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## JOIN OUR BIG ADVENTURE

In this Newsletter we are not only celebrating the first anniversary of our Newsletter but another very successful Scouting year in our Group.

At 46<sup>th</sup>/48<sup>th</sup>, the Big Adventure of Scouting has provided an exciting year of opportunities for all of the young people in our Group to enjoy the fun, friendship and challenge that makes Scouting so special. I have had the privilege of sharing lots of these times and have seen the pride in Young People when they are Invested, receive Badges, have Camped for the first time or simply achieved something new to them that they never dreamed they could do!

The Leaders and Supporters of our Group are very special people each fully committed to offering Young People a chance to live their dreams and to taste real adventure. I am a proud GSL, thank you all so much. When our Chief Scout Bear Grylls was appointed last year, he stated that one of his aims was to inspire more and more Adults to Volunteer for Scouting. What, I ask myself, could be more inspirational than to see Young People enjoying the friendship and excitement offered in Scouting and develop as individuals?



Camp building at the Group Christmas Fun weekend

As GSL I would like to extend a challenge to any Adults reading this to join the great adventure of Scouting and consider becoming a Leader, Occasional Helper or Supporter of our Group. Interested? Just call 07749031094 to find out more. I wish every one of you a very happy and peaceful 2011 and look forward to another exciting Scouting year at 46<sup>th</sup>/48<sup>th</sup> Scout Group.

Elaine Farr  
Group Scout Leader

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



In January we shall be wishing one of our Cub Scouts a fond farewell when he and his family move to Scotland. Since joining the 46th as a Beaver Scout, Cameron has always played an active role in

Scouting and taken part in all group events. It is this enthusiasm which has enabled him to gain

his Chief Scouts Silver Award before leaving. A recent letter from his mother says it all...

*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and everybody else who has contributed towards Cameron's Scouting experience in Northampton, you are helping our son to grow into a charming and respectable human being and have given him opportunities that he otherwise would not have had, we cannot thank you all enough for that."*

### DON'T FORGET

- For uniforms and much more go to the Scout Shop in Ivy Road. Mon/Weds 7-8.30 Sat 10-4
- There's lots of useful information on our very own website, so log on now
- 18th Feb, Group fundraising event.

[www.overstone46scouts.org.uk](http://www.overstone46scouts.org.uk)



What have the beavers been up to since our return in September ???

More like what haven't we been up to. Another fun packed programme with no stopping.

Our quest to earn our faith badge found us at Overstone village church where a fantastic lady called Tracy entertained the beavers with

## 46TH OVERSTONE BEAVERS 5:30-6:30PM TUESDAYS

games and songs. Even the young leaders joined in.

The friendship challenge had us visiting police headquarters at Wootton Hall, the bit they enjoyed the most was dressing up in the uniforms.

We have visited several countries including Sweden where we played Swedish bingo (especially for Kim to learn the lingo) and ate Swedish gingerbread.

Halloween saw lots of little

monsters turn out for the evening to play apple and flour bobbing, pin the nose on the pumpkin and lots lots more. We didn't even waste the pumpkin as we made a pumpkin dip which was given a big thumbs up.

What could top this lot, well I think it must be a brilliant group Christmas camp.

Vixen and Kingfisher Young leaders Emma, Kim, Jordan and Autumn



Dressing up at Wootton Hall

## 48TH GREAT BILLING BEAVERS 6:30-7:45PM TUESDAYS

The 23rd of November was the 47th anniversary of the first screening of Dr Who on television, so at the 48th we decided to have a Dr Who night.

We made our own sonic screwdrivers.... Blue Peter has nothing on Louise's (Willow) designs. We played Dr Who and the Daleks and did some timed games fit for a timelord.

To finish off the evening all the children were given a genuine signed postcard from Matt Smith.

Unfortunately he was unable to come and visit, but as he comes from Great Billing we are his local scout group and he gave everyone a named signed postcard. The Beaver Scouts were delighted and needed convincing that they were real.



We all had a great night.

Happy Scouting Elm, Willow, Christmas, Oak and Cherry.



A signed postcard from the real Dr Who



The Cubs have had a great time since returning from their summer break.

Looking back, we have managed to fit in so much that even I am amazed.

We have been very active, we tried our hand at Rugby thanks to a visit from Yvette from the Old Northamptonians Rugby Club, we had a skipping evening courtesy of

## 46TH OVERSTONE CUBS 6:45-8:00PM TUESDAYS

the Gang Show skipping team and achieved a Group first with Martial Arts thanks to instructor Jamie.

Our Focus has been on global issues like energy conservation, poverty and disaster. To support this we have learnt about the great work that ShelterBox do and have built shelters indoors and out..

Personal Safety has also been a theme and we have

learnt how to stay safe by water, railways and also online thanks to a visit from E-Safety Officer Caroline.

We have had torchlight adventures in the woods, toasted marshmallows, tied knots and had so much fun. We even braved a chilly Saturday morning Hike and an even chillier Group Christmas Camp too.

**Can't wait 'till next term....**

Tim



Shelter building indoors



## 46TH OVERSTONE SCOUTS 8:00-9:30PM TUESDAYS

Over the last three months the scouts have taken part in the Northampton district scout camp at Overstone scout ground. They had a great time joining over 100 other scouts for a weekend of fun , challenges and lots of activities.

We have been back to little billing pocket park to help the volunteers clear some more of the overgrown vegetation . But due to the time of year, the light soon went so we shall carry on helping the volunteers in the spring. This is contributing towards

our community challenge badge.

