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We have loads planned for 2006!!



11th NUNEATON (WEDDINGTON) SCOUT GROUP

Welcome to the Scouting Year 2006. We look forward to another busy and rewarding 12 months.

The Carol Service in December was a tremendous success with a packed audience for the Beaver 'show'. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended - many thanks to the Beavers and their Leaders and to Hannah Fox and her musicians.

All members are invited to our Annual Group Party to be held at Headquarters on Saturday 21 January. Beavers and Cubs will celebrate between 4 p.m. and 6p.m. and are asked to bring their own picnic tea. Scouts and Explor-

ers will party from 6.30 until 8.30 and their tea will be provided on the evening. This is non-uniform and has always proved very successful, so do come and join us for what we promise will be a very enjoyable time.

World Jamboree 2007 will take place in Essex to coincide with the hundredth anniversary of the Scout Movement. It is hoped that Weddington Scouts will be able to fill some of the 36 places available within Warwickshire. Those members aged 14-18 during the summer of 2007 will be receiving details of a forthcoming information evening to find out more.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 4 Feb: Preparation for swimming gala - Pingles 4-6pm

Sat 11 Feb: Explorer Party/Scout cooking day, Fox Covert (TBC)

Sat 18 Feb: District Swimming Gala, the Pingles

Sat - Sun 11-12 Mar: Expedition Camp - Scouts. Fox Covert

Weekend 9-11 June: Cub Camp, Fox Covert

Weekend 30 June - 2 July: Group Camp. Shugborough

22-31 July: Summer Camp, Venue TBC

Subscriptions: New Year to Easter 2006

This is the month of the annual census when we submit details of our membership and a considerable subsidy to the Scout Association. It is therefore very important that the details are correct and that everyone is paid up to date. We would appreciate your cooperation with this: please submit £20 per Member in the attached envelope and inform us of any changes of address or telephone number. We require an annual payment of £25 from our Network Members, those over 18 years of age.

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Scouts Cooking at Fox Coverts

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all who swam at the annual district swimming gala on 18 February. Once again Weddington Scouts WON the competition although by an excitingly slim



margin of 2 points, secured in the very last race of the evening! Cubs and Explorers came second in their finals and Scouts and over 18s won theirs. Well done!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thank you to all who have paid their subscriptions promptly this term. We have submitted our annual **Census Returns** with a total membership of 220.

We are once again requesting **Gift Aid Declarations** from those who have not yet completed a form to enable us to reclaim over £15 of tax for each member per year. Please consider helping our funds in this way. Apologies if the request is not applicable: an indication of this could be attached to our records so that you are not asked again.

Another **Skittles Evening** has been organised for Saturday 18 March at 7.00 p.m. These evenings have been very popular in the past as an inexpensive and entertaining family event. Supper will be provided, you just need to bring your own drinks and glasses. The cost is £5 per adult, £3 for under 18s, and £12 per family. Please let Carol Cottrell (76387375) or Sandra Parker

World Scout Jamboree 2007

All Members born between 24 July 1989 and 24 July 1993 have been invited to a Jamboree information evening on 15 March to find out more about the possibility of attending Jamboree 2007. We hope one



or two of our Members will be able to take part in this event and that the Group will be able to support their participation as much as we can.

(76328738) know if you would like to join us for catering purposes. Pay on the night.

Nuneaton and Bedworth District Scouts now have a new website. A visit to www.nbdistrictscouts.org.uk will let you view photos from district events, see a district events list and read the district newsletter, the Mutterings, amongst other things.

Finally we are appealing to anyone who may be able to spare an hour or so to help us repair, clean and generally smarten up (by laying carpet tiles in particular) the **Extension Building** on Saturday 4 March from 9.30 a.m. Unfortunately this building received additional damage as the result of a 'break-in' at Half Term which makes our work in there more urgent than it would have been. So we would welcome any time you may be able to spare to help us.



Beavers have been very busy since Christmas, working hard to gain their discovery challenge and experiment badge: this work will continue until Easter. Just a reminder that in order to gain their experiment badge, beavers must attend a minimum of 3 out of 4 weeks when we cover this badge. (see the plan for dates). Well done to all who have gained interest badges in the last few months.

We would like to welcome Nathan Wilson, Sam Ireland, Mark Parlett, Daniel Cross, Dominic Haywood, Joseph Cooksey, Thomas Ford, Bradley Gledhill, Joseph Kimberley, William Siggee, Sid Duggan, Daniel Lloyd, Mitchell Pettifor, Daniel Warwick And Jack Pope. Goodbye and good luck to those who move to cubs this month: Joseph Saunders, Matthew Stringer and Thomas Hoyle.



