

WEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP. NEWSLETTER NO. 45 JANUARY 2004

AROUND THE SECTIONS

BEAVERS would like to welcome ELLIOT GODFREY, RYAN STAUVERS, CURTIS JONES, BEN PEFFERS, KRISTIE TURNER and ALEX HOWARD to the Group.

Good luck to Charlie, Sammy, Ezra-Josh and Ian as they move on to Cubs.

The newspaper covered the story of our Beavers who were involved in Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to everyone who helped us collect more than 150 items to fill the shoe boxes which were then sent off to Romania and other war-stricken countries. Thanks especially to Ben and Jonathan who delivered the boxes to the Fire Station and in return had a tour of the Station. Charlie, Scott and Bradley did a brilliant job of representing our Colonies at the Radio Station – thanks, lads, a great interview. Well done to all those who have taken time to complete badge work: we have awarded too many badges to mention individually. However we must mention a really special badge gained by our older Beavers. Congratulations to Charlie, Timmy, Ian, Ezra-Josh, Sammy and Liam each of whom has gained their Bronze Chief Scout award.

First, Second and Third Attendance medals this year went in the Greenwood Colony to Scott, Bradley and Adam and Richard and in the Woodland Colony to Jonathan, Liam, Philip and George. A huge well done to Jonathan who has the best attendance record out of all 48 Beavers. We hope all have recovered from Christmas and are ready to start a busy programme. Beavers are planning to visit the Pantomime early in January and finish off the month in style with the New Year Party – watch out for details.

On the down side – a plea from the Leaders. Please, on these dark nights, bring your child right into the hut and register them. Please also, keep your child with you on the lane and car park: they are your responsibility until they are registered and we have had several problems recently. 'Keep Beavers safe' ought to be our New Year's resolution!

CUBS had a busy end to the year.

FOSSE (MONDAY) CUBS had visits from Helen Cookes (with puppy Missy) who gave a very interesting talk on puppy-walking for Guide Dogs for the Blind; from fire-fighter Darren Lloyd who talked about his work and also instructed the Cubs on various safety techniques and finally a representative from the Council's Sports' Development team who organised an evening of indoor athletics and team games. All these visits have helped towards the Cubs' Caring and Fitness Challenges.

We welcome VICTORIA DEAKIN, MICHAEL FRISWELL, JOE LAPWORTH, CALLUM LORD-SUMMERTON, LIAM MOORE, JACOB MORRIS and WILLIAM TAMBINI who have been invested into the Pack.

WATLING (THURSDAY) CUBS have also had a busy time working towards their Caring Challenge. We had a great night out at Nuneaton police station. Unfortunately the officers had to let the Cubs out of the cells much to the disappointment of the leaders! We had an interesting evening at this year's Hospital Pantomime of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Mac and Cara were surprised to find themselves entertaining the Cubs (and the rest of the audience) with campfire songs due to a late start of the show! All went well in the end and congratulations to Cub Leader Helen Moyes who took part in the performance.

To complete an excellent year all the Cubs (and Leaders) went to the Adventure Kingdom at Attleborough as their Christmas treat and had a fantastic time!!

Finally Cara wishes to say a huge thank you for the dedication and commitment shown by Tuesday night Scout MICHAEL HEARNDEN who was the only young person from our Group to attend the District Carol Service at Bedworth. He represented the Group fantastically, so thank you Michael. A disappointing attendance, so let's see if we can do better next year!

SCOUTS have enjoyed a lively and busy run-up to Christmas and are looking forward to getting under way with their camping season when they travel to Bala for a weekend's winter walking at the beginning of February.

TUESDAY TROOP has invested SAM HAYNES, CRAIG GILCHRIST, BECKY WAITE and CLAIRE HOPKINS. Welcome to them. They send best wishes to those members who have moved up to Explorers recently and are in the process of re-organising the patrols in the light of these changes in membership.

FRIDAY TROOP also welcomes new members. They have invested PIERRE TAYLOR, JON HAYWOOD, ALEX COOPEY, JOHN MUMBY and GREG McCracken. The Troop once again enjoyed their traditional Christmas meal, prepared and cooked by themselves. Their busy programme has recently included a visit to Laser Quest.

