

1st Newport Scouts



BEAVERS

This year has seen the Beaver Colony go from strength-to-strength and there are now about 30 children enjoying a fun filled programme each week, led by a new leadership team of Tarquin Ellington, Claire Denyer and Andrew Blatt.

Over the past year we have completed several badges and have enjoyed junk modelling, volcano making, and paper aeroplane flying. We have also been finding out about the wider world in which we live and of course the always enjoyable end of term water fight!

We had a terrific evening at Audley End Airfield where the Beavers were able to sit in the planes. We learnt a bit about how the planes were made and what different craft were used for. Unfortunately the weather prevented us from being able to take to the air, but maybe next time.

In May we joined the cubs for the day on their annual Cub Camp. The Beavers had a fantastic time cooking dough twists over the campfire, climbing trees and again joining in the water fight! Before we left we joined the cubs for the campfire singsong which was a perfect way to end the day. This year we are hoping to take them away again and would like to camp overnight with them if possible.

The new leadership team are excited about taking the colony forward and have lots of fun ideas planned including a summer camp and a return visit to the airfield. Come and join us for 'fun and friends'!



CUBS

The cub pack have enjoyed many exciting activities this year from cooking, fire lighting, climbing and pioneering. We also retained the District Handicraft shield, Skills day trophy and came jointly first in the District Sports day. A very successful year!

Camp this year was held at Belchamps campsite, Hockley, on the weekend the 25th, 26th and 27th May. Sunshine was in abundance as the cubs enjoyed various activities throughout the pirate themed camp. High all aboard, water volleyball, water slide and pirate themed crafts were just some of the exciting activities on offer to the cubs during the weekend. Charlotte Saville, Camp Leader, said that the camp was a great success, with everyone participating in the activities and enjoying the sunshine.

The leaders would like to thank everyone for volunteering their time, as without it Cub camp would not happen.

The Cub leadership team consist of Helen Howett, Charlotte Saville, Andy Bowker, Rachel Smith, Matt Tookey and Hayden Plumb.



SCOUTS

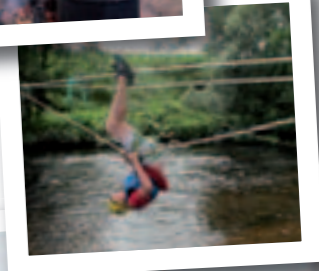
This year the Scouts have enjoyed various activities such as shooting, canoeing, climbing, pioneering and cooking challenges.

The 1st Newport Scouts and VCP Horstel Scouts were in Scotland for a week on their annual summer camp. The friendship between 1st Newport Scouts and German VCP Horstel Scouts started back in 1996 and has continued over many years. VCP Horstel arrived in England two days prior to leaving for Scotland, in this time they explored Saffron Walden and Newport. Our thanks goes to Emma Cotterill, Dave Cotterill, Andy Taylor and Andy Cook for organising the days before camp.

During the nine days they spent in Scotland the scouts enjoyed various activities including raft building, clay target shooting, rope bridge building, Kayaking, swimming, hiking, air rifling shooting and taking in the local attractions; Discovery Point and the Cairngorm Mountain Railway. This year's camp took a back to basics feel and the leaders and children alike enjoyed the daily challenges of keeping a busy camp running, from chopping wood, to keeping the fire going for hot water and washing in the rather cold but crystal clear river.

VCP Horstel and 1st Newport stayed on the grounds of Dalnaglar Castle, owned by an Austrian Princess, who kindly allowed us to stay on her grounds and use the various lochs and river's to do our activities. She joined us on the Tuesday night with her five grandchildren for a hog roast dinner followed by apple crumble. The grounds of the castle took in beautiful scenery and provided the perfect backdrop to a busy but enjoyable camp.

Camp Leader Clive Bunting would like to thank the 10 strong leader and parent helper team who made this all possible and yet again made it a superb camp. The scouting team consist of Clive Bunting, Emma Cotterill and Hugh Gunn.



OTHER SCOUTING NEWS

- The Executive Committee has been working hard to raise funds for the continuing success of the group. As well as doing various BBQs at events in and around the district, we also support the Newport fireworks.
- We are in partnership with the parish council to redevelop the recreational ground, which will allow us to build a state of art community hall, which serve the future children and community for years to come.
- Robbery – between Sunday 23rd September at 11.07pm and Monday 24th September 00.58am the scout hut was broken into and several items were stolen. The items stolen have affected the group as a whole.

All these activities and camps would not happen if it was not for the time and effort given by the leaders, helpers and exclusive committee. I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of them. Anyone interested in getting involved in scouting please e-mail Newport@saffronwaldenscouts.org.uk



EXPLORERS

Explorers have been learning several new skills this year, including shooting, cooking, climbing and navigation exercises.

D of E also runs throughout the year in conjunction with Saffron Walden.

The explorers joined the scouts on their trip to Scotland, where they got the chance to help the leaders lead activities and help in the day to day running of camp.

The explorer team consist of Chris Ansell and Bryony Cotterill.

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