

# 11th Nuneaton (Weddington) Scout Group

**JOIN US  
EVERY  
STEP OF  
THE WAY.**

family, to become involved in the walk through participation and/or sponsorship. If we can raise a considerable sum, we can guarantee the completion of the project in a reasonable period of time, without delay or cut backs.

Details of how to take part have been distributed. Additional sponsorship forms can be downloaded from our web site.  
www.11thnuneaton.org.uk

To sign-up for the walk, please see your section Leaders, who will collect names for registration, or visit our website and fill in the form, or e-mail our treasurer directly; Chris Ball at [chris@avondaleparkhomes.co.uk](mailto:chris@avondaleparkhomes.co.uk)

Other money raising activities are ongoing. Those of you who have not yet signed up for **gift aid** will be asked to do so soon as this is a painless way to raise at least two and a half thousand pounds annually.

We have also signed up to the **easyfundraising** scheme. This will enable us to earn cash every time you shop and search online, simply by accessing your favourite websites such as Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, M&S etc via our page.

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

Please visit  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/)  
11thnuneatonscouts next time you shop online!

The **collection of clothing** is ongoing – we have had a good response to this. Please continue to bring discarded clothing to headquarters to help with our fund-raising.

We are always collecting items suitable for **raffles** and **tombola** prizes. Please bring suitable donations to any meeting and leaders will pass them on to the Group committee. Thank you.

The Group is once again collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we have benefitted from a good variety of games and activity equipment and look forward to ordering more this time. There is a collection box on the desk in the hut.

Our **Recycled Uniform Scheme** is in urgent need of contributions, especially Beaver and Cub outgrown or no longer required items. Clothing donations can be taken to any meeting at Headquarters. Thank you.

Finally, please remember that **cars are not allowed up the drive**. In order to ensure the safety of our youngsters, parents should park at Ambleside and come through the connecting gate.

#### Dates for the Diary

22 April	St George's Day Parade
29 April	Sponsored Walk
15-17 June	Cub Camp
29 June - 1 July	Family Camp
21-28 July	Summer Camp

Our big priority this year is fund-raising for our **new Scout Hut**, which we recently gained permission to replace. The main activity will be a **Sponsored Walk** on April 29th. We are joining Nuneaton Rotary Club and using their routes of 3, 5, 8 or 21 miles. We are urging all members, and their friends and



**Monday Beavers** have been working towards the Friendship Challenge. This involved a Beaver Bazaar which raised money towards the building of our new hut. Thanks to all the parents for their pockets full of 10p's! We also enjoyed visiting the Nuneaton Fire Station and finding out about the job of a fire-fighter.

In February we hosted the district Beaver quiz. Congratulations to our team who came joint second! Last but not least, congratulations to Lucy Miller for achieving her Young Leaders award. She is a real asset to our Beaver leader team!

**Friday Beavers** have been working on their Creative Challenge Badge. We have made wooden spoon puppets and badges, performed poems by A.A. Milne and enjoyed an evening learning about astronomy when we made rockets, built star constellations using tea lights and recreated our solar system using fruit!

In keeping with the spirit of 2012 some of our meetings have had an Olympic theme. We have painted and constructed our own Olympic rings and held an evening of balloon sports organised by the Explorers (thanks guys!). We have also been experiencing first hand some of the sports of the Paralympics and were lucky enough to be visited by a Guide Dog for the Blind with her trainer which was kindly organised by one of our parents (thanks again!).

**Monday Cubs** have invested six new Cubs. Welcome to Harry, Finlay, Noah, Harvey, Daniel and Ethan. The Pack has completed the Creative Challenge and is now working on the Fitness Challenge.

**Thursday Cubs** welcome new member Evie and have said farewell to Fay who has moved on to Scouts. Most of the Pack have gained the map reading badge and are hoping to gain the book reader's activity badge in the coming weeks. They enjoyed an archery session at the beginning of the year and are planning a local walk to test map reading skills in the near future. They also look forward to a visit to the Gang Show.

Both Cub packs sent representatives to the recent **District Activity Day**. They had a very enjoyable day and each came away with the Scientist Badge.

**Tuesday Scouts** have been working towards their Global Challenge by completing activities based on the ShelterBox charity. They will be improving their navigation skills over the next few weeks with a hike to prepare them for the Hike Camp at the end of the month, as well as map and compass sessions.

**Friday Scouts** have been looking at the Scout law and promise and have benefitted from a talk on internet safety. Chief Scout Gold Awards will be presented by the County Commissioner to four members of the Troop. Congratulations to James, Georgia, Iona and Geena who have worked hard to achieve this. Friday leaders have recently taken part in training to deal with diabetes.

Both troops sent Scouts to Gradbach in the Peak District in February for **Winter Camp**. All Scouts completed a hard day of walking on the Saturday, and enjoyed playing in Rowtor Rocks on the way home on the Sunday.

**Explorers** have been tobogganing at Swadlincote Ski Slope and working towards their Environmental Award by helping to clean up a stretch of the River Anker through Weddington. A team also completed a 19 mile activity night hike for the District Pineapple Cup, finishing 4th.

**Network** have continued to be busy - a team recently took part in a Monopoly Run challenge in London, completing against 25 other teams to collect as many famous landmarks as possible. Seven members have signed up to take part in an Explorer Belt challenge in Belgium and Luxembourg this summer.