EXPLORERS also cooked themselves a Christmas meal at their last Wednesday meeting of the year but several also joined with Leaders and Network members for their annual Christmas Party at Fox Covert. Explorers have recently been snow blading and managed second place in the District Quiz in October. They welcome seven new members who have moved on from Scouts. Explorers are also planning a winter walking weekend on the first weekend of February: they hope to stay at Capel Curig Youth Hostel.

NETWORK SCOUTS have won approval to start our own group at Weddington, as we have an above-average number of 18+ members. Yvonne Galland and Gemma Deakin will be organising this new unit.

Many thanks to all those who turned out for the REMEMBRANCE SERVICE in November, the event was well supported.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The SKITTLES EVENING proved another great success. We raised £180 for Group funds. So thanks to all who supported the event.

Thanks, also, to those who attended the GROUP CAROL SERVICE which was really enjoyed by all: this is always one of the highlights of our Christmas programme. We are grateful to Matthew Archer and his helpers for all their hard work in organising the event.

We will be organising our annual GROUP PARTY for Saturday 24 January. Beavers and Cubs will celebrate from 4pm to 6pm and Scouts and Explorers from 6.30 to 8.30. More details to come, but please make a note of the date and try to join us on the day. The Party has been a tremendous success in previous years.

FINALLY it is time to renew SUBSCRIPTIONS. As January is the month of the Scout Association annual census, it is important that we prepare an accurate record of our membership. So prompt payment and information of any change of details would be appreciated. Subscriptions are now £20 per term for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. We require an annual payment of £25 from all Network Scouts who wish to retain membership of the Group. This will also be the last payment of the tax year and we will be asking those who have not already done so to complete a gift aid declaration. We are really pleased with parents' response to this appeal and look forward to announcing a considerable boost to funds when the tax is reclaimed.

A Happy New Year to everyone as Weddington Scouts look forward to a successful and eventful 2004.

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AROUND THE SECTIONS

BEAVERS welcome ADAM ALLTON , JOSEPH SAUNDERS, NAOMI KUMAR, JACK BARLOW and RICHARD SIGGEE and wish good luck to TIMMY FORD, JOE CRAGGS and LIAM GRIFFIN as they move on to Cubs.

Congratulations to Joe Craggs, Liam Griffin, Scott Chaplin, Philip Brown, Adam Stauvers and Andrew Bilbie who have gained their Bronze Chief Scout Award.

Well done to all those Beavers who have gained the Discovery Challenge, the Outdoor Challenge, the Friendship Challenge and the Joining In 1 Award . Other badges gained include the Explorer, Faith, I.T. Stage 1, Experiment, Creative, Swimmer Stage 1 and Animal Friend. So Beavers have been very busy in a wide variety of activities. Again well done to everyone who has worked hard for these badges.

The Beavers have been thinking about themselves and their world. They had a great trip to the panto in Bedworth and everyone seemed to enjoy the New Year party. Greenwood Colony was visited by the Rev Barry Jacques and is currently making a Noah's Ark for the Church. The Colonies each entered a team for the District Sports at Manor Park last Saturday and very well done to Greenwood Beavers who came first and Woodland Beavers who came second in the competition.

Beavers will NOT meet for the two weeks of the Easter holiday.

CUBS sent two teams to Leamington on 11 March to take part in the COUNTY ROAD- SAFETY QUIZ. Well done to the eight Cubs who took part and scored highly, although not enough to beat the Brownies unfortunately!

FOSSE CUBS are pleased to welcome SAMANTHA McGEE, CHARLES BADHAM, JACK DALBY-AGGETT, EZRA-JOSHUA DULANG and KIERAN WALMSLEY who have recently been invested into the Pack. They also welcome Explorer Scout JAMES BOUCHER who is helping at Pack Meetings for his Service at the Bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Pack is sorry to say goodbye to Ben Baynes, Sam Kendell, Jacob Linton, Robert Tambini and Callum McMurrin all of whom have gained their Chief Scout Silver Award and have now moved on to Scouts. Cubs thank Explorer Scout Richard Ball who has spent the last 6 months with them as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Pack has enjoyed two visits from Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts, Mick Judd. He presented Helen with her Leader Warrant and was invited to invest the new Cubs. Although he allowed Samantha to be hit on the head with the flag during her investiture, Mick was invited to return to present the Silver Awards, the highest Awards Cubs can gain. Always entertaining, the Pack looks forward to future visits.

