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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first Newsletter – another exciting development for Overstone Scout Group.

This Newsletter is something that has been in our plans for a while now and I would like to thank Malcolm and Tim for making it reality.

Our Group prides itself on involving and encouraging Young People, Leaders and Parents to take part in Group life. Fun, friendship, opportunities and challenges are on offer by 'Being Part of It!'

This publication will, I believe, play an important part in communicating information to everyone involved in Overstone Scout Group. It will also be great to read about events and activities the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts do, their experiences



The leaders having fun at the group leaders Christmas party

and their achievements.

I am looking forward to this being the first of many editions and hope everyone enjoys and looks forward to receiving our Newsletters as much as I will.

Elaine Farr
Group Scout Leader

LEADER NEWS

Assistant Group Scout Leader

I am pleased to inform you all that Malcolm has agreed to take on the role of Assistant Group Scout Leader. He will be helping to support the development of the Group, look after our Group resources and organise our Group events.

Many young people have been lucky enough to have been given a variety of activities and experiences thanks to Malcolm.

I would like to say a big thank you for all the hard work and commitment Malcolm has given to the Scout Section over the last few years.

Scout Leader

Due to Malcolm's change of role, Damian Lang will become our Scout Leader – good luck in your new role Damian.

Assistant Beavers Scout Leader

Due to family and work commitments, Becky Eason has resigned as Assistant Beaver Leader. I would like to say a big thank you to Becky for all her help and support in the Beaver Section, we will miss you.

DON'T FORGET

- Next group quiz night is Friday 5th February at the Overstone Manor.
- There's lots of useful information on our very own website, so log on now.
- Have a great new year!!

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46th SCOUTS WIN DISTRICT INCIDENT HIKE - SCOUT LEADERS WIN JAGGER & WOODY'S QUIZ AT OVERSTONE MANOR



We have 22 Beavers, and a growing waiting list, Beavers do a variety of activities that include trips to the park, police station, the library and many more.

We make full use of the woods at Overstone and the Beavers take part in treasure hunts, orienteering,

46TH OVERSTONE BEAVERS 5:30–6:30PM TUESDAYS

pond dipping, backwoods cooking and building shelters. We explore the nature all around us and collect bugs (but no spiders!!).

This year we have held a Beaver overnight camp and joined in with the Cubs and Scouts at the Chill Camp. At the beginning of October we took part in the District Beaver Camp in a Day and we have planned a Beaver overnight camp at the beginning

of May next year.

The Beaver Scouts have a great time learning new skills including their Emergency First Aid badge, Music badge, rifle shooting, scavenging, road safety playing on the assault course.

We realise the importance that children place on gaining their badges and try very hard to complete a challenge badge each term plus two or three activity badges.



Scouts flying high at wings

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

In the last year the 48th Great Billing Beaver Scouts have taken part in many exciting activities including Grass Sledging at Overstone, cooking chocolate cakes on an open fire and a walk around Brixworth Country Park. As part Explore badge, we also visited Salcey Forest.

Along with the 46th Beavers, Cubs and Scouts we had lots of fun at the AGM Chill Camp, which included a sleepover. Northampton District was

celebrating 100 years of Scouting in 2009 and held a Centenary Camp in a Day, where we enjoyed lots of activities from marching behind the band to climbing and a camp fire. It was a very full day enjoyed by all. We also took part in the Centenary hike.

Badges the Beaver Scouts have earned this year include, Fitness, Musicians, Hike, Nights Away, and we have completed the IT badge



at the local library.

The last activity of the year was the Christmas party with the Beavers and Cubs from the 46th. It started off with a short film and we had entertainers, ice cream, crisps and a drink. It was a very noisy end to the year, but every Beaver Scout enjoyed it!

As you can see from these pages, scouting can be great fun and full of new and exciting challenges.

If you haven't tried it already then why not give it a go???



There are lots of fun things that you can do as a Cub Scout. You will get a chance to try many different activities like swimming, music, exploring, computing and collecting. If you do them properly you will get a badge which you can wear on your uniform. Our Cub Scouts also get to

46TH OVERSTONE CUBS 6:45–8:00PM TUESDAYS

go on trips and days out, to places like the zoo, theme parks or a farm. There are opportunities to go camping with your Pack and the rest of the Group This will mean you sleeping in a tent and doing loads of outdoor activities.

Recently we have been to Billing Water Treatment works, Sywell Airport and Aviation museum as part of

our air badge and St James recycling plant as part of our global challenge badge.

We have also had several fun and interesting visitors to our pack including a keep fit instructor and our community Police Officer.

Cubs learn about recycling on a trip to St James





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

During the summer holidays 12 scouts joined nearly 6000 people other Scouts and Leaders from over 44 countries worldwide an international camp in Windsor (WINGS) All Scouts had an excellent fun filled time over a whole week.

