

NEWSLETTER

January 2007



Stuart Ind, Andrew Shorter and Matt Price were presented with their Explorer Belt after a fascinating presentation about their trip to Serbia last summer.

This year is the **Centenary Year** for Scouting. A whole range of special activities have been organised to celebrate, culminating in the **International Jamboree** held in Essex in August. We have 12 Scouts and Explorers, and several leaders and Network Scouts who will be attending the event and have been fund-raising very actively for several months. They are doing quite well and wish to thank

everyone who has supported them, especially in events such as bag-packing and the film shows before Christmas. You will be receiving details of a proposed visit to the Jamboree on Saturday 4 August to enable other members of the Group to share in the event. The County is organising an activity day to promote Scouting at Warwick Castle on a Saturday in June: watch out for details of this.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The **District Swimming Gala** will be held on Saturday 17 February. Cubs will need to be at the Pingles at 6 pm and the Scout and Explorer teams will need to meet at 7 pm. Non-swimming members are welcome to cheer on our teams during the evening. In order to select the teams and to earn the swimming activity badges, a **trial session** has been arranged at the Pingles on Saturday, 3 February from 4pm. to 6pm. This is open to all Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

We are now collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids** vouchers for the purchase of new kit. Please give your vouchers to a leader.

Group Party

We are holding our annual Party on **Saturday 27 January**. Beavers and Cubs will meet together from 4pm. until 6pm. They need to bring their own picnic tea and drink. Scouts and Explorers will party between 6.30 pm. and 8.30 pm. and supper will be provided. The Party has always been a big success in the past so we encourage everyone to come along and take part. No uniform need be worn.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now being collected. As this is the month of the annual census, the committee would appreciate the prompt payment of £20 for each member under 18 and an annual collection of £25 from Network Scouts. Please inform us of any change of address or telephone number. Thank you.

Gift Aid is an important fundraiser for us. If you have not already done so, please fill in a form (to be found in the entrance to the Hut) and return it to any leader.

Dates for the Diary:

9-11 February	Scout Winter Camp, Wales
4-7 May	Centenary Camp
29 June – 1 July	Family Camp, Shugborough
21 – 28 July	Summer Camp, Beaudesert, Cannock
4 August	Jamboree Visit

Finally, the Group sends its **warmest congratulations** to Helen (Monday Cub Leader) and Matthew (Beaver Leader) who were married at the end of last month. Good luck and all best wishes for the future to then both from all of us at 11th Nuneaton.

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Tuesday Scouts complete their expedition to Fox Coverts

STOP PRESS!!

Games Evening!

A social evening has been arranged at the Headquarters building this **Saturday 24 March** at 7.30. You should have received the invitation. We are encouraging all members and their families to join us for a fun-filled night.

Admission is £1 per adult and 50p per child. Bring your own refreshments. Please come and support this fund-raising event.

HQ News

As most of you are aware, we have had recent problems with **floodwater** rising into our headquarter buildings. We urgently need to maintain and clean the buildings and grounds around the hut. A day has therefore been allocated for a working party of members, leaders and parents to im-

prove the meeting places for our youngsters.

So on **Saturday 28 April**, from 9.30 a.m. please consider volunteering an hour or so to help us. Jobs to be done range from cleaning, ground-clearing and grass cutting, carpet laying and other maintenance jobs which need to be attended to. A good parental

turn out would be very encouraging to leaders and committee members who already give up so much of their time for our young people.

Thank you to those who have already offered their assistance.

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Anne Doick, Explorer leader, is taking on the **4 Peaks Challenge** on the weekend of the 14/15 April. This entails climbing the highest mountains of Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales all in one go. She is raising money for the town's war memorial appeal. If you would like to **sponsor** Anne, please give a marked envelope to any leader who will make sure she receives the money. Thank you very much and good luck to Anne.

Once again we hope for a good turn out from our Group for **St George's Day**. Please put **Sunday 22 April** in the diary. The event will be at Bedworth as usual – more details to follow.

We're thrilled to report another win for Weddington Scouts in the District **Swimming Gala** held last month. We won by just 2 points! Many thanks to all who swam so well on the day and for the tremendous support given to them.

Many congratulations to the team from Fosse Cubs who came third in the county-wide **Road Safety Quiz**. Well done to Bradley Gill, Amy Sizer, Thomas Hoyle and Jack Craggs who won £50 for their Pack.

