

# 1st Appleby Magna with Measham

## Scout Group Newsletter



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### Welcome and Group News

#### ***The Sun's here and there's lots going on!***

Steve Grainger - Group Scout Leader

Hello all!

It's great to introduce our first termly newsletter. We're in great shape as a Group at the moment but, despite lots of parent support helping out, we still have a waiting list for places in all sections. It's great that we have so many children wanting to enjoy the great experience of scouting but we can't expand our Group until we have more physical space and/or more qualified section leaders – see later!

I hope you can make our Group Camp on 24/25th April at the Hut. This will include taking the children to the St George's Day service in Coalville on the Sunday at 2pm. We're also trying to organise a family camp at Beaudesert in Cannock Chase on the weekend of 21/22 August, and we need lots of help for the Heart of the Forest festival in Measham on 26th June – see diary section for other dates.

Thanks for supporting your leaders to deliver high quality scouting, and to the leadership teams for all their efforts.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve

*PS (We're always looking for fundraising ideas, so please let me know if you've got any good contacts, suggestions or skills we can use!)*



#### **We are not alone!!**

Scout membership has grown for the 4th year running in Leicestershire - there are 37,648 adults and children signed up for scouting in the county!

### Beaver Bit

#### ***We're all a bit tired from having fun!***

Toni Hodges – "Robin" - Beaver Leader

Well what a year the Beavers have had so far, from Snow-Tubing in Swadlincote to a birthday party with over 500 beavers.

We finished off last term with our very popular sleepover, this time with a Sport Relief theme. Twelve of our beavers slept over at HQ having fun and frolics with a sporty twist...we even tried our hands at archery!



We also had the annual Junk craft competition back in February where we had to build our own zoo all from junk. Wowee! Then came Pancake Day where we joined our cubs for some fun team games and, along with celebrating Chinese New Year and St. David's Day, we even managed to find time to make our mums something for Mothers Day!

Coming up this term at Beavers we have Morris Dancing and a Dragon and Knights themed night for St George's Day. We'll be taking part in Group camp at HQ (a parent needs to stay if you're sleeping over), and a train walk to raise money for autism. Not forgetting the infamous Beaver One-to-One camp at Willesley, where we join all our fellow beavers in the district for a jam packed fun filled weekend!

See you soon Guys for some more fun !

## Cub Corner

*Learning about History...naturally!*

Steve Grainger – Cub Leader

We had a jump start to the year with a chilly tubing session, which the cubs enjoyed immensely (especially the spinning in the tubes on their way down)! However, the walk up wasn't always that easy...!

Then into some badge work, with a brilliant visit to the aeropark at East Midlands Airport - it was amazing how big the Vulcan bomber looks from underneath it!

Our next trip out was a mass invasion of the Natural History Museum, where our well behaved group managed not to lose any of the leaders, even if the leaders managed to lose their coffees all over the floor :-S



Our final session of the term was a great night with a local Morris men troop; jovial music, sticks and bells sent us into the Easter break with high spirits!

Coming into next term we are looking into completing more badge work, and getting out and about in the lighter evenings, with visits to other packs, woodlands and Mallory Park.



## We're in demand!

Our waiting list continues to grow, and as the demand for places increases, so does our need for leaders.

### **GET INVOLVED!**

We're looking for enthusiastic and (preferably) qualified help to lead our sections. So, if you've been a scout before and want to give something back, or if you or someone you know has been a leader before, please get in touch with Steve Grainger on [info@applebyscouts.co.uk](mailto:info@applebyscouts.co.uk)!

## Scout Stuff

*From Archery to Duathlons – it's been a busy term!*

Chris Ife - Scout Leader

We've been keeping busy with a whole range of activities including looking for stars, a Chinese 'ready, steady, cook!' session, a Sport Relief duathlon and a mini civil engineering evening!



We went off-site for the night to experience Snorkelling and great fun was had by all as they took the opportunity to experience life under water.

We also used a campsite modelling evening for the Scouts to run riot with their imaginations on what should be at Willesley campsite.

Over the Easter holidays, several of our Scouts got stuck into some serious DIY and gardening at the hut, getting the grounds ready for all the camps and outdoor activities we can enjoy now the evenings are lighter – back-breaking work, but much needed!

Our young leaders have been a great help with all our activities and really put their energy into whatever we're up to – thanks guys!

## Diary Dates

Group Camp - 24/25 April

St George's Day parade - 25 April 2pm

Archery camp - 8/9 May - 2 nights

Scout Camp - 28/31 May - 3 nights

Scout Canoeing - 8/15/22 June

Beaver Camp - 12 June - 1 night

Cub Camp - 18/20 June - 2 nights

Forest Festival - 26th June - help needed please!

End of Term BBQ – all Sections – 13 July 6.30pm

Family camp - August - TBC