

151st St Nicks Scouts Group Newsletter

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Welcome to the first of hopefully many Scout Group Newsletters. The idea of having a regular newsletter is to show parents what is happening across all the sections and to raise awareness of upcoming activities and if there are any vacancies within the group.

To start I would like to introduce myself as Chair of 151. My name is Vicki and I have two children who attend the group, one in Beavers and one in cubs, moving up to Scouts shortly. I started on the exec as Secretary in 2019 and took over as chair this summer when Mark stepped down.

Current vacancies on the exec are:

- Treasurer
- Bookings Secretary
- Buildings Manager
- Scout Parent Rep
- Beaver Parent Rep

We also need to recruit some more leaders as our Beaver leader and cub assistant leader have both had to step down due to personal issues. Ideally at least three in beavers and another two in cubs, but we always, always need a good pool of helpers. If you are interested in any of the positions, please make contact with myself/Kat and we will happily chat about what the roles entail. We do desperately need roles on the exec filling, and we need more help across the younger sections, though parents are doing a brilliant job at volunteering to help regularly, and all this help is gratefully appreciated.

We are also on the lookout for anyone who has any handy man skills. This could be anything, just giving an hour to help spruce the hut, we would really appreciate it. We also need the boilers servicing so if anyone is gas engineer or could recommend one to the group (we are expecting to pay, we do not expect this for free) we would really appreciate it.

Our GSL has made a website which should soon be up and running. The young people in all the sections will be adding to the website which will work towards their digital maker activity badges. The website will have information about upcoming events, badge locations, promises and scout laws and will have hiring the hall contact details on. Please spread the word for any potential young people or adults who want to join the 151 family or simply hire our scout hall.

Enough of the begging posts, let's look forward to what each section has planned over the next few weeks.

An update from the Scout Troop

This Christmas we said goodbye to three of our eldest scouts who all managed to achieve their chief scout gold award. Every scout works towards this award and is a great achievement if they can manage it!

We all took part in Derbyshire's chilly challenge, camping in Walesby this January which lived up to its name and was very cold! The scouts all guided a hike themselves and then had the chance to be Robin Hood and participate in archery shooting.

We recently visited the mayors chambers, the tour and talk showed the scouts a lot of historical artefacts and gave an insight of what happens with city councils.

This term the scouts can look forward to lots of opportunities:

- Spring bank Camp at Drum Hill
- GT cup racing at Donnington
- Master of Arms activity badge with our own air rifle instructor Terry
- Planning the yearly expedition for the older scouts
- Theory to finish off challenge badges for all of the scouts



This was earlier in the month when the scouts visited the mayors' chambers.

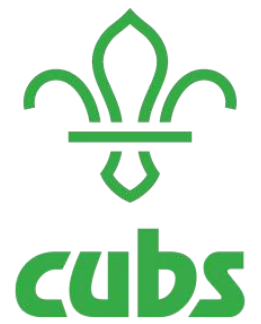


Our scouts chilly challenge in Walesby. Here shows in daylight our campsite. The scouts have come so far with camping in the past year.

Here shows the scouts having dinner at the Walesby chilly challenge.



Here are the scouts hiking while in Walesby, we visited Robin Hood's cave.



An update from the Cub Pack

They have been working towards their science badges this has been helped with our young leaders. They did different experiments “blowing stuff up” excitingly exclaimed the cubs! They have completed their cooks’ badges by cooking with John. I am told the soup was simple to make and very tasty to eat. The 151 Cub pack went to the district cub quiz and they did really well I am told which is great to hear they represented us and did us proud!

Terry our scout leader has been stepping in for Ash while he is away and been teaching the cubs map reading and hopefully doing backwards cooking with them soon. Great prep for when they come to scouts!

Here is our Cub section leader Ash roasting marshmallows with the cub pack outside while sing campfire songs and having hotdogs.





Here are the cubs being helped by our young leaders with science experiments. This one is the coke and mentos experiment which "BLOWS UP"



Here are the cub's roasting marshmallows and singing campfire songs.

An update from the Beaver Colony

Five Beavers have moved up to cubs after achieving their top Beaver award which is the Bronze Chief Scout Award. The scout hut enjoyed the first Beaver sleepover in nearly 4 years!! Kate organised a great sleepover where we had marshmallows, movie night and pizzas made by the beavers! Some photos below are from the very fun sleepover and from the archaeology meeting.





Here are the beavers and a Pikachu around the campfire toasting their marshmallows.



This was when the Derbyshire Archaeology team had come to visit to run a great interactive session working towards their archaeology badge.



This is our Beaver colony in their pop-up-tents during their sleepover.

Special Recognition to Our Latest Awards!

Let's say a massive well done to all our 151 members who have achieved awards this term, this includes scouts and leaders alike, as our leaders all go through lots of training to develop the skills needed to make scouts as best it can be for the children.

Beavers Chief Scout Bronze Awards:

- Jack McAuliffe
- Brodey Dwyer
- Teddy Dodgson
- Nate David Wightman
- Max Boyd

Cubs Chief Scout Silver Awards:

- Etienne Smith

Scouts Chief Scout Gold Awards:

- James Trowse
- Evan Wride
- Teddy Mitchell

Leaders Wood Badge:

- Terry Hill

Finally, Terry the Scout Leader is looking at organising an event at the Scout HQ on May 6th for the Big Community Help Out. Details have been emailed out on what the group are planning on doing to make 151 hut an even better place to be!! We will also be adding in some fund-raising events throughout the year.

Finally, if you know anyone wishing to hire out the hut for birthday parties or for regular bookings, please do contact us! Hiring out the hut brings in much needed funds for the group. We are always looking at ways to raise money so please shout out if you can help at all! Kat the GSL is in the process of finishing of our own website which can be shared and will have details of hiring our hall out.

Thanks for reading,

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