

Beavers

Beavers recently enjoyed a trip to the panto, to see Peter Pan, starring The Hoff (David Hasslehoft).

Two of the Beavers were lucky enough to be invited on stage, causing great hilarity. During an audience rendition of Old McDonald, one made an elephant woof! A great time was had by all and the boys were very well behaved.



Nic has taken a step back from beavers, with Kathryn taking on the leader role. We are still looking for an extra leader to help with the weekly sessions. If you know of anyone who might be able to help, please talk to one of the leaders.

A Pack Cubs

All meetings included a variety of games, the most popular being a game called Sweeper and another called Radar.

There have been a lot of new skills learnt since the summer. One evening was a cookery night where we all made chicken Fajitas. The pack chopped all the ingredients, all fingers still present and correct, and then the cubs were left to put their own chef's slant on the recipe. The fajitas were all eaten in the blink of an eye, with lots of encouraging Mmmms from all concerned. Cookery is definitely a favourite activity of A Pack.

We followed this with an evening of pioneering. The cubs were tasked with getting a tennis ball from one side of the room to the other using canes and string without touching the floor. This is harder than it sounds.

We reminded ourselves about map reading by using a variety of online techniques to find our way around Britain. One evening mind games were used to explore how our bodies react to changing circumstances, relying only on our 5 senses. We were taught a variety of magic tricks by Explorer and young leader Daniel Wilson.

No one disappeared or ended in two halves luckily.

The fun continued into November with some more brave guests. The first taught us the science of chocolate. Who knew that eating chocolate could be so educational.

The second guests helped us decorate ceramic pots with a Christmassy theme. They all looked fantastic by the end and were delivered back in time for Christmas.

On 13th December A Pack helped the Rotary Club to raise funds around the village, following Santa's sleigh. Thank you to all the parent helpers and a big well done to all the cubs for completing the whole route in classic A pack style.

Below is the investiture of a new Cub. You will notice he has a white necker on but The Leader (Leigh) is about to present him with a new 1st Keyworth necker.



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B Pack Cubs

A busy time has been had by the Cubs. They have been working towards their Athletics Badge. Time was spent on the Rec doing lots of activities. One of the favourite evenings is making spaghetti towers. There is always a lot of mess but the cubs really enjoy it.

Halloween was celebrated by the carving of pumpkins. The Cubs made their own designs and brought them in to share.



The leaders put lights in the pumpkins and some photos were taken.



This photo is of a pumpkin carved by one of the leaders.

As Christmas came closer an evening was allocated to make Xmas cards to take home.

With the dark evening it seemed appropriate to try blind football. It slows the Cubs down! Everyone managed to go home with only a few bumps and bruises!

Scouts

A night hike was organised by District for Scouts and Explorers. Starting at 6 pm they had to walk 9 miles reading a map with incidents on the way. They had to carry an egg with them and were awarded points if it was still intact at the end. They learnt their lesson after standing on it last year! The leaders were hoping it would be cancelled as the weather was atrocious. Eight Scouts and one Explorer set out in two teams. The Scouts team was the youngest one out that night and unfortunately they got lost. They were found at 11 pm and brought back to the campsite to try and sleep. The second team after a small detour managed to make it to the finish at 1 pm. I arrived just after 8 am with Becca, who had made bacon cobs for breakfast, to

find all in good spirits. Well done lads for having a good go in terrible weather.



I think it's fantastic that these lads gave up their time on three Saturday mornings to sell poppies, but how difficult does it have to be to stand still for a photo? I understand it took 5 goes to get this!

Explorers

There were three presentations given by the Gold, Silver and Bronze Groups.

Part of DofE is an expedition which gets longer as the awards progress. On the expedition they have to undertake a project (farming, land use and geology were used this time). The presentation is given to the Group and parents.

A joint bonfire with the Scouts was arranged at Hollygate. A good turnout

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enjoyed a very large bonfire which kept us warm.



Aidan and Paul very kindly led the traditional Scout songs. Thank you to Becca, with a little help from me, for providing the sausage cobs and drinks to help keep the stamina going for the singing. A Hollygate tradition Capture the Flag saw Scouts v Explorers. Seems to me like a great excuse the run around in the dark shouting!

The Explorers helped to sell poppies in the village for Remembrance Sunday. Even the weather didn't dampen their enthusiasm.



