

Hi everyone

It is traditional at this time of year to look back on all the great things that have happened during the year. Despite the challenges there have been many great things - virtual scouting activities, supporting communities and significant amounts of training. Thank you for all of your incredible efforts that have meant young people have continued to enjoy the magic of Scouting. Here ends tradition though, I'm not going to say another thing about 2020 – instead let's look forward to what I know will be a fantastic 2021.

When I started as County Commissioner I said I wanted everyone to feel part of the Nottinghamshire Scouts family – by doing just that I know that we'll have a remarkable 2021. Clearly there will be challenges but I know that by working together regardless of our roles, groups, experiences we can quickly recover and be stronger. I am so looking forward to hearing about the first camps, new youth and adult members and the rediscovering of friendships. I know that Districts and Groups are ready to make this happen and I'd like to reassure you that your County is ready to – 2021 will be a team effort. We are working hard on a county wide Beaver recruitment campaign to help refill our colonies and new adult recruitment materials will shortly be available for everyone to use as well.

The best way we can set ourselves up for 2021 will be to make sure we take time over the next few weeks to relax, recharge batteries and enjoy the festivities.

Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year, and thank you in advance for all of your amazing efforts in 2021!

Steven



Awards



Chief Scouts Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

Gillian Nix	Central Notts	In recognition for her cheerful disposition and contribution to Scouts, despite dealing with a debilitating condition. She is an integral part of the 1st Gedling Beavers, and the Colony would not be the same without her.
Danny Andrews-Duggins Youth member	Central Notts	In recognition of his quick thinking and calm response when a family member suddenly fainted. Despite the extremely stressful situation, he ensured the right level of medical care could be arranged, by putting his Skills for Life knowledge into action

Programme Team

DING DONG MERRILY ... WE'VE HAD A BUSY FEW MONTHS ACROSS THE COUNTY.

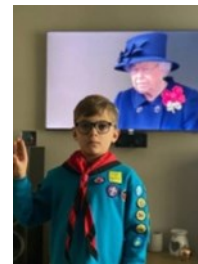
Crisis what crisis? **Here across Nottinghamshire YOU HAVE KEPT THE PROGRAMMES GOING!!** And kept in touch with your young people: I thought I would share just a few of the varied activities that have happened during this long lock down to hopefully encourage and inspire everyone to continue the great work you have all been doing.

Several of you held Zoom meetings to keep in touch and have fun. The 2nd Arnold, 14th Worksop, Shelford and East Bridgford, 1st Bilsthorpe and more, have had fun with an evening game of Guess Who. The 4th West Bridgford Scouts and 1st/2nd West Bridgford joined with Ruddington and Kinoulton and attempted the Harry Potter Escape rooms. 7th Retford entered, and won, a local Community Competition. 50 members of 1st Nuthall took part in The Great Outdoors, the UK's biggest virtual camp bottle pioneering, cooking, photography and much more.

Like me, many of you stood on your doorsteps for Remembrance Day. Leaders and young people across the County remembered those who gave their lives in order we can live a happier one. Rushcliffe District posted photos of members on their doorsteps, with Sections making Poppies, the 1st Gotham Cubs and 1st/2nd Ruddington Beavers made them in to displays. 3rd Eastwood Cubs made a Remembrance display for all to see on the gates RCT Garages Ltd.

After half term 2nd Arnold Cubs Raced Around the World, raising funds by climbing their stairs at home "128 times each" over a week, clocking up 100 miles and passing a Skills Challenge along the way, Excellent effort!! Three Ranskill Explorers completed a tremendous milestone by completing their DofE Gold Awards (that's 13 across the County). And it's not just young people but Leaders too: Mansfield Leaders at Clipstone went the EXTRA MILE as in last month's news, In the City, Leaders from 48th Nottingham volunteered their services manning the NHS Hotline, and Leaders from 124th Nottingham delivered food parcels in the Community. At 24th Nottingham; One family, Mum, Dad and the three sons of whom one is a Beaver, one a Cub and one a Scout, have been maintaining their HQ throughout, and last but not least:

**** 1st Carlton In Lindrick Cubs ** THEY WIN THE HEROES COMPETITION. PRIZES ALL ROUND...WELL DONE!! .**



Finally I have to mention **Ed Hughes** of S.W.Notts, who with his team has provided the "superb" On line Young Leader Training Courses. Over 60 attended the first session and now more have started the new one. With, as you've read too, looking into a Buddying system to help support those in need until we get back to normal, your efforts will continue to keep Scouting Alive in Nottinghamshire. **If you've got a story to share like those above, drop me a line at: jock.shaw@notts-scouts.org.uk**

Remember too, should you need help with ideas for Top Awards remember you can always contact Neil Smith (ACC Top Awards) at neil.smith@notts-scouts.org.uk and if it's Duke Of Edinburgh information or indeed you would like to become a DofE Advisor (and we are searching for two) contact david.henson@notts-scouts.org.uk



And now following lockdown PC's and Risk Assessments etc. here's a *light hearted* follow up. Not just us Leader's trying to make sense of it all!....

CHRISTMAS OBSERVATIONS UPDATE

Little Donkey

Little Donkey, little donkey on the dusty road

Got to keep on

plodding onwards

with your precious load.



The RSPCA have issued strict guidelines with regard to how heavy a load that a donkey of small stature is permitted to carry, also included in the guidelines is guidance regarding how often to feed the donkey and how many rest breaks are required over a four hour plodding period. Please note that due to the increased risk of pollution from the dusty road, Mary and Joseph are required to wear face masks to prevent inhalation of any covid-19 airborne particles. The donkey has expressed discomfort at being labelled 'little' and would prefer just to be simply referred to as Mr Donkey. To comment upon his height or lack thereof may be considered an infringement of his equine rights.

Also observed that the Union of Shepherds have complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating provided, therefore benches, chairs and orthopaedic chairs are now available. Re the three wise men, all have cleared DBS and must socially distance with only one at a time in the stable. All must carry their DBS forms and be prepared to provide three forms of identification before rocking commences. The Angel of the Lord has been reminded that before shining his/her glory all around him/her must ascertain that all the shepherds are issued with glasses capable of filtering the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory. A full advance Veterinary inspection has been carried out on animals present and any celebratory catering is being supplied by the oldest Ice Cream makers in the world today, and mentioned in the Bible..... Walls of Jericho!!!

Thanks for keeping the Programmes going; hopefully we can get nearer that return date of Scouting as we knew it. Face to face, back in the HQ, sailing again on the waters of Hoveringham, poking the fire and stirring the hot chocolate whilst dipping in those marshmallows. Sitting back in your trusty fold up chair and relaxing with your thoughts and thinking....Oh no!!.... I've forgot to turn the gas down on the mince!!

And now to show that Programmes are not always for young people, here's one for you Adults out there. A QUIZ on page 4..No prizes, just a bit of fun. Have a go, save for after that Christmas dinner, whatever you like, just have fun...

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPIER NEW YEAR

Jock Shaw
DCC Programme



Press Play & Go—A message from The Scout Association

We know that delivering the programme over [Zoom](#) is hard work, so we've put together videos to help you deliver the Scouts programme online.

Each week from the 1st December until late January 2021 (with a little break for the holidays) we'll release a new video of an activity, so you can focus on what it's all about: engaging young people and helping them develop skills for life. See the link below-

https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/press-play-and-go/?fbclid=IwAR0rm_dxr2xF9XiCJbHcGAFuqBDWV-Xx3JdUAL6SJJ4kjSaL78T9XbUegFo