Fosse (Monday) Cubs are currently working toward their global challenge. They have enjoyed a variety of activities during their evening meetings and will remember

in particular the visit of Geoff Grewcock of Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary who brought along birds and small animals including a snake for cubs to examine and learn about. The pack welcomes new members Ben Peffers, Jacob Davies, Richard Siggie, Ryan Stauvers and Jacob Davis.

Watling (Thursday) Cubs have been demonstrating their knowledge with rehearsals for district quiz and Warwickshire road safety competition. They showed what they could do in 90 minutes and are looking forward to their annual gang show visit this month. The pack says goodbye to Joe Peffers and wish him well in his move to scouts.



Scouts spent a Saturday outdoor cooking at Fox Coverts, Hinckley. In small groups they built a wood fire, then cooked a sausage casserole and some kebabs, finishing with pancakes. Pictures are available on the website.



Explorers enjoyed their belated Christmas party at Fox Coverts on 11 February. Their team won the district

explorer quiz on 22 February – congratulations to them. Explorers really appreciate the efforts of Edward Vernon, Phil Allred and Alastair Hughes who out of the unit of nearly 30 members, were the only three available to swim at the district gala.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

*4 March:
Maintenance Day*

*11-12 March:
Expedition Camp, Scouts,
Fox Covert*

*15 March:
Jamboree Evening*

*18 March:
Skittles Evening*

*23 April:
St George's Day Parade*

*9-11 June:
Cub Camp*

*30 June-2 July:
Group Camp Shugbrough*

*22-31 July:
Summer Camp, Somerset*

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Beaver Activity Day at Fox Coverts

Family Camp will be held again at the very popular venue of Shugborough Hall in Staffordshire from the evening of Friday 30 June until the morning of Sunday 2 July. This is a highlight of our Scouting Year and we encourage new Members and their families to come and join us for an action-packed day of outdoor activities (including climbing, abseiling, archery, canoeing, caving) rounded off with a barbecue and camp-fire. The cost will re-

main as the last two years: day visitors £5, campers wishing to be catered for £20; campers self-catering £15; children under 6 years free. Scouts and Explorers are invited to the camp unaccompanied, but Cubs and Beavers must camp with their OWN parents. Parents must also accompany Beavers and Cubs who come for the day. You will be receiving invitations soon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Summer Camp this year takes place near Taunton, Somerset 22-29 July. About 90 Scouts, Explorers and Leaders are planning to attend. A meeting for parents will be held nearer the time.

The busy **camping season** is almost here. Scouts are holding a weekend Fox Covert Camp on 12 – 14 May and our older Cubs are preparing for their annual camp 9-11 June.

The **Annual General Meeting** for the Group will be held this year on Saturday evening (July 1st) during our Family Camp at Shugborough.

Our website (www.11thnuneaton.org.uk) now offers a free **RSS feed** with lots of little reminders, latest news and this newsletter. To subscribe or find out more, please visit the site.

Many thanks to all Members and their families who turned up on **St George's Day**: once again we had a good turn out; although it would be good to see more Explorers taking part.

World Scout Jamboree 2007

Twelve of our Explorers and Scouts applied to attend World Jamboree to be held in Essex next year, the year of the centenary of the Scouting Movement. They have all been successful and our acting GSL, Doug Shorter will be leading one of the two Warwickshire contingents. So as a Group we will be doing what we can to support these members, especially in their fund-raising efforts. We hope we can rely on everyone's support for this.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the scouting session May to August are **now due**. Please return the attached envelope with £20 per member to your evening meeting. Thanks to all who have signed gift-aid agreements: we are able to reclaim around £2,000 from last year so it really is a worthwhile contribution.



Beavers held a very successful Activity Day at Fox Covert on Saturday 8 April. Forty members followed a treasure hunt, tried fire-lighting, cooked sausages, made shelters and tackled an Assault Course.

Many Beavers have gained their Experiment Badge and earned their Discovery Badge. Well done to them. Weddington Beavers marched on St George's Day (Leaders wish to thank parent helpers Stella and Beth who marched alongside) and heard during the Service at the Christian Centre that they shared the District Bronze Beaver Award.



Fosse (Monday) Cubs raised £92 for charity when they organised an Easter Bazaar and wish to thank parents for their support with this. Michael Friswell and Jacob Morris have gained their Chief Scout Silver Awards. Well done to them.

Watling (Thursday) Cubs have been celebrating 90 years of Cub Scouting and held a 50s night which re-enacted a Pack Meeting of

half a century ago, complete with uniforms! Thanks to Gaz Cotterill and Geoff Russell for coming to share their memories with them. Cubs have had good fun making Jet Cars and solving some team-building challenges. Thursday Cubs welcome Gurjit Bahia to the Pack.



