

# NEWSLETTER

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## OUR GROUP IS GROWING

The recent yearly Scouting census indicates the 46<sup>th</sup> membership has increased for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. These figures shown above do not include the 48<sup>th</sup> Beaver Scout Colony which has also increased in numbers, our Executive Committee members or our Sectional Assistants and Helpers who are all very important people. And since the census in February we have had another 3 adults register.

Scouting at the 46<sup>th</sup> Northampton offers amazing opportunities for Young People and Adults to enjoy the fun of Scouting. This is reflected in the increasing membership and the quality of Scouting our Young People enjoy which we are so proud of.

Scouting is about Young People trying out new skills, experiencing exciting activities, meeting challenges and making new friends.

Scouting is about Adults being offered a range of opportunities to develop new skills, try out and experience new activities, be part of a Team and meet new people.



The 46th on parade at St Georges Day

To continue to develop the Group 46<sup>th</sup>/48<sup>th</sup> needs Adults to Volunteer to be part of our Team, experience what Scouting has to offer and make a difference to people's lives. Are you up for the challenge?

Please contact Elaine on 07749031094 or elainefarr@aol.com if you can give any time to help us ensure our Young People and Adults continue to enjoy the ...

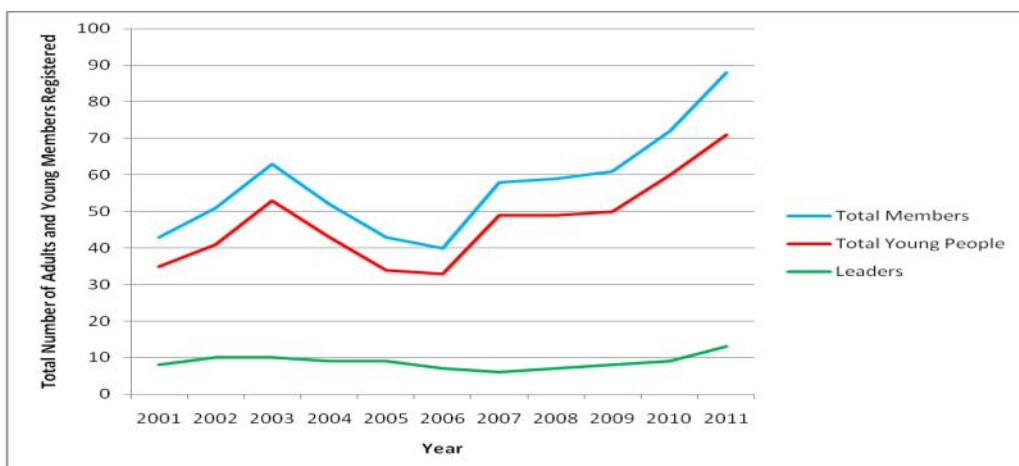
### BIG ADVENTURE OF SCOUTING.

Elaine Farr  
Group Scout Leader

## DON'T FORGET

- Family Camp 24-26th June
- 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

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





Since returning in January the Beavers have been working towards the Creative Challenge, Imagination and Experiment badge. We have made a collage of the future and made robots

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

out of junk. Pancake day saw us making and eating lots of pancakes and cakes. For the Experiment badge we had fun with Magnets, especially when Kingfisher kept throwing all the paper clips over the floor. Hopefully all the Beaver

mums loved their little treats the Beavers made for them on Mothers Day. This year sees the anniversary of 25 years of Beaver Scouting with all Beavers receiving a special badge to celebrate the occasion.  
Caroline  
Beaver Scout Leader



Getting ready for St George

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

Yet another busy term has flown by. Two of our Beaver Scouts have reached 8 and moved on. We had a great evening at the going up ceremony, and enjoyed having the 46<sup>th</sup> cubs come to visit for the night. As usual we have run a busy program including Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, St Patrick's Day and St David's



Day. We have all earned our Health and Fitness badges, designing some very enticing menus and learning how to stay healthy. We have covered Stranger Danger (and made some very scary photo fits of Malcolm!) and road safety, so are well on the way to our safety activity badge. Our final night before the holiday at Overstone egg hunting was a



great success, so nice to be able to get out and about again. Three of our Beavers are reaching 8 and are working towards their Chief Scout's award, they will again be moving up to cubs, so we will need some new recruits soon!  
Elm, Willow, Christmas, Oak and Cherry.

**This year we celebrate 25 years of Beaver Scouting, our Beavers will be awarded this special badge**



The Cubs have been so busy this year with heaps of activities and plenty of great badge work. We have visited Moulton Library to work towards our Book reader Badge, Moulton Fire Station to work towards our community Challenge badge as well as joining with the Scouts for a fantastic night at the Sixfield Stadium where we were invited to wave flags on the pitch before the

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

match. We have also taken part in many Scouting activities and toasted marshmallows around campfires in the snow as well as orienteering around Overstone woods in the dark. Our work with the Shelterbox Charity last year has continued and we received a letter from Shelterbox on the morning of the terrible earthquakes in Japan to thank us for our support and tell us how help and sup-

plied that we have provided were already on their way to the people of Japan. Our Hikes have proven very popular and our Battlefield Hike was the best yet. We are now preparing for a busy camping season with lots more fun and adventure in store!!!  
Tim  
Cub Scout Leader



Cubs in Guard of Honor at Sixfields



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

We've been busy since coming back after the Christmas break, starting off with some simple tracking around the woods. We've had 17 Scouts gain their Guide Badges, 1 gain their Librarian, 2 Physical Recreations, 1 Martial Arts and 1 Sports Enthusiast.