Following the recent practice at the swimming pool, ten cubs gained Stage 1 Swimming Badges, eight cubs gained Stage 2 and three, Stage 3. Congratulations to them all. Well done, also, to the 13 Cubs who represented the Pack at the recent Swimming Gala.

Fosse Pack is still collecting used stamps for Guide Dogs for the Blind and would be grateful for any contributions.

Please cut stamps from the envelope, leaving a small border all around and place in the yellow box in headquarters.

Monday Cubs will meet on 5 April and close on Easter Monday.

WATLING CUBS have been having an energetic time exploring their way through the Cub Fitness challenge. They have learned about healthy eating and also how important it is to take part in regular exercise. Helen had everyone running around the hut to see how fast your heart rate goes after exercise. Even the leaders were worn out! Cubs had an exciting visit from Nuneaton Fire Brigade. Thankyou to Red Watch for taking time out of their busy schedule to tell Cubs about their work. A big thankyou to Joe Peffers, Sam Hambridge and Matthew Broom for turning out to the swimming practice. If you missed the practice, unfortunately you missed your opportunity to gain swimming badges and to take part in the annual swimming gala. Cubs enjoyed a night out when they visited the Gang Show on 19 March.

Watling Cubs welcome HENRY ADAIR and IAN ENSOR who were invested into Cubs on 4 March and say goodbye to Jacob Sutton, Joshua Wagg and Gareth Wainwright as they move into Scouts. A tremendous well done to Joshua and Gareth: both managed to achieve their Chief Scout Silver Award before leaving.

Thursday Cubs will not meet for the two weeks of the Easter holiday.

SCOUTS have been enjoying the outdoor life. You may have read of their visit to Bala in Scout Log of the Evening News. They enjoyed another successful winter 'camp' in North Wales with a good Saturday walk in a combination of winter weather which while cold, offered them snow rain and sunshine! The weekend 12-14 March saw another Fox Covert winter camp. Almost 40 Scouts were involved. Most of them walked to the site on Saturday, which after a very cold Friday night, turned out to be an excellent day for walking. They stayed in the hut and by all accounts, managed very little sleep at all! Scouts from both Troops were working for their Outdoor Challenge: they did two days walking carrying full kit, slept in tents and cooked their meals outdoors.

Tuesday Troop will meet on 6 April but NOT on 13 April.

Friday Troop will meet on Good Friday, 9 April, but NOT on 16 April.

EXPLORERS have also been winter walking. A small group travelled to Capel Curig in Snowdonia, stayed in the Youth Hostel and managed some very slippery mountain climbing on Saturday. In windy, but not wet conditions, they climbed Moel Siabod. They tell the story of one of their number who carried a choice piece of slate, weighing at least 3 kilos, throughout the day only to leave it in the Hostel on Sunday!

Explorers have been light-weight cooking in a field in preparation for their light-weight camp of two weeks ago when they walked to the campsite, made their own shelters and cooked outdoors. Explorers will meet in the first week of the Easter holidays, 6 April, when they hope to arrange a bike ride. They will NOT meet in Easter week: Wednesday 14 April.

Preparations are under way for annual Summer Camp to be held during the first week of the summer holidays, 17-24 July. Doug and Gaz, Scout Leaders, have recently returned from a reconnaissance trip to the site, near Blanefield, Stirlingshire, Scotland. They are enthusiastic about the accommodation and activities which will be on offer on the site. Deposits of £25 should now be in. If you wish to join the camp and have not reserved a place, please get in touch with Doug or Gaz without delay.

We are having some difficulty with finding a suitable location for our Annual Group Camp which we usually hold in June. Details will be issued as soon as the difficulty is resolved. Apologies to all those, especially families, who look forward to this highlight of their summer!