Scouts from both troops have enjoyed using their camping, cooking, walking and navigation skills during a successful **winter trip** to the Berwyns in North Wales, a **wood fire cooking** day, where Scouts skinned and cooked rabbit, and an **expedition** to Fox Coverts near Hinckley. Photos on the website.

2007 CALENDAR



We have a very packed diary of events in this our centenary year of Scouting. Please try to participate in as many as you can – there is a lot on offer. We acknowledge we are asking for a number of deposits for these but the wide-ranging and exciting activities on offer give excellent value for money and some centenary events are being subsidised by the Movement.

Explorer Canoe Weekend

Ludlow

 30th March – 1st April

A group will be travelling to Ludlow to work for their 2 star canoeing Awards.

Centenary Camp
Charlecote

4th-7th May

We have had a good response to this chance to join in with other Groups from across Warwickshire and hope to report on a very worthwhile and enjoyable long weekend. Please note this is a 3 night camp, as it is Bank holiday weekend.

Castle Day Trip

Warwick Castle

Saturday 23rd June

This is a subsidised event. The County has arranged for all Members, from Beavers to Leaders to visit the Castle for £1 and enjoy the Castle visit as well as many other activities provided. We are hoping to arrange a coach (for which there will be additional cost) and make it a Group day out. Look out for your invitation to participate.

Family Camp
Shugborough

29 June – 1 July

This has always been a hugely successful camp and we hope lots of parents will come to camp with their Cubs and Beavers and join us to make this another great weekend. Details to follow.

Summer Camp
Beaudesert, Cannock

21st-28th July.

We have chosen a fairly local venue for this year's camp, as the Jamboree contingent leaves for Essex during this week. Again, details to follow.

Jamboree Visit

Hylands Park, Chelmsford

4th August

This is a chance for other members of the Group to experience the Jamboree.

Subscriptions & Gift Aid

Many thanks to all who have paid subs on time and to those who are helping our fund-raising by filling in Gift Aid declarations. PLEASE consider doing this if you have not already done so. It really is worthwhile. Only one form is required per family and this does not need to be renewed unless your tax circumstances change. Forms can be found inside the hut and can be returned to any leader. Thank You.

ACTIVE KIDS

Thanks to all who have saved these Sainsbury's tokens – please keep them coming in.



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We have filled the places for our visit to the Jamboree on the 4th August and look forward to the day. Timing is very important in the tight schedule of visits to the Jamboree site so a special note to those who are going, we can't afford to be late!

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HQ News

It must be very apparent to those of you who regularly come into our buildings that we need considerable repair, renovation and decoration to improve the environment for our young people who meet there. We are planning to spend some time and money on the buildings and grounds in the next few months.

A group of parents have volunteered to attend a working party next Saturday, 28 April to carry out some of the pressing jobs needed. Many thanks to them. If any other parents can offer some expertise (plumbing, electricals, carpet

laying, carpentry) or some materials (tools, upgraded fittings or furniture etc) we would welcome any contribution you can make. Perhaps you could 'pop in' during the Saturday and talk to our working party.

We intend to upgrade the floor and paint the buildings during the summer holidays so there will be a further chance to help!

A grass – cutting rota will be posted on the notice board. It is hoped that some parents will volunteer to mow the grass in front of the building while their son or daughter is attending a meeting. This really would help those few

Warwick Castle Visit Saturday 23 June

Leaders will be asking for the names of those who might be interested in this so that we can reserve tickets and book a coach as soon as possible. The County are subsidising an activity day at the castle for the cost of £1 per member wearing a scout scarf. There will be an additional charge for transport. The programme for the day includes archery and Birds of Prey displays, opportunities to explore the Castle and the firing of the trebuchet. The Castle is offering a special deal (approx half price) to family and friends who may want to join in the day. Details in the hut.

leaders who already give up so much of their free time. Please consider signing up for this: it would be so much appreciated.

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We have once again been invited to **wash cars** at Weddington Football Club's annual tournament held at the Old Ed's on Weddington Road, 2 - 3rd June. We need Scouts and Explorers to volunteer to help with this. There will be a rota to sign and even an hour or two will make a difference!

Everyone should have been invited to register an interest our **Sponsored Bike Ride** at MIRA on Sunday 15 July. It should be a major fund-raiser and a fun afternoon. All Members and their families over the age of 8 can take part so please DON'T discard the information, please try to take part and make this a successful event.