Tuesday Scouts have been busy cooking, crate building, building camp gadgets and learning to pitch a 'niger' tent amongst other activities. They recently won the 'Golden Peg' at the St George's Day Parade, the runners up award for the 'Best Troop' in the district. They will invest Stephen Ball this week.

Friday Scouts participated in the Easter Saturday Ash Green Community Project when 600 volunteers spent a full day painting and gardening to give the school a face-lift. Members, Sam Kendell, Jamie Adamantos, Pierre Taylor, Andy Hopkins, Jenny Deakin, Heather Hill, Stephen and Sarah Sambrook, Tom and Stuart Ind, Lucy Boucher, Diane and Robert Sambrook found the day hard work but very rewarding. They felt it was a great project to be part of, and had live coverage on Coventry and Warwick Radio. The work will go towards the Scout Community Badge.



Explorers have continued to follow a busy programme on Wednesday nights but are often in need of a female leader or assistant to be present during the evening; if you think you might be able to help, please go along from 7.30p.m. on a Wednesday evening or contact Tim.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

12-14 May:
Scout Camp, Fox Coverts

9-11 June:
Cub Camp, Fox Coverts

30 June-2 July:
Group Camp Shugbrough

7-9 July:
Sun Run

22-31 July:
Summer Camp, Somerset

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September 2006

Welcome to all our new members and welcome back to everyone else!



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With the summer behind us and the new term ahead, we look back at a very successful camping season and forward to a busy year which will culminate next summer with the World Scout Centenary Jamboree.

Group Camp at Shugborough in June was blessed again with very favourable weather and was an event packed with challenging activities and good food! Many thanks to all who attended (and gave up the chance to watch the England match) and special thanks to the organisers and our young leaders and network scouts who worked so hard all Saturday to provide so many things to do. We are very fortunate in having so many of them who are qualified to lead these activities.

Summer Camp this year was held near Taunton, Somerset, and had very good weather and a wide range of activities from caving to woodcraft. There are lots of photos on the website for you to enjoy.

It is subscription time again. The rate remains at £20 for the Scouting session September to December for all invested Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Please return your payment in the envelope provided to your leader as soon as possible. Thanks.

The Gift Aid scheme is an important fund-raiser for us; it is worth about £2000 a year. If you are eligible and have not filled in the form, please ask a leader for one.

Jamboree money-raising is gathering pace ahead of next years event. We recently raised about £180 in Hinckley at a town Charity Stall and are planning bag-packing at Asda, another car wash and a social evening at Weddington Social Club. Please watch for details of these and support our members where you can.

If you are a Scout or an Explorer who will be between the ages of 14 and 17 next summer, you may like to consider offering **Home Hospitality** to Scouts from overseas. Two visitors will live with the family for between 3 and 5 days from 8 August 2007 and while there will be County events organised during this time, there will be some time for the

host family to organise their own visits or activity. Please speak to our contingent Leader, Doug Shorter (76328166), to find out more.

The Group is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to project-manage the next stage of our quest to build a **new head quarters**. This would involve progressing applications for grants and is therefore particularly concerned with the financial planning of the project. If you feel you have some expertise or even some enthusiasm to help us move forward on this, please speak to Doug Shorter (76328166).

Fundraising

The Group will be manning the Charity Stall on Nuneaton Market on Saturday 23 September. This is an important money-raiser for us as it targets the wider public beyond our members and their families. **We need home made cakes, plants and tombola items.** We also need some help on the day, even for an hour or so. Particularly effective, is the presence of some of our younger members in their uniforms to encourage people's support. Please try to make some contribution to

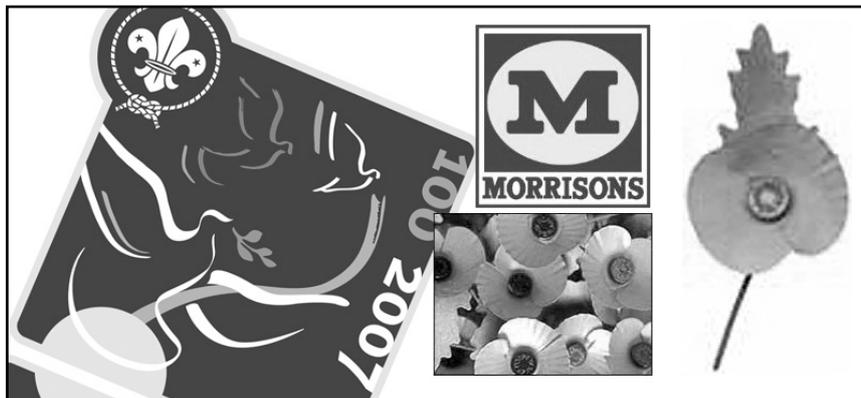
this event: any items can be taken to the headquarters to any evening meeting from where they will be collected by a Committee member: bottles would be especially welcome. If you feel you can help in any other way or if you are able to donate some cakes etc. please ring Carol Cottrell (76387375) or Sandra Parker (76328738).