Congratulations to all who swam in the District Swimming Gala on 6 April and indeed contributed to an overall victory for Weddington Scout Group. We won nearly every section – well done all!

Congratulations, also, to leader HANNAH FOX, and Scouts REBBECA FORREST, STEPHANIE DOCHERTY, and ABIGAIL ELLIS who took part so brilliantly in this year's Gang Show at the Civic Hall.

HEADQUARTERS

An appeal to parents with skills.....

The small washbasin in the kitchen has come away from the wall – we would welcome an offer from anyone who may be able to re-plumb this fixture. The Group has acquired an old photo-copier which needs some attention. Is there an expert on copiers out there who would be willing to do some maintenance for us? If you can help, please talk to a Leader who will pass on your offer to the Committee. Thanks very much.

Meanwhile, two new heaters have been installed and a new lawn mower purchased. If there is anyone willing to offer to mow the lawn while their child is in a meeting, the offer would be VERY MUCH appreciated.

FUND-RAISING

As the financial year draws to a close we will be finalising our claim for gift-aided tax redemption. This should prove a considerable boost to funds. We are really pleased with parents' response to this scheme. Those who have still not completed a form will receive with this newsletter, another invitation to do so. If you are able to help, please return the form as soon as possible. Thank you.

We are currently finalising the booking for the annual Charity Stall on Nuneaton Market on Saturday 15 May. This has always been an important fund-raiser for us as it is a chance to raise money from outside the Group. So we need Tombola items – bottles, unwanted gifts etc. We also run a very successful plant stall and home-made cakes stall. We need contributions for all these. You will be reminded of this request, but meanwhile please reserve any items which might be of use to us.

There have been several enquiries about the Group's red embroidered polo shirts and sweatshirts. The minimum order that can be placed with the manufacturer is 20 items. Sweatshirts are priced at approximately £11 and polo shirts at £9. Please contact Myra if you would like to order either or both red shirts at Monday Cubs or on 76328166. These shirts are useful for members, both youngsters and leaders, to wear at camps and for non-uniform summer activities.

A REMINDER of St George's Day Parade at Bedworth on Sunday 25 April. Again we need a good turn-out for this as we shall be at the front of the procession. This is an enjoyable afternoon, when the many scout Groups of Nuneaton and Bedworth come together for a parade and service to which families are invited if they wish. We usually meet at 1.45 outside the Civic Hall and members need a warm base layer under their uniform if the day promises to be chilly. Please put this date in your diary now.

FINALLY we once again urge parents NOT TO BRING CARS UP THE DRIVE at the beginning and end of meetings. Leaders try hard to avoid these times and any additional, unnecessary cars contribute to the potential dangers for our youngsters and their families as they go to and from meetings. Thanks to all for cooperating with this.

AROUND THE SECTIONS

Beavers would like to welcome Kits: Michael Ford, Brandon Lucas, Adam Johnston, Kasim Sheikh, Calum Cheshire, James Cakebread, Amy Sizer and Molly Giles-Brown, all of whom will be invested shortly. We say goodbye and good luck to Logan Ryan, Adam Stauvers, Scott Chaplin, Amarvir Dharival, Andrew Bilbie and Philip Brown as they move on to Cubs. We also wish David good luck as he transfers to his new Beaver Colony in Scotland and send best wishes to his family.

Bradley and Ben have recently been awarded their Bronze Chief Scout Awards and will soon be starting their link with Cubs – well done to them. Beavers have been busy with their current programme and are getting ready for more outdoor activities including visiting St James Church to complete their Faith Badge, and their sponsored '26' challenge in aid of Sport Relief and Children with Leukaemia. The Leaders would like to thank Ben, Ben, Andrew and Philip for representing our Colonies and delivering the Noah's Ark to the congregation at St James Church. Rev Barrie Jacques and everyone there were thrilled with the gift and enjoyed the boys taking part in the service – particularly when they used their knotting skills to tie up the vicar!