Advance notice of our **Charity Stall**, Nuneaton Market Saturday 15 September. If you are having a 'clear out' over the holidays please remember that we will be appealing for suitable tombola items. We also sell plants and cakes. This, again, is a chance to raise money from outside the Group.

Many thanks to those who have completed a **Gift Aid** declaration. We should raise £2000 this year. Please fill in a form if you are eligible to do so: they can be found inside the door at the Head Quarters. Only one need be filled in per family and it does not need to be renewed each year. Thanks.

St George's Day this year was a great success for our group. Well done to Matt Price, Stuart Ind and Andy Shorter who were presented with their Explorer Belts; Woodland (Friday) Beavers collected the Bronze Beaver; Friday Scouts were awarded the Andy Bardon Award for Conservation; Gaz Cotterill finally picked up his Wood Beads, and then the Medal of Merit, alongside Jenny Cotterill. Myra Shorter was awarded for her Outstanding Service to Scouting, and significantly, Doug Shorter was awarded the Silver Acorn and his 40 Years Service. Big congratulations to all and thank you to over 100 members from Weddington for attending.

Finally subscriptions for the scouting session May to September are now due. Please return £20 per member to your meeting in the envelope provided. Many thanks.

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July 2007

Our annual **Family Camp** was threatened by the very menacing weather forecast at the end of June. Nevertheless everyone enjoyed a very successful weekend with most of the activities able to go ahead. Many thanks to all who worked so hard over the weekend and to those who came along to support us with valuable assistance. We have certainly had positive feedback from the weekend. There are lots of pictures on the website.

Eighty members of the Group enjoyed a very busy and entertaining day at **Warwick Castle** where we joined over 2000 Scouts from across the County in celebration of the centenary of the movement. Pictures on the website.

Weddington Scouts also joined those from other parts of the County at a **Centenary Camp** staged at Charlecote near Stratford on the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. Members took part in a wide variety of activities and entertainments which included the chance to take part in a circus performance. This was an opportunity for most of those attending to experience a large camp (2,500 members) for the first time.

Annual **Cub Camp** took place in June with good weather and lots of activities including the completion of one hundred tasks to earn a special centenary badge.

16 members went to the annual **Sun Run** in Gloucestershire early in July, with two teams completing the 13 mile Moon Run.

Scouts are preparing for their annual **Summer Camp** during the first week of the summer holidays.

They travel to Beaudesert Scout Camp Site on Cannock Chase.

During this week our contingent and our Service Team members will join 40,000 other Scouts at the world **Jamboree** event in Essex. Fifty other members of the Group will travel to the Jamboree on the 4 August for a day visit to the site. The coach will leave from the Coniston Pub at 8.00am. Please don't be late because of the careful timing of our arrival at the Jamboree site and please don't leave your car on the pub car park for the day. There is a public car park by the shops opposite the Coniston. These details should be confirmed later.

In common with towns and districts throughout the country, scout members from Nuneaton and Bedworth will be coming together at 8.00am on 1 August to celebrate the **Scouting Sunrise** exactly one hundred years since the first scout camp. We would like as many as possible members and their families to meet at Riversley Park on that Wednesday morning.

Please remember our **Charity Stall** on Nuneaton Market, Saturday 15 September. We need tombola items, plants and cakes and some younger members willing to join with us on the stall in their uniform to help draw attention to our cause. Any contributions for the stall can be delivered to the Scout Headquarters during any evening meeting. Thank you.

The same weekend as the Charity Stall we are **bag-packing** in Morrisons: we need scouts and explorers to volunteer to help an hour or so at the tills, it really is an important fund-raiser for us. Watch out for details at the beginning of September.

It was necessary to postpone the **Annual General Meeting** for the Group. The date will now be Wednesday 12 September at 8.00pm in the Scout Hut.

Many thanks to all who collected **Sainsbury's Vouchers**. We had over 4,000 of them and have been able to order some much-needed games equipment.

Fund-raising for the necessary repairs to the Headquarters buildings will be one of our priorities in the coming months. We face an electrician's bill of £5000. Please help us where you can.

The **sponsored Bike Ride** was due to take place on the 15 July. Many thanks to everyone who took part. Please collect your sponsor money and place in a marked envelope and hand in to your leader.

We are running a **Rugby World Cup draw** where, after the final, the winning sealed envelope of each batch of 20 sealed envelopes will receive a £30 prize. Envelopes cost £3 each.

Section leaders are now able to **unlock the gate** between our drive and the overspill car park at Ambleside Club. We hope this will ease the congestion on Higham Lane and be of benefit to parents, particularly on cold, wet evenings!