We had a DJ evening where the Scouts could try mixing and scratching on both CDs and vinyl, it was interesting to see how many Scouts hadn't seen a record deck. On a cold rainy night in Feb the Scouts undertook a short hike from Great Billing to Overstone Scout Grounds.

We started back from half term with a visit to the Cobblers where we had a joint evening with the Cubs. We were given a tour of the stadium by Kevin and Adam, then the Cubs and Scouts formed a Guard of Honor on the pitch for the players and officials of a match with Burton Albion (we had nothing to do with Ian Samson's sacking though) then we watched the match but one thing that sticks in my mind is how bitterly cold it was. The Scouts also celebrated shrove Tuesday by cooking pancakes with many fillings. One Troop evening we tried

mini pioneering with marshmallows and dried spaghetti, it was a rewarding evening with many of the Scouts making all kinds of designs. We've had a couple of new Scouts join us recently and they seem to be enjoying it. The Leaders have been busy program planning and we have a hike, a night using short wave radio to try and talk to other Scouts around the world, we have "Solve it"



*Scout gets invested on the pitch at half time*

and "Hope Uk" coming in to talk to us, shelter building in the woods and we shall also be helping the volunteers of Little Billing Pocket Park with a general tidy up and to promote new growth.  
Damian

**A GOBSMACKING 13 CHIEF SCOUTS AWARDS**

At an awards evening held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April attended by all members of the Group including the 48<sup>th</sup> Beaver Scouts as well parents and family members of the award winners, Erika Higgins, a Scout, was presented with her Chief Scout's Gold Award by the District Commissioner Lee Jones. This badge is the highest award available in the Scout Section and is a marvellous accomplishment. As Lee explained it is very difficult for Scouts to achieve this award due to the amount of work and commitment involved to complete all the challenges. (Bronte Huskinson has also earned the Gold Award but was unfortunately not able to attend) Many congratulations from all the Group to

both Erica and Bronte. In the Cub Scout section Ryan Baker, Luke Bandey, Luke Walker and Alec Ward achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award, along with Jason Lindop, Daniel Agutter, Luke Stoner, Connor Hammond, Matthew West, Ethan Poynton and Jacob Pryor-Jones from the Beaver Scout section who were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award. As with the Chief Scout's Gold Award both of these badges are the highest awards individuals can achieve within the younger sections. Well done to each and everyone of you, they were all thoroughly deserved. This evening also provided an ideal opportunity to award Damian Lang (Scout Leader) and Tim May (Cub



Scout Leader) their Wood Badges which indicate that these Leaders have completed all their formal training. Earning this award indicates the commitment that Leaders give to Scouting and the young people in their charge. Well done and congratulations to you both.  
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
4-7th May	Gang Show	All & Family
6-8th May	Group Cub Camp	Cubs
7-8th May	Group Beaver Camp	Beavers
22nd May	District Beaver Scout Hike	Beavers
11th June	District Soccer Competition	All
17-19th June	County Cub Camp	Cubs
17-19th June	County Scout Patrol Camp	Scouts
18th June	County Beaverree	Beavers
24-26th June	Family Camp	All & Family
25th June	AGM	All & Family
8th July	District AGM	All
1st October	District Beaver Outing	Beavers
7-9th October	District Scout Camp	Scouts
15th October	District Beaver Hike	Beavers

**KIM'S COLUMN**



**Diary of a young leader...**

Hello I am Kim, a young leader for the 46<sup>th</sup> Northampton (Overstone) Beaver Scouts and this column gives you the highs and lows of being a young leader.

Hope you are all nice and refreshed after this holiday, I sure am!

This term will be a really stressful as I have my exams coming up but I am determined to still have fun at Beavers and make it as many weeks as I can. The jamboree is also coming up soon and I would like to say thank you to everyone for all your help in raising the money. I am really looking forward to going and will bring back lots of memories to share with you all.

Bye for now,  
 Kim



**THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS**



**46TH WIN PATROL LEADERS CAMP COMPETITION**

A Patrol from the 46<sup>th</sup> Northampton (Overstone) Scouts were the winners of the District Patrol Leaders Competition for the Thornton Trophy over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April. This is a marvellous achievement and congratulations should go to the patrol of Chloe, Bethia, Nathan, Kieren, Sebastian who were led by the Troops Senior Patrol Leader Erica. They triumphed over 7 other Troops from the District where the top four teams were separated by just 4 points at the end of 3 days of competition.

This Thornton Trophy is quite a special trophy having been first presented in 1915 to the patrol within Northampton Town Scout Troops who demonstrated the Scouting Skills and Scout Craft in a competition format. The only time it wasn't presented was during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and for whatever reason between 2001 and 2011. Well it is back in circulation and our Patrol of Scouts won. The competition consisted of a number of challenges, from tent pitching, map and compass work, semaphore signalling, pioneering, cooking, first

aid, fire lighting, shooting, archery, Scouting knowledge, radio, a gruelling 9 mile hike at night and some fun activities like karaoke. The Group are very proud of their achievement, they were brilliant and deserve everyone's congratulations. We should also congratulate and thank our Scout Leader Damian who has trained and mentored these young people, well done.

Malcolm



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