Towards the end of October the Scouts attended a District Scout Camp where they took part in all different team games and challenges, based around three

zones, puzzle, challenge and physical. They also took part in shooting, archery climbing which were held at night under flood lights.

In to the new year the Scout section are covering 4 badges Fire Safety, Model Making, Emergency Aid and Forestry, as part of this badge work they will visit to Moulton Fire Station in January as well as having NEAT (Northampton Emergency Aid Team) coming in and doing first aid. We shall also

be doing air rifle shooting, archery, climbing wall and using the woods at Overstone as much as possible.

In January there will be a Patrol Leaders Training weekend and it is hoped most of the Scouts Parents will join in the Family camp in June and hopefully the Scouts will be holding a weekend camp around August. We shall be attending the County Camp as well as a District camp during 2010.



The Scouts at wings

JORDAN- MY TIME WITH THE 46TH

I first started my exciting journey at the 46th in 2002 since then I have achieved the Chief Scouts Bronze, Silver and Gold awards throughout my time in the Group.

When I first joined Beavers at the age of 6 I felt instantly welcomed into the group. From my first activity I knew that this would be exiting and involving, now as I leave the 46th I realise that I couldn't

have been more right, I have enjoyed every minute of it and sincerely wish it didn't have to end now.

When I started Cubs I went on my first camp in a tent it was probably one of the most exiting things of the year and I'm sure that my parents will remember me keeping them up for nights afterwards. As I progressed through the group into Scouts I knew that everything I have done will

move into the next level of fun, I wasn't disappointed. I went on numerous camps with the group, the best one of these being Wings 2009.

As I look back on my time in the 46th I realise that one of the most important things that made the group so close to my heart was the fact that it isn't just a group.

it's a family.....



..nice apron!



Sub Camp Crystal Maze winners



2010 AGM AND FAMILY CAMP

Following a number of successful years of integrating our AGM with a bar-b-que on a Saturday lunchtime along with our Group Chill Camp in 2010 we intend trying something different. It is time for the parents to join in and attend the 46th / 48th Family Camp. The camp will be held over the weekend of the 25-27th

June and although it is in the earliest stages of planning the programme will run along the lines of arrive on Friday evening, wide game in the woods and a quiz. Saturday Scouting activities throughout the day. In the evening we hold our AGM, have a pig roast followed by a barn dance / disco. Sunday Morning, when we get

up we'll have some more activities. Those parents that can't camp will be very welcome to attend the AGM, pig roast and barn dance / disco. This is your chance to join in the fun and see what Scouting is all about, put the date in the diary and look out for more information on our web site from mid January.

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
15-17th Jan	Brass Monkey Training	Scouts
3rd Feb	District Cub Quiz	Cubs
5th Feb	Group Quiz Night	Family & Friends
20th March	District swimming gala	Beavers & Cubs
25th April	St Georges Day Celebration	All
5-8th May	Gang Show	Family & Friends
8-9th May	Camp	Beavers & Cubs
20th May	Skills Night	Scouts
16th June	Skills Night	Scouts
25-27th June	Family Camp (AGM)	All & Family
2-4th July	County Scout Camp	Scouts
3rd July	County Cub Activity Day	Cubs
6th July	Skills Night	Scouts
1-3rd Oct	District Scout Camp	Scouts
4-5th Dec	Scout Incident Hike	Scouts

KIM'S COLUMN



Diary of a young leader...

Hello I am Kim and I am a Young Leader for the 46th Northampton (Overstone) Beaver Scouts and this column gives you the highs and lows of being a young leader.

Being a Young Leader is really good as it gives you a good experience in life and lets you work with children through different age groups.

You have to be committed, dedicated and hardworking. you have to love kids and be able to understand how to manage them in the way that situations should be managed.

The kids are each different and each learn in different ways, when we run Beavers we try to make sure they all learn something the way they like to learn.

We have many camps and activities run for them so they aren't just learning but they are having fun.

I love going to Beavers as it fun, I love listening to their weekend stories and understand them better. I help out every week unless I am ill and every week the Beavers always brighten up my day no matter how tiring it has been and energetic they are.

I also have lots of fun working with the Leaders as you are treated like an adult and they respect you more.

JOINING IN

Perhaps you know a friend who is a Beaver, Cub or Scout...ask them if you can come along to a meeting and see what all the fuss is about.

Ask your parent to get in touch with one of the people who help at Scouts. Or email us using the

"Contact Us" page of our website. We will be glad to let you stay to see what it is like. You will need to bring your parent/guardian along fill in a few forms . If you enjoy Scouting you can find out how to become a full member from the leaders.

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.



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more. So go on, top up your CD/DVD collection, or, if you're making business purchases, why not make them from our webshop? You can buy computer equipment, great value broadband or stationery from Eurooffice. There's

also plenty of offers on DIY products, clothing and lots more from big high street names. We have listed a few below but there are many, many more to choose from.

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