

11TH NUNEATON (WEDDINGTON)

We have such a busy 2018 in front of us with highlights of 'Get In', Family Camp, Family Fun Day, Summer Camp and Jamboree preparation all happening this year.

As the year begins, we must prepare our annual **census** for the Scout Association. So we have asked everyone to fill in a new membership form so that the information is up to date. Thanks to everyone for co-operating with this. We have also asked you to respond to our **gift-aid** request, which last year resulted in over £5,000 of extra income. Thank you to those who have helped with this and if you haven't, please respond to the emailed request you may receive shortly.

The **bag-packing** event at the Co-op on Horstone Grange raised a brilliant £1,540 which has supported our Jamboree participants and funded necessary equipment for the headquarters. Special thanks to all who gave up their time, particularly our younger members. The Co-op have also chosen us to benefit from their **community fund** so that those of you who shop there can help throughout the year by signing up to their membership scheme and selecting us as your chosen charity.

The maintenance of our **headquarters building** is a continuing challenge for our Leaders and Committee members. We have completed a new floor in the small meeting room, new lines in the main room and shortly will be upgrading the front door shutter. Meanwhile the lighting and heating need reviewing and we would welcome advice from any parents who might have electrical expertise. The entrance to our site from Ambleside is also due to be completed this Spring: many thanks to Jason Dean who is overseeing this project with support from Warwickshire County Council and Jaguar Land Rover.

Donated **second-hand uniform** is now available for all sections in the upstairs meeting room, for a small donation. Some of which is nearly new. Please ask a Leader if you are interested. If you have any spare uniform which is no longer needed, we would be pleased to re-cycle items for you.

Invitations to our annual **Family Camp** are soon to be issued. We are travelling to Blackwell Court this year on the weekend of 30th June. This year **Summer Camp** for Scouts and Explorers takes place near Hemel Hemstead.

We are also planning a **Family Fun Day** at our Headquarters on Saturday 16th June which will include many fun activities, refreshments and the formal opening and celebration of our building.

Details of all events will follow: meanwhile please make a note of the dates and support us if you can.

Upcoming Events

21st April

Family Bingo

22nd April

St. George's Day Parade

18th - 20th May

County Get In Camp

16th June

Family Fun Day

29th June - 1st July

Family Camp

21st - 28th July

Summer Camp

Family Bingo

Save the date for our next *FunRaiser* evening which will be a Family Bingo evening on Saturday 21st April



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We have just returned from an unforgettable **GET IN County Camp**; the first of our big camps of the season. Glorious weather helped to make this a great success and we thank everyone involved in the not inconsiderable planning and hard work which goes into a weekend like this. Congratulations to Lucy Parlett who was presented with her Queen's Scout Award by County Commissioner Nigel Hailey and Deputy UK Commissioner, Kester Sharpe.



We now look forward to **Family Camp** at Blackwell Court and there is still time to sign up for this if you are interested in spending a very different day of activities while being fully catered for during the weekend. Full details from any Leader. For Scouts and Explorers, **Summer Camp** in the first week of the school holidays which this year is to be held near Hemel Hempstead.

There is a chance to recognise the work of our Leaders, Committee members, and supporters at the **Annual General Meeting** to be held at Family Camp, Blackwell Court on Saturday 30 June at 4.00pm. All members and their families are invited. This is an opportunity to raise any matters of concern and if there are issues that you would like to present but are unable to come to the meeting, please have a word with a Leader or Committee member.

Because of this busy summer season, and taking into account the many events put on by local schools and teams, we have decided to postpone our **Family Open Day** from 16 June to Saturday 15 September. More details to follow.

Upcoming Events

23rd June
Market Stall
29th June – 1st July
Family Camp
30th June
Annual General Meeting
21st – 28th July
Summer Camp
15th September
Family Open Day

Borough Lottery

Don't miss your chance of being in the running of winning £25,000 by purchasing your lottery tickets



Scouts

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Thanks to all who attended our **bingo evening** in April. It was an enjoyable night which we hope to stage again next term. We are also grateful to those of you who have subscribed to the new **Nuneaton Borough Lottery** which donates 50p of every £1 ticket to our scout group if you have specified us as the good cause to support. Head to www.boroughlottery.co.uk to buy your tickets.