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November 2006



Beavers have opened their session with lots of interesting activities which have seen them out and about. They had a 'torch tig' evening at Milby School and in pursuit of the Faith Badge they have been visited by Barry Jacques, Curate in charge at Weddington, and then visited his Church the following week. Everyone is also doing the Friendship Challenge.

Beavers say goodbye to Oliver Grainger and Sam Ireland, as well as those who have moved on to Cubs.

They welcome new members Jack Gunn, Peter Smith, James Constant, Max Thiedeman, Peter Ireland, Ryan Mountford and George Stevens. Jacob Doick, Liam Collins, William Hoyle, Brandon Wells and Coen Dalby are also welcomed into the Colony.

Monday (Fosse) Cubs would like to welcome Michael Ford, Jack Craggs, Iona Brown, Georgia Lewis, Thomas Brown, Daniel Ramsell and Jack Pope: we hope they will enjoy cub-scouting. Over the last few weeks the cubs have been very active, taking part in new sports and learning about their health in order to complete their fitness challenge. As part of the local knowledge badge, the cubs took part in a night hike over some very boggy fields. They walked extremely well arriving at the chip shop in Weddington in record time!

The Pack leaders congratulate Joe Craggs, Timmie Ford, Logan Ryan, Scott Chaplin and Liam Rourke on gaining their Silver Challenge and wish them, along with Ezra Dulang, good luck as they leave cubs and move on to scouts.

Thursday (Watling) Cubs have been working on an international theme which will culminate in their cooking an Italian meal for their specially invited guests. Cubs enjoyed an interesting visit from Geoff Grewcock of Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary and were able to make friends with a one-eyed owl, a three-legged ferret and a badger as well as Pippa the parrot who doesn't like men! They hosted the Cub Fireworks Night, which proved a great success. Many thanks to all who supported, especially those who lent invaluable help in the kitchen on the evening!

The Pack has invested Caleb Kinderman, Matt Denny, Jack Kelly, Adam Quigley and Thomas Rose. Welcome to them. Good luck to Liam Griffin who has moved on to Scouts.

Tuesday Scouts congratulate Steph Docherty and Emily Haggie who have achieved their Gold Chief Scouts Award. They will now be moving onto Explorers. Stephen Ball and Alice Haggie have gained their Stage 2 Musician Badge, whilst Emily Haggie and Lucy Miller have been awarded level 4. Jacob Palmer has also been invested into the troop. Well done to them all.

Friday Scouts held a team-building camp for nine of their Patrol and Assistant Patrol leaders at John Lees Wood on 7 October. They organised a day out in Bradgate Park. Fifteen Scouts visited Nuneaton Fire Station and particularly enjoyed the challenge of locating each other using a heat-searching camera in a darkened search room. Another challenge was a meeting at Anchor Farm, Hartshill, where the Troop played a wide game with a difference. Friday Scouts welcome recently invested member, Andrew Thwaites, and are very pleased, also, to welcome two new assistant leaders, Bernard and Mark.

Explorers can also announce the arrival of a new leader. Anne, an experienced Scout Leader, has agreed to come along to help with our large Explorer Unit on Wednesday evenings.

The recruitment of new Leaders is essential to the long-term health of the Group so we are delighted to welcome anyone, experienced or not, who is willing to make some commitment to help in the weekly running of our sections. So many Groups around the country are being forced to close through lack of leadership which, with the centenary year coming up, is particularly regrettable. We are extremely grateful to our new recruits: we are sure you will enjoy being involved in Weddington Scouts.

The **Jamboree Fund-Raising Committee** wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of their disco which raised over £300 towards the costs of sending our twelve young people to the event next year. They have organised a 'railway evening' at Milby School on Friday 17 November. Details have been distributed and are available in the headquarters.

We need Scouts, Explorers and adults to help with our next important fund-raising activity. We will be **Bag-Packing At Morrisons** In Hinckley On Saturday and Sunday, 11th And 12th November. Please sign up to ensure that we cover as many check-out tills as we can throughout the weekend. We are hopeful of raising a significant sum which will be divided between Jamboree and Group funds. A rota is on the notice board at Headquarters or ring Bob or Dianne on 76383663 to offer your help. Thank-you.

Remembrance Day is next Sunday, 12 November. Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will be receiving a letter this week detailing the procedure. If you can, please take part in this annual event.