Summer holiday plans – Beavers will meet on MONDAYS ONLY but EVERYONE is welcome to join us on 26th July, and 2nd, 9th and 16th August.

Cubs are looking forward to their Camp next weekend and have been working in preparation for that and practising for the District Six-A-Side Football competition.

Fosse (Monday) Cubs have done well so far this year. They won the Football event: very well done to their team of Jonathan Hughes, Thomas Sharrock, Liam Moore, Jack Dalby-Aggett, Nathan Whitehead, Luke Worthington, Adam Stauvers and Nicholas Cole. The Pack leaders are really grateful to Dad, Mr Moore, for organising their football team. Fosse Cubs also won the District Scavenger Hunt in April. Congratulations to the winning team of Jessica Smedley, William Tambini, Edward Ford, Lauren Wainwright, Anabel Badham and Charlie Badham.

Thursday (Watling) Cubs have enjoyed tracking, cooking, first aid and archery at their meetings this term. Well done to those who have worked for their book-reading badge and to the team who reached the semi-final in the district football competition. Particular thanks to Dad, Doug Johnston, for organising the team. The Pack look forward to their '26' Challenge and will be looking for sponsors – details soon. Thursday meetings will now start at 7.15 but still finish at 8.30.

Scouts continued their busy camping season with another well attended and successful visit to Fox Covert 14-16 May. They enjoyed good weather and had an excellent camp.

Tuesday troop have invested new members: Sam Murray, Jacob Sutton, Gareth Wainwright and Lucy Haggie. Friday Troop has invested Sam Kendell, Jacob Linton and Robert Tambini. Welcome to them. Congratulations also to Anna Evans and Richie Morgan who have achieved their Outdoor Plus Challenge.

Both troops are looking forward to their annual summer camp in July when a contingent of over 90 members will be travelling to Scotland. The parents' meeting for this camp will be held at the Scout Headquarters on Tuesday 15 June at 8 p.m.

Explorers have been busy with their range of activities including a bike ride and bike maintenance, cooking a meal for under £1 and a visit to Laser Quest. Many of them give regular and invaluable support to the camps and programmes of the scout, cub and beaver sections. The older members along with Network Scouts are looking forward to their 'Sun Run' weekend, a national event held near Gloucester at the beginning of July.

Well done to those who attended the annual St George's Day Parade in April and were present when 11th Nuneaton were again awarded joint Premier Group position in the District. Watling Cubs are also to be congratulated on winning the best Cub Pack Trophy – the Silver Wolf Award. We had a good turn out from Cubs and Beavers but a disappointing turnout of Scouts whose numbers nowhere near reflected the strength of our two troops. We would like to think that more Scouts would be prepared to join in the ceremonial and working side of being a Scout and not just the games and the

camps. Anyway well done to all Leaders and members whose contributions were so important to the Award.

It has been necessary to postpone our annual Family Camp this year. The Camp will now take place 10-12 September which is the first weekend after the return to school for the Autumn term. We traditionally held Group Camps in September and have had many warm, successful events in what, in some ways, is a fitting end to the summer camping season. The venue is to be the outdoor centre at Shugborough in Staffordshire. You will receive an invitation to this camp very soon so please make a note of the dates and plan to join us if you can. As usual, Scouts and Explorers will be eligible to camp and Cubs and Beavers can stay for the weekend with their (own) parents. Parents of Cubs and Beavers who do not wish to camp have an opportunity to join us on the Saturday for the main day of activities. We will be climbing, canoeing, rafting, abseiling and there will be archery and other activity bases including a blindfold trail. The centre offers activities suitable for all age ranges. We are usually home by Sunday lunchtime.

The cost will be similar to last year - £20 for campers, £15 for self-caterers and £5 for day visitors as a contribution to the cost of hiring some of the activities.

