This was followed by challenges to create the longest self-supporting bridge, tallest tower and most creative Lego Base. The evening finished with 60 second tasks to create the most creative model based on a word.

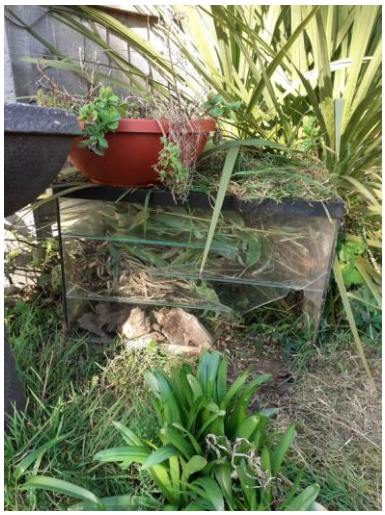


In an attempt to be more involved in District events, we attended the Scouts District Quiz in January and the Scouts District Bowling Competition in early March – we are pleased to say that our Scouts were an absolute credit to themselves, the Group and the Scouting movement. Not only were they well behaved and made a fantastic effort in the activities (the Scouts clearly knew more about music than the Leaders did at the Quiz!), they were also dressed smartly in full uniform at all times.

In the light of the suspension of face-to-face Scout activities across the country, we are incredibly proud of the resilience and perseverance of both our Young People and Adults. Within hours of the announcement, discussions were held within our Leader Team with input from other Counties and Districts and we adapted the remainder of our programme to

deliver ‘Scouting-at-Home’ activities along with a Badgework Activity Book to continue earning Badges. Our aim is to keep our Young People and their families involved in Scouting during these difficult times.

So far we have been extremely impressed with the response from our Scouts. Rest assured the badgework achieved during this time will not go unnoticed and we will be looking to arrange a presentation evening to reward the badgework and other achievements at home.



We have also invited our Scouts to be involved in a month-long international effort to break a World Record at Virtual Camping while earning Nights Away Badges. Hosted by Northumberland Scouts, this is a prime example of how Scouting persists despite the restrictions, allowing camping to continue at home with home-made dens and tents substituting under-canvas sleeping.

Until we are able to meet face-to-face once more in HQ, I think the words of our Founder speak volumes now more than ever:

“The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others”
[Robert Baden-Powell]

And on that note – while we are all at home, focus on bringing happiness to our families where we can. A game of scrabble, a reassuring talk or a simple hug. Stay Safe All – keep Scouting and keep Smiling!

See you soon,

Wednesday Scout Leaders

Hi Explorers.

I am writing this just as Covid19 sends us all in different directions to social distance and move away from each other. This is an alien concept to us all, especially as we are about to start the outdoor season of camps and other gatherings. However, there are alternatives and I would love to see you all using your imagination and coming up with innovative ideas on overcoming this, whether it be in your own tent in the back garden or even building a shelter and sleeping in it. I hope you have all been having a look at The Great Indoors and continuing your Scouting in your own time. I would love to see any badgework that you have accomplished and if you email the evidence to me, I will get it on the Facebook page/group website to show that we are all still Scouting.

Hi All

We started the year with a Pub Games night with Darts, snooker and cards, not easy to fit all three activities in our small room when there are 12 members present but we managed.

We then held a 'needle' night where the Explorers were given the choice to either have a go at sewing on a machine or learning to crochet. They opted for the crochet. This wasn't the most successful of evenings but most of them learnt to make a chain and some have said they would like to take it further. Maybe an activity for the isolation period? You Tube has some great tutorial videos.

Three of our members took part in the annual District Sewing Bee and only went and won.

Here are Conell, Bex and Sam, the winning team. Bex is modelling the winning outfit and Sam is proudly holding the trophy.

We then moved on to more traditional Scouting activities and covered grid references, map symbols and contour lines. The contours were demonstrated using sliced potatoes to show how the ‘rings’ build up into the hills and mountains on the map.

We spent an evening at the Coventry Ballroom Climbing centre which was thoroughly enjoyed by all

Contrary to the rest of the sections in the Group, we didn’t cook pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Instead, we had Owen and Conell show us some of their moves as Martial Artists. Both came in their respective discipline kit and brought some of their equipment. This completed their Physical Recreation badge which will be awarded once we can get back together.

Our final meeting together was with Tuesday Scouts and we ran the meeting for them. The theme of the night was Holi, a festival of colour to welcome the spring. Each member had a pump bag to tie dye which can be used as a handy bag for putting knife, fork, spoon, plate, dish, mug and tea towel in for camp. As we sent these bags home wet and still with the elastic bands on them, I would be delighted to see some pictures of the outcome and again these will go up on Facebook.

I will keep in touch with you all through OSM and I hope to see some of your efforts in the near future.

Stay safe everyone, until we can meet again.

Barbara/The Explorer Unit

And a little bonus from Keeo at Friday Beavers!

Here is a great resource to keep your Beavers, entertained during the stay at home period. Whilst reading you can earn a badge. Links below to the badge requirements.

Beavers: Book Reader Activity Badge
members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4765/book-reader-activity-badge

Something to keep the young ones entertained

13 zoos that offer live streams - see giraffes, koalas, pandas, tigers, penguins & more

www.holidaypirates.com

Pirates, how good does it sound being able to stay in your pjs and watch some really cute animals live? Here is a list of virtual museums now we have found 13 fab zoos and aquariums that offer this.