Paul kindly organised a visit to see the Panthers playing ice hockey, which they

managed to win. We had to wait until near the end of the game to have the usual punch up on the ice!

A board games night was arranged with Trivial Pursuit and Taboo. Lot of nibbles and drinks were provided to help them think.

Boddingtons



Feeling on top of the world! Boddington on his trip to the highest point in Africa. His friends Graham and Michael took him along on their trip to Uhuru Peak, Summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro (5,895 AMSL).

£500 will be going to Rainbows from Keyworth Scouts, along with a copy of the Boddington 2014 calendar. A few copies remain if anybody wants to buy one. This money was raised by the transfer of numbers on the day at the Turkey Trot and the Carol Service.



Boddingtons spent his second year sleeping out to raise money for Framework. He was joined by Explorers Harriet, Austin, Matthew and George plus Mike and Richard.



We raised £750 from the Scouts and Guides Christmas Post plus the sponsorship raised by the Explorers sleeping out. Overall £30,000 was raised on the night.

Carol Service

Considering that we had a date clash with not one but two school plays, we had a marvellous attendance. This year it was the turn of the United Reform Church and we were made very welcome.

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The children who did the readings did a great job as it must be very hard to stand up in front of everyone. We named the new Endeavour Award after one of our inspirational and hard working leaders, Robin Foster, and awarded it to a very deserving Explorer, Patrick.



Scout of the Year Award was presented to Mat who has worked really hard all year to win this award.



Karl Lewis was presented with his five years service award by GSL Richard Lumb. I can't believe he has been with the Scouts this long.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Ann & Robin Foster who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October and celebrated with family and friends at the Centenary Lounge.



A cine film and lots of photos where displayed. The strange thing is that Karl and I were married at the same church in Arnold but much later! Karl and I were able to help on the day with serving and washing up! It was lovely to be able to help Robin as he does so much for the Scouts. Without him we would need to recruit a cleaner, gardener and handyman. I would also like to thank Ann for letting

him spend so much time at the hut.

Turkey Trot Half Marathon

This is our main fund raiser which means that we don't have to spend loads of weekend during the year fund raising. A big thank you to everyone who spend time on the day helping. Without you we couldn't run the event.



From 6 am some of our volunteers started their busy day! The course needs the mile markers putting out early.



The overall winner was Tim Hartley with a time of 1:13:19 from Barrow Runners with Andrew Fuller in second place in a time of 1:13:32.

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This shows Tim in red and Andrew after the race. The first lady was Sally Hughes with a time of 1:30:24. 869 runners managed to complete the course.



Village Quiz

It's that time of year again and the Village Quiz is back. The teams this year are - Scout Uniformed (or is it uninformed) v Twinning Association, Scout Parents v Crossdale School and Turkey Trot v Astronomical Society. The first round will be on Monday 27th January at 7.30 pm which see the Uniformed and Parents teams competing. The Turkey Trot team are competing on Monday 3rd February. Can we manage to get one team past the first round this year! If you know anyone clever please let me know and I will get them on

the parent's team as they have to put up with me! The Cubs are providing refreshments on the first week so please see more information about helping from your leaders.

Forthcoming Events

Parents Committee Meeting
at 8 p.m

Monday 31st March
Monday 12th May
Monday 9th June
Monday 7th July

District Camp
2nd/3rd/4th May

AGM
Wednesday 21st May

Group Gathering
14th/15th June

23rd World Scout Jamboree

Harriet and Patrick have been chosen to represent us in Japan at the 2015 World Scout Jamboree. It's another long-haul flight in the overhead locker for Boddington. Congratulations to both of you.

One of the events at the Jamboree will include a one day off site programme to Hiroshima and the Peace Memorial Park including the

museum. This will enable people to learn from the events of 1945. 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of cities in Japan.

As always if you have any news or photos I can use in the next edition please contact Maria Lewis at mandk.lewis12@gmail.com or 0115 9148011.

For details of waiting lists please contact Joan Lumb on 0115 9147906 or email keyworthscouts.membership@hotmail.co.uk.

If anyone has issues with photographs of their children appearing on the website please contact me asap I will take their picture out.

Famous Scouts



John F. Kennedy President of USA January 20, 1961 - November 22, 1963