FUND-RAISING

Many thanks to all who sent in contributions for our Charity Stall on Nuneaton Market last month. You helped to raise an impressive £650. Special thanks to all our helpers including Scouts Sarah Sambrook, Nicola Igoe, Victoria Wale; Cub Charlotte Wale; and Beaver Richard Wale.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Annual General Meeting will be a brief formality during a proposed Barbeque Night at the Headquarters on Saturday 26 June at 6.30p.m. The AGM which will take place at 7.30 p.m. is an opportunity to raise any concerns or questions for the Group Committee and indeed to lend your support to them and the Leaders who work so hard on behalf of the Group. So please join us and bring your meat to barbeque and your own drinks. Rolls and salad, tea and coffee will be provided and there will be no charge. We will probably hold a raffle and are always happy to accept any raffle prizes you may be able to donate.

There are plans to hold a Race Night at Ambleside Social Club on Saturday 9 October. Please make a note of this. More details including an invitation for sponsorship will be distributed in the summer.

Two Committee members have agreed to trial a Second-Hand Uniform 'Shop'. Please consider selling, swapping or donating items of uniform which are no longer required or which have been outgrown. As soon as this is up and running, details will be on the Notice Board at Headquarters and repeated in subsequent newsletters.

We will soon have a large number of red Group T-Shirts available to buy – Children's sizes are £4 and Adults' £5. These T-Shirts are very useful for camp wear and for summer activities during meetings. Please speak to Leaders for details.

HEADQUARTERS

Several leaders and Committee members have volunteered for a working party to meet on the day of the Barbeque to sand down and clean inside the building. This is an attempt to improve the environment for our meetings. If you feel able to join us at any time during that day Saturday 26 June, we would be very grateful for your help.

The Group is currently undertaking a Feasibility Study for the replacement of the main Headquarters building. We are therefore appealing for any expertise which would be relevant to such an undertaking. We particularly require the advice of a Quantity Surveyor and a Structural Engineer. If there is a parent who would be able to help in either of these areas, or indeed feels they may be able

to contribute in any way, please make contact with acting Group Scout Leader, Doug Shorter (Tuesday Night Scouts or 76328166). Thank You.

Finally we are pleased to report that the Group is now able to offer Archery as an activity after the donation and purchase of the necessary equipment. We must particularly thank VENTURA PARK V.W. at Tamworth for their very welcome donation of £100 towards this facility.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs are now due for the scouting session September to December 2004. Please enclose £20 per member in the envelope provided and return the payment at the evening meeting. Thank You.

Social Events

You should by now have received an invitation to our RACE NIGHT to be held at Ambleside Club on Saturday 9 October. This should be a very enjoyable night for anyone who can come along and support us. The entrance will be £2.00 for adults.

We need to cover the cost of the event by 'selling' horses in advance and by securing some sponsors for the races. If you can help with this please make sure you receive the invitation and return any money by the end of September.

We will by now have returned from our annual **FAMILY GROUP CAMP** which with nearly 200 participants on Saturday activity day, promises to be another memorable and successful event. More next time.



Relief and Children with Leukaemia. A group from the Beaver Colonies were invited to a church barbeque during the summer and thirty-seven Beavers received their Faith Badges at a service at St James' Church last Sunday. Very well done to them all.

BEAVERS are to be congratulated on their tremendous achievement of raising £1,150 from their sponsored treasure hunt in July. The money was donated to Sport



Fosse (Monday) Pack have been particularly busy and have participated in various outdoor activities including fire-lighting and, with the help of some Network and Explorer Scouts, have worked towards their Global Conservation Badge. (You must have noticed the improvement in the grounds around the headquarters building!) Before the summer holiday, the Pack was pleased to invest Anabel Badham, Adam Stauvers, Logan Ryan, Timothy Ford, Joseph Craggs and Scott Chaplin.

CUBS have enjoyed informal meetings throughout the summer.

Watling (Thursday) Pack welcome new Cubs Philip Brown, Andrew Bilbie, Amarvir Dharival, Ben Spencer and George Naylor and say goodbye to Carl Fitzgerald and Daniel Warren as they move on to Scouts. Congratulations to everyone in the Pack who took part in the community project to raise money for Children with Leukaemia. All participants received a certificate of achievement for working together as a team to polish and clean 26 pairs of shoes in one hour. Cubs have raised £200 so far, so those who haven't returned envelopes, please do so now!