And thanks again to everyone who shops at the **Co-op on Horestone Grange** and selects Weddington Scouts as the chosen charity to benefit from their community fund. This has raised over £1800 so far! Our next fund-raising event is the **charity stall** on Nuneaton Market on Saturday 23 June. This is an opportunity to raise money from outside our immediate members and their families. The appeal this time is for 2 tombolas: a toy tombola and a bottle tombola. So we need new or nearly new unwanted toys, puzzles, children's books etc and bottles of all descriptions, not just alcoholic. Please try to contribute to this - all donations can be brought to the headquarters and handed to any leader. We also sell plants and home-made cakes and would really welcome any contributions to these just before or on the day of the stall. We will be asking for our young people to come for an hour or so to help attract customers to the stall, a community service which can be counted towards various badge requirements. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

The money raised from these fund-raising activities is used to improve our facilities and equipment for the benefit of all of our members. Hopefully you will have noticed the vastly improved Ambleside entrance; Jason Dean led this project with help from Warwickshire County Council and Jaguar Land Rover. We thank everyone involved.

Scouts is open to all and as such no one should miss the opportunity to join or continue Scouting because of financial constraints. There is a fund available from Nuneaton District Scouts, to provide significant help with subscription payments where required. If you know of anyone to whom this might apply, please talk to a Leader in full confidence.

Our 2nd hand uniform supply is held within the head-quarters and available to view on request. We have sold lots of uniforms for the younger members of the group and would love to sell more, so please consider donating uniform when it no longer fits or your young person moves up a section.



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We have now officially opened our **new Headquarters building**. Many thanks to those, including Marcus Jones MP and many of our former Leaders and members, who came to celebrate with us in September. Chris Ball, former Treasurer who was so instrumental in the realisation of a new building, cut the tape at a ceremony which also paid tribute to Doug Shorter who has given a lot of time to the group for many years as Scout Leader and then Group Scout Leader. The small meeting room has been named after him.

We are looking for **volunteers to join our Beaver leadership team**. The role involves assisting in delivering a safe, exciting and stimulating programme for our 6-7 year olds. The programme is based around Skills for Life, and is delivered almost entirely through practical activity and games. Who are we looking for? Someone who enjoys working with young people and who likes to have fun! This is a great opportunity to boost your CV with leadership skills, fill some time during retirement, or just put something back into Nuneaton's fantastic community. You need to be aged 18+. The appointment is of course conditional on holding a clear DBS check, which will be completed free of charge. Please talk to any of our existing leaders and look out for more information soon.

Upcoming Events

11th November
Remembrance Parade
8th December
Family Christmas Quiz
10th December
Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Quiz

Our Christmas Family Quiz will be taking place on 8th December at the hut. The Quiz night starts from 18:00. More information and sign up is available in the hut.



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We are continuing to improve our facilities and ongoing **fund-raising** will be directed towards upgrading lighting (including external lights), new chairs and tables, a trophy cabinet and more kitchen equipment. In addition, we are going to upgrade our small camping tents.

A special thanks to everyone who supports our fund-raising efforts including those who supported our partnership with the **Co-op** at Horeston Grange over the last year. This raised over £4,000 and has now come to an end. We are also one of the current charities you can raise money for (via tokens) at the large Tesco in Bedworth.

We are continuing to see success through the **Nuneaton Borough Lottery** with many winners from supporters of our group. Nuneaton Borough Lottery donates 50p of every £1 ticket to our scout group when we are specified as the good cause to support. Head to www.boroughlottery.co.uk to buy your tickets.

All members that have not yet signed up for **Gift aid** will have received an email requesting you to opt-in. This government scheme gives us an extra 25% on top of the membership fees and greatly helps to develop the group. Please support us with this.

Our **World Scout Jamboree** participants continue to raise money to support their trip to West Virginia next summer. They will be bag packing at the Co-op throughout the weekend before Christmas.

As many Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network as possible are encouraged to attend the **Remembrance Parade** in Nuneaton on 11th November. This is a special occasion as it is the hundred -year anniversary of the armistice. Please meet in full uniform at 10:15am by the fountain in the town centre. We should be finished back at the fountain by approximately 11:45am.

The Group's **Carol Service** will take place at St James Church, Weddington on Monday 10th December at 6.30pm. This is always a very popular event and a good start to the Festive season.

Letters have gone out for Summer Camp 2019, we are looking forward to attending an International Jamboree in Leicestershire. Can Scouts and Explorers return the forms as soon as possible.

The booking is currently underway for **Family Camp 2019** in June next year. Watch out for dates when they are confirmed. It was pleasing and helpful to read some of your feedback from last year's camp - thanks to those who responded to the survey.