It has been decided to close the buildings to all meetings during August to enable essential work to be done. Sections will be notified of the date of their final meeting and when they will re-open after the holiday.

Have a great summer!

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We return to a new session of Scouting after a highly successful summer for the Group. Summer Camp and the Jamboree defied threatening weather and proved to be great adventures for all involved. Check the website for a picture round up of all our activities.

Please support the next events in our busy calendar:

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Group will take place on Wednesday 12 September at 8.00pm in the Scout Hut. All are invited.

Our **Charity Stall** will be held on Saturday 15 September on Nuneaton Market. We need tombola items, plants and cakes to sell and also cubs or scouts in uniform to encourage our customers! Any contributions for the stall can be delivered to the Scout Headquarters during any evening meeting. Parents able to help on the stall for an hour or two on Saturday morning would be very welcome as we are also, at the same time,

Bag packing at Morrisons, Hinckley. We URGENTLY need Scouts and Explorers to help with this: it is a very important fund-raiser for us. Please sign the rota on the notice board if you can help during the weekend 15-16 September.

Subscriptions of £20 per Member are now due. Please return your payment in the envelope provided. Thank you.

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Active Kids Vouchers

Thanks to all who donated vouchers. An exciting range of games equipment has now arrived. We have acquired a complete rounders set, 2 pushballs, a 'superhok' school set, a pop-up target and 40 velcro balls, a target set and 12 bean bags. So the collection was really worthwhile. Thank you.

Unclaimed Clothing

A large box of clothing including waterproofs, tops, coats, aprons, trainers and towels has been left in the entrance to the hut. Please check through this because it will all be disposed of on 17 November.

Remembrance Sunday

We look forward to another good turn out from Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to march to the War Memorial as part of the Nuneaton ceremony of Remembrance on 11th November. Please meet in full uniform (with warm clothing beneath) at 10.15 in the Market Place.

Group Carol Service

We are currently finalising this. Please look out for a confirmation of day and venue.

Working Party

We hope to catch up on some essential maintenance of our headquarters buildings. The electrics were updated at considerable cost during the summer and we now need to decorate and clean the hut and tidy up the grounds. We would welcome any parental help for an hour or two during the day from 9.30 onwards on the 17th November. Refreshments will be provided.

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AROUND THE SECTIONS

Beavers have had a busy half term working towards their Friendship Challenge and Creative Badge by following the theme of 'islands'. Beavers want to welcome all new members and their families especially George Harper, Bibek Shrestha, Faye Kendall and Christopher Smith all of whom have recently been invested. Good-bye and good luck to Mitchell, Mark, Charlie, William and Daniel who have moved on to Cubs. Thanks to everyone who made the 10th anniversary party such a success. Leaders John and Ali particularly wish to thank the Assistant Leaders who have helped them each week at Beaver meetings.

Fosse (Monday) Cubs have had an interesting few weeks. They have looked at recycling, made plaster casts and gained Hobbies Badges after a hobbies night. The Pack welcomes Daniel Cross, Mark Parlett, Charlie Greves, Mitchell Petifor and Peter Smith. Congratulations to Amy and Alex who have gained the highest Cub award: the Silver Chief Scout Award.

Watling (Thursday) Cubs have taken part in activities around a newspaper theme and have enjoyed several evenings knee deep in torn papers! The Pack welcomes Tom Painter, William Thorne and Cameron Cook. They are looking forward to a bonfire Party on 8 November.

Tuesday Scouts welcome new leaders Jez Sutton and Michelle Smedley. Doug Shorter, who started the Tuesday troop 30 years ago, is moving on to become our full time Group Scout Leader. Four Scouts moving on to Explorers have gained their Chief Scout Challenges. They are Victoria Wale, Lucy Haggie, Jonathan Allred and Tim Johnston. Craig Gilchrist also gained this award and will be staying with the Troop as Senior Patrol Leader. Finally congratulations to Hannah on her marriage to Rob; and to Dave, on the birth of his daughter, Scarlett Brooke.

Friday Scouts congratulate Pierre Taylor on gaining his Gold Chief Scout Award. The Troop took part in an activity day at Fox Covert at the end of September, have been on a Fire Station visit and older Members are planning a local camp at the beginning of November.

Explorers who attended the Jamboree in the Summer gave a very successful presentation to the County Fellowship last month. Explorers have plenty of activities lined up including a 'Going Ape' day, canoeing and camping weekends.