Thursday Leaders would like to announce that there are vacancies in the Pack. If you know of anyone (8-10 yrs) who would like to join Cubs, please have a word with a leader.

Fund-Raising

Committee members are working hard to raise money to enable us to maintain our building and pay our bills without having to raise subscription fees. Two hundred and fifty pounds has recently been raised from attendance at car boot sales etc. So we are always in need of contributions for sales, stalls, tombolas and raffle prizes. Please remember this when you have any unwanted or surplus items which may be suitable – this is an ongoing appeal! Any contributions can be sent along to evening meetings, clearly labelled as a fund-raising donation and a committee member will be pleased to collect them.

Uniform

We are now collecting outgrown and unwanted items of Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer uniform. Eventually we hope to offer good second-hand uniform (including red T-shirts and sweatshirts) for sale for a small price. Again, please donate any items that are not needed and if you know of anyone who has left the Movement and no longer requires the uniform, please encourage them to do the same.

SCOUTS enjoyed another successful Summer Camp this year. Over 90 Members travelled to Scotland where, in spite of the rain and the Scottish 'midge', they spent a fun-filled and action-packed week. Fifteen Scouts completed an overnight expedition and were awarded their Outdoor Challenge badges. LAURA HELM was presented with her Chief Scout Gold Award. The National Commissioner for Explorer Scouts visited the camp and presented CHRIS COTTRELL with both his Queen Scout Certificate and his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Badge. MATT PRICE also received his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Badge. Very well done to them all.

Leaders and indeed visitors to the camp were impressed with the excellent behaviour and cooperation of all members who travelled to Scotland – so many thanks to all involved.



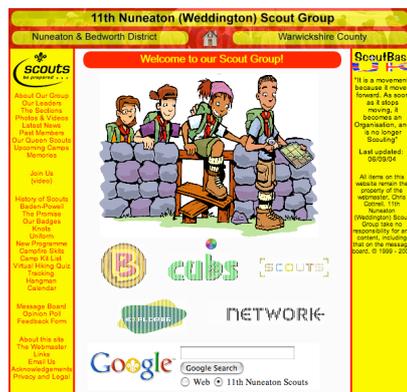
EXPLORERS and NETWORK have continued to meet throughout the Summer and have offered members many activities

including rock climbing, rope-bridge building and bike riding.



Those who attended the national Sun Run event at the

beginning of July once again enjoyed this immensely and this year WON THE MOON RUN COMPETITION. Congratulations to the victorious team of Shaun Storer, Stuart Ind and Chris Cottrell who beat off the challenges from teams from around the country.



Our **WEBSITE** continues to improve and currently features galleries of photographs from both Summer Camp and this weekend's Family Group Camp. We have also launched a brand new website for our Network members. On this site, they have

their own message board, making it easy to keep in touch with members who are away at university or travelling.

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BEAVERS have enjoyed their programme since September and eagerly await the outcome of their bulb-planting efforts at the hut. They have developed circus skills and puppetry skills and have thought about their health by making healthy

packed lunches and doing the TOPS sport programme. They are about to 'travel the world', visiting India, Africa and the U.S.A.

Beavers have invested Thomas Brown, Jack Craggs, Georgia Lewis, Iona Brown, Matthew Denny, Jack Kelly, Jacob Davies and Connor Spencer. Welcome to them and to new Beavers: Gurjit Bahia, Heather McCracken, Daniel Ramsell, Nicholas Harris and Jack Wyatt.

Harry King, Richard Wale and Joshua Reed have gained their Chief Scout Challenge. Congratulations to them and well done to the 38 Members who have recently gained their I.T. Stage 1 Badges. Especially well done to the 4 Beavers who gained their I.T. Stage 2 Badge. This is the first time Beavers have gained this Award. Many thanks to the group of parents who lent laptops and volunteered their time to help.

Beavers wish good luck to Seb and Richard as they move on to Cubs.

The last meetings this year will be Monday 6 December and Friday 10 December. Beavers will re-open on Monday 10 January and Friday 14 January.



CUBS have welcomed new members and have reorganised the sixes after saying goodbye to their older members who have moved on to Scouts.