SPOT THE GROUP

3 from the 60's

1. First Book?
2. On Monday you might need to wash after this!
3. Mobile coloured denim?

3 from the 70s

1. Heavy Balloon?
2. Lennie Godber's Prison .
3. Try: Fittipaldi, Titicaca & Huntley's mate.

3 from the 80's

1. Electrical currents??
2. Contorted family member.
3. Medicine is just what you need!!

3 from the 90's

1. Accompanies your Christmas Turkeys .
2. Taking it out on Winter cultivars .
3. Make or Become unclear?

3 from the 2000's

1. Cold Macaques.
2. Brady, Crippin & Oswald.
3. It's not a reef, but one you pull to undo!

General Knowledge

1. Charles Lindbergh set off from America in 1927 and landed in which country ?
2. What do the songs God save the Queen, Relax and My Ding a Ling have in common?
3. For what does the military term P.O.W. stand for?
4. In the harbour of which Spanish city did Sir Francis Drake burn and sink ships delaying the sailing of the Armada?
5. In which American state would you find the city of Chicago?
6. Which city is the annual home of Britain's largest Fringe Theatre Festival?
7. How are the Islas Malvinas better known?
8. In a traditional 'BLT' sandwich, what does the 'L' stand for?
9. A decagon is a polygon with how many sides?
10. What is the name of someone who pilots a gondola?
11. Which nation first used tanks as weapons?
12. What colour flags are used to mark an area on a beach where lifesavers are operating?
13. Who failed a routine drugs test in the 1994 World Cup and was expelled from the competition?
14. What does a Panetteria sell in Italy?
15. The Kookaburra is native to the eucalyptus forests of which country?
16. Which athlete took the Olympic oath at the opening ceremony of the 1984 Games and went on to win a gold medal in the 400 metres hurdles that year?
17. Which boxer did Muhammad Ali beat in the 'Rumble in the Jungle'?
18. Whose official airplane is called Air Force One?
19. Which film actress shares her name with a wife of Henry VIII?
20. In literature, who does Akela adopt?

The answers are on page 6—Best of luck

Developing Scouting in 2021

You don't need me to tell you that 2020 has been a difficult year, but 2021 is promising to look a little better.

Once all the mince pies and turkey have been eaten, we will be looking to step up our development activities across the county.

When you decide to restart some face-to-face scouting again and you are bit short of Leaders, why not invite a parent in each section to join you, and take part the '4 Week Challenge' scheme, *but don't forget the rules on how many people can be present.* [4 Week Challenge | Scouts](#)

Remember, if you need any help or advice regarding development, please get in touch with us, and don't forget the Scout Associations Brand Centre has lots of poster, leaflets, pictures etc. that you can customise and download for your Group or District.

Keep safe and have a very merry Christmas and New Year.

Phil Herriot

DCC Development





Answers to the Quiz

Answers to GROUPS:
 Genesis, Black Sabbath, Swinging Blue Jeans,
 Led Zeppelin , Slade, Emerson Lake & Palmer,
 AC/DC, Twisted Sister, The Cure,
 Cranberries, Smashing Pumpkins, Blur,
 Arctic Monkeys, Killers , Slipknot.

ANSWERS General Knowledge:
 1. France, 2. They were all banned by the BBC, 3. Prisoner Of War,
 4. Cadiz, 5. Illinois, 6. Edinburgh, 7. Falklands, 8. Lettuce, 9. Ten,
 10. Gondolier, 11. England, 12. Red & Yellow, 13. Deago Maradona
 14. Bread & Cakes, 15. Australia, 16. Edwin Moses,
 17. George Foreman, 18. President USA, 19. Jayne Seymour.
 20. Mowgli.



Two new exciting Volunteer roles

Social Media Manager

Social Media - the way forward

This is a new role within the County. Can you lead a Team to develop a short and long term social media strategy for the County? This will include channels such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

The role will lead the creation of strategies based on proactive messaging (where you post first), reactive messaging (where you respond to posts) and compile campaigns on specific themes such as recruitment. The role will lead a team to become the voice of the Nottinghamshire Scouts on social media.

Time commitment: Medium commitment

Multiple roles: Can be undertaken in conjunction with another role

Role type: Manager

Direct reports: County Commissioner / Deputy County Commissioner

Please contact Jayne on jayne.burton-naylor@notts-scouts.org.uk to register your interest

Social Media Management Group – Nottinghamshire Scouts

Social Media – the way forward

Can you create bespoke content across all the social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram to help us promote Scouting , recruit new members and keep our existing members engaged? Then, this maybe the role for you.

Working with the Social Media Manager, the team will be responsible for giving the County an active presence on all the social networks, which will include promoting Scouting to the general public and the recruitment of new Adult and young people. The initial focus will be engagement with current members.

You will help to develop a social media strategy to support the long and short term goals of the County Team.

Time commitment: Medium commitment

Multiple roles: Can be undertaken in conjunction with another role

Role type: Supporter

