

11TH NUNEATON (WEDDINGTON)

Our volunteer Leaders and Committee members are busy planning for a full and varied season of activities, camps and fund-raising events.

Thanks to all who are involved with the upcoming programme including all parents whose support and readiness to help at evening sessions has proved invaluable to the successful running of the meetings. There are a number of other ways in which you may be able to help. Please speak to any leader if you wish to get involved yourself – weather its for a one off event or on a more regular basis.

We are appealing for items for the **Charity Stall** on Nuneaton market on the morning of Saturday 13 May. This has proved a very useful way to raise money from outside the group. We need new, or nearly new, items for the tombola and nearer the time are asking for cakes and plants to sell. Please bring donations for the stall to any meeting in a bag marked tombola and they will be collected from headquarters. Thank you.

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Please continue to collect **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**. We have received a significant amount of very useful equipment from this scheme.

We are hoping to reclaim **Gift Aid** from subscriptions. This could amount to a considerable sum. Please respond to the e-mail you will soon receive concerning this; it should take only a minute to complete and of course there is no cost involved.

We have ordered **sound-absorption panels** for the large meeting hall to reduce the echo we currently experience during meetings. We plan to install them over the Easter holidays. A suitable scaffolding tower and some volunteer help will be required, so keep an eye out for our appeal! Please speak to a leader if you think you might be able to assist us.

The annual **St George's Day Parade** will take place on Sunday 23 April in Bedworth. We encourage as many members as are able, to meet at 1.00pm outside the Bedworth Almshouses in full uniform ready to parade to the Civic Hall at 1.30pm. The parade will return to the Almshouses by 3.30pm. Please make a note of the date – it is the last Sunday of the Easter holiday fortnight.

Upcoming Camps

9-11th June - Cub Camp

More information from the Cub sections to be sent soon

30th June - 2nd July - Family Camp

Letters will be sent out soon

22nd -29th July - Scout & Explorer Summer Camp

Details including activities on offer, costs and parent meetings will be available soon.



Other Events

23rd April - St. George's Day Parade

13th May - Charity Market Stall

17th June - Beaver County Activity Day



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Group Update

This is the busiest time of year for everyone involved in our scout group: we have had a very successful start to the camping season. Scouts attended a 'brilliant' **District camp** in May while **Cub Camp** earlier this month was also a great success. Leaders were pleased with the co-operation and behaviour of the cubs (although the football game at 5.30 on the Saturday morning didn't go down too well with our camping neighbours!) and would like to thank all involved with the running of the camp.

Beavers attended the County Activity Day and in spite of the REALLY warm weather had a great day with lots to do and see. Beavers also took part in a 'bikeability' day during which they were given valuable training in riding and looking after their bikes and gained a badge. Our Explorers have been using the great weather to spend more time outdoors by going on walks and making stoves.

Annual General Meeting

We will be holding the Group's **AGM** during Family Camp. This is a chance for members and their families to acknowledge the contribution of all our volunteers and to raise any concerns or issues for discussion. The meeting will take place at the camp (at Beaumanor Outdoor Centre) at 4.15pm on Saturday 1 July and tea and cakes will be served. If anyone who is unable to attend wishes to raise an issue at the meeting, or stand for a position on our Executive Committee, please have a word with a leader or committee member before the camp.

Unfortunately news of our brilliant programmes of activities and events has spread and we now have a large number of potential members stuck on a waiting list. These young people are not yet able to join in with the fun and adventure, as we are at full capacity for the number of volunteers we have. We are looking to recruit more people to help us run our sections and ensure no one misses out. Please speak to any leader if you think you are able to help us out.

Fundraising and Hut Development

Fund-raising is so necessary to our work in improving the headquarters building and its surroundings. The Charity Stall raised an impressive £650 towards our **fund-raising** efforts. Many thanks to all who donated tombola and everyone who turned up on the Saturday to help. We have the stall again on 30 September this year and are looking for ideas and indeed volunteers to use this opportunity to raise money in the town. Again, we are grateful to all who have responded to our **gift aid** request and urge those of you who have not yet replied to the e-mail, to do so and help us raise funds in this simple, no-cost way.

The Ambleside gate entrance has been much improved but has yet to be completed. Meanwhile we all appreciate the work of the Beavers who have planted the raised beds there. Inside, the sound absorption panels have been installed and a great difference has been experienced to sound levels in the main meeting room. Many thanks to those who gave up their Easter weekend and worked so many long hours to achieve this.

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Final information on our Facebook page

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Once more, everyone has been very generous in saving **Sainsbury's Active Kids** vouchers for the Group and Leaders have been able to order more very useful items from their catalogue. Thank you.



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After a summer of successful and active camps and events including Family Camp at Beaumanor and summer camp in Staffordshire followed by Explorer Duke of Edinburgh expedition, our new autumn term scouting session is now well underway. Our sections are enjoying a wide range of activities on their meeting nights. Beavers have been walking, Cubs have been canoeing, Scouts have learning basic car maintenance and Explorers and been playing Conkers!

Fund-raising

We had a very encouraging response to our appeal for chocolate for the charity stall tombola on Nuneaton Market where, with the sale of cakes and a 'human fruit machine' activity, we raised nearly £450. Thanks to all involved with that.

Fund-raising is important as we have several projects to tackle: the marking of the floor in the main meeting room to help with games, the renewal of the deteriorating floor of the small meeting room, the provision of a water drinking fountain, the completion of the Ambleside entrance and the upgrading of the security entrance shutter.

As you are all aware, it has been necessary to raise monthly subscriptions to £12.50 to continue to make the maintenance of our building and the activities we offer, viable. We thank everyone for their understanding of this and urge anyone with issues about the increases to approach a leader or committee member to discuss them in confidence.

Once again, we very much appreciate the number of Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers we collected. We have on order lots of useful items including 40 ropes, foam dice and a first aid kit for expeditions.

Thanks to all who have responded to our Gift Aid request. This is an important and cost-free way to generate significant income. We are expecting a return of £5,000 from the most recent claim. This could be more if everyone who is eligible to sign up (i.e. a UK Taxpayer) did so. So we will ask again – apologies to most of you who have taken the time to complete the form.

24th World Scout Jamboree

Do you fancy a trip to North America? Were you born between 22 July 2001 and 21st July 2005? Then here is your chance. The World Scout Jamboree is a global party of Scouts from everywhere around the world. In 2019, the Boy Scout of America, Scouts Canada and the Association of Scouts of Mexico are jointly hosting the WSJ in West Virginia, and applications are open to join one of the 2 Warwickshire Units now. Visit [www.http://www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk/jamboree/](http://www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk/jamboree/) or ask any of the leaders to find out more information and how to apply!

Upcoming Events

12 November

Remembrance Day Parade

4 December (TBC)

Group Carol Service

12 December

Family Quiz Night - 6.30pm

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18 - 20th May

County Get In Camp

21st - 28th July

Summer Camp



Family Christmas Quiz

Save the date! Starting at 18:30 on Saturday 9th December, we will be hosting a Christmas themed quiz suitable for all of the family. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