On an evening in November we had a visit from Caroline Moore E-safety officer at Northampton County Council. To come and discuss Internet safety with the scouts and cubs. They learnt how to protect themselves on line and who to contact in the event of any danger such as parents, a responsible adult or CEOP Police online help. Talking about this with the scouts afterward they all seemed to have learnt a lot from it.

We had over 12 scouts attending our group Christmas weekend in December and they braved the cold by camping out.

Planning for the new year has already started, this is the tricky time of year as it's not easy getting outside for activities . So we are planning for people to come and visit us for different activities with the scouts. We shall also look at going out to visit somewhere in the community.

Damian



Carols around the campfire

## FAB GROUP CHRISTMAS FUN WEEKEND

From Cream of Parsnip Soup to Homemade Peas Pudding, Spiced and Glazed Ham to Beef and Mushroom Pastries, Creamed Goats Cheese Mousse and Beetroot Puree Pastries to Haggis and Caramelised Onion on Toast, Strawberry and Champagne Jelly to Chocolate Dipped Christmas Puddings, just some of the delicious food prepared by Michael Spence for the Leaders, Young Leaders and Adult Helpers of the 46<sup>th</sup> / 48<sup>th</sup> Scout Group on the Friday night prior to the Christmas Fun Weekend. A big thank you to Michael and a big thank you to everyone who have once again given the young members of the Group another wonderful year of Scouting. On the Saturday morning nearly 60 young people braved the weather and turned up for

an action packed weekend of fun, 15 of those were going to sleep under canvas. The day started with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all being mixed into teams and set a challenge of parachuting into Overstone, building a shelter and scavenging for supplies. Plenty of soup and sandwiches were on hand for lunch when they had finished. The afternoon contained sectional activities, indoors and out, Rudolf hunting, a Christmas campfire all before tea. Indoor entrainment followed before the Scouts were sent outside for an activity whilst the Cubs and Beavers went exhaustedly to their beds. The Scouts finally went to their tents after even more food and it was generally a very peaceful night, albeit a bit fresh in the tents. Beaver Scout were obviously

up bright and early, not so much the Leaders though, Cubs followed but the older Scouts were obviously very cosy in their tents and took a bit to get going. Breakfast was served which was followed by a visit from Father Christmas with every member getting one of the Groups fantastic new t-shirts. The Beaver Scouts completed their 24 hours and had to say goodbye early with the Cubs and Scouts still having enough energy to take part in more indoor and outside games and activities. 2pm came and we closed the camp and waved goodbye to an exhausted bunch of Cubs and Scouts. Another great weekend for all young members and another triumph for the Group. Well done to all.

Malcolm



We are always looking for enthusiastic new leaders and helpers.

Can you spare a few hours each week?

the rewards are priceless...

GETTING IN TOUCH

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WHEN DO WE MEET

Scouts at Overstone  
 Tuesdays 8:00–9:30pm

Cubs Scouts at Overstone  
 Tuesdays 6:45-8:00pm

Beaver Scouts at Overstone  
 Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Beaver Scouts at Great Billing  
 Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| WHEN         | WHAT                        | WHO          |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 26th Feb     | District Quiz Night         | Cubs         |
| 18th Feb     | Group Fundrasing Night      | All & Family |
| 2nd April    | District Swimming Splash    | All          |
| 8-10th April | Patrol Leaders Camp         | Scouts       |
| 23rd April   | St Georges Day Celebration  | All          |
| 4th May      | District Gang Show          | All & Family |
| 22nd May     | District Beaver Scout Hike  | Beavers      |
| 11th June    | District Soccer Competition | All          |
| 17-19th June | County Cub Camp             | Cubs         |
| 18th June    | County Beaverree            | Beavers      |
| 24-26th June | Family Camp                 | All & Family |
| 25th June    | 46th & 48th Group AGM       | All & Family |
| 8th July     | District AGM                | All          |
| 9th July     | Chief Scout Presentations   | All          |

KIM'S COLUMN



Diary of a young leader...

I thoroughly enjoyed taking the Beavers to the police station for one of our nights, they were all very well behaved, learnt a lot and they seemed to really enjoy it. We spent the evening looking at the CCTV, trying on the police outfits and learning about personal safety. I learnt that the Beavers enjoy doing different things and that they enjoy doing more interactive stuff. It helps me make Scouting more fun and worthwhile for them. Christmas and New Year is coming soon, so I hope everyone has fun and gets lots of nice things! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kim x

INTRODUCING CLEO OUR GROUP MASCOT



Hopefully by now all the young members and adults of the Group will have now received their FABulous new T-Shirts emblazoned with our mascot, Cleo the Crocodile. Some will probably be wondering why a Crocodile, well I'll tell you.

Back in 2006 Northamptonshire County Scouts ran an International Scout and Guide camp at Towcester Race Course attended by around 3500 Scouts and Guides from around the world. The Sub Camps were

named after famous rivers and Elaine and I were Assistant Sub Camp Leaders on the Sub Camp known as Nile.

To make the sub camp look authentic we built a pyramid, brought in an Egyptian Cafe and had a very small river running past (it was a paddling pool really, but **don't tell anyone) and swimming in the depths of the river was Cleo.**

After a number of kidnap attempts by other Scout Groups on site Cleo needed

protection and was adopted by the 46<sup>th</sup> and to this day she has been fed and cared for by the Group. She is looked after on a day to day basis by Caz our Beaver Scout Leader, but has been on all the camps since with the Group.

We have now made her our honorary mascot and she will appear on all our publications and notices. Keep an eye out for future stories and other camps that she will attend in the future.



23rd WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011  
**UNITED KINGDOM**

Fundraising Business Networking  
 Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Overstone Manor  
 6pm to 7.30pm  
 £15 includes a drink at the bar

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who has supported the group over the last year.