WATLING PACK has planted bulbs for Spring. They have listened to the experiences of a World War Two veteran and made their own 'poppies' in preparation for Armistice Day. The Pack will be visiting Adventure Kingdom for their Christmas 'treat' on 2 December and will meet again on 6 January.

FOSSE PACK welcomes Bradley Gill, Adam Raynes, Danielle Osborne and Frankie Smith all of whom have recently been invested. Many congratulations to Thomas Sharrock, Jonathan Hughes and Andy Hopkins who have gained their Silver Chief Scouts Award and good wishes to all three as they move on to Scouts.

The Pack has been working towards many badges including the Global Challenge, Global Conservation and the Caring Challenge.

Cubs will not meet on Monday 27 December or Monday 3 December.

Social Events

The **RACE NIGHT** in October was another highly acclaimed event.



Everyone who attended was very enthusiastic about repeating the evening at some time next year. Again, we must sincerely thank all involved in the organisation; and those who supported by sponsoring the horses and races. Over £300 was raised.



Our annual Group **CAROL SERVICE** will take place at St James Church,

Weddington on Thursday 9 December at 7.00 p.m. This is always a lovely service and is an opportunity for us to come together as a group with families who are welcome to attend.

Safety

May we remind parents again that we **DO NOT ALLOW CARS** up the drive at the beginning or end of any meeting. Thank you for your cooperation with this.





SCOUTS have enjoyed a full programme this term. Older members took part in a 'bivvy' camp at Fox Coverts campsite near Hinckley. They spent the night in shelters which they had constructed themselves in various degrees of comfort!

Scouts took part in 'Jamboree on the Air' during which they listened and even talked to fellow Scouts from around the world. Contact was made with Scouts around the U.K. and in Houston, Los Angeles, Canada and Stockholm. We are indebted to parent Martyn Richards for facilitating this.

Pictures from both of these events can be found on the website.

Members look forward to a winter weekend in Brecon Beacons at the beginning of February.



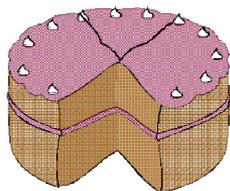
EXPLORERS are welcoming a number of new members to their Wednesday meetings.

They have had Italian themed meetings, had a lowland games night, been on a scavenger hunt for lawnmowers, visited the church and learned navigation skills.

Explorers look forward to the annual Christmas Party at Fox Coverts in December.

FUND RAISING

As reported last time, we have several members of the committee who are regularly attending car-boot sales and manning charity stalls. They are ALWAYS IN NEED OF DONATIONS. They raised almost £100 at Bedworth Indoor Market last weekend and are due to hold a **TOMBOLA AND CAKE STALL ON NUNEATON MARKET** on Saturday 11 December.



The Committee has appealed for Cubs and Scouts to come along at any time between 10am and 2pm. Youngsters in uniform help considerably to attract 'customers' to the stall. Please consider sparing some time from the Christmas shopping to support. In addition to help on the day, we need cakes to sell and tombola prizes to display. If you have no time to help in any other way, a bottle of wine or similar would be a very welcome donation for the stall.

Please send anything you can to the Scout Headquarters at an evening meeting, marked 'Charity Stall'. Cakes can be delivered to Carol Cottrell at 16 Winchester Avenue (76387375) or Sandra Parker 67 Shanklin Drive (76328738). Thank you.

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Headquarters News

We have posted provisional **PLANS FOR A NEW BUILDING** on the notice board at Headquarters so that

any comments can be made. We thank those parents who have already suggested they may be able to help in some way with the project and would welcome the offer of any other expertise that may be out there. Please talk to a leader or Committee member.



On Parade

Many thanks also to all those who turned out on **REMEMBRANCE**

SUNDAY to take part in the march to the war memorial

and the service

there. It was good to see all

sections represented and we do appreciate the help of those

parents who have encouraged their youngsters to come along.



Family Camp

It seems a long time since our **GROUP CAMP** in September but we must record another very successful



weekend, thoroughly enjoyed by all in spite of some heavy rain on Saturday. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to ensure success. Pictures are on the website.