

April 2021



Hello to all of you in Scouting and a belated Happy St George's Day. Hopefully all the plans to hold ceremonies and events went well and promises are renewed for the very interesting year that is 2021. Congratulations and thank you to those of you out there getting awards this time. Whilst the ceremonies have been different, your contributions are no less significant and I hope that you have been made a fuss of in whatever way was appropriate for you and your Scouting friends.

As we step forward into the new world of seeing our groups face to face, it is a time to really celebrate the gains that we have made in the new ways of working, but be excited by the outdoor and adventurous activities that may now be possible together. It will be worth the wait.

Some people will have liked the way we have been working better and appreciated being at home more, reducing commitments and having more time to pause for thought, whilst others will be sprinting off out into a full schedule of fun and frolics at the earliest opportunity. Wherever you sit on that scale, it will be good to have the choices. Enjoy!

As always, thank you for everything that you do to support young people in Nottinghamshire to have enriching and exciting experiences. You make a difference

Moira Cordon
County Chair



Awards

Below is a link to the Roll of Honour. Awards issued between 1st January to 31st December 2020. It is good to see names from Nottinghamshire on the list.

I had the honour of presenting Don Galpin with his 50 year Service Award. He is pictured below with his wife Mary. He is one of the valued volunteers at the County Charity Shop.



Jayne
County Secretary



<https://cms.scouts.org.uk/media/13039/2021-roll-of-honour-updated-010421.pdf>

Programme Team

STILL HAVING FUN THROUGH YOUR CONTINUING GOOD PROGRAMMING ACROSS THE COUNTY

Last edition I said I was off to Camp. Well our Cubs at **1st Shelford & East Bridgford** held an indoor themed Weekend Camp and with my Cub hat on I joined in. BRAZIL was the theme and the Cubs had a great time, making Carnival Masks, cooking quiche in a mug, pancakes followed by an Investiture and a Quiz, Day one. Scavenging their gardens in Day two to make a mini shelter, knotting session with Young Leaders, more cooking again this time: Biscoitos De Maizena ...Brazilian Cookies to die for...they were fantastic! Akelas Zoom Games and to



finish Day Two the funniest ever Zoom Camp Fire. You have to try it! Laugh? Our Leaders have never laughed so much in lock down! Pothead started so well, then the individual delays came in, the pixilation's kicked in, the Cubs used microphones to the full. We (the Leaders) had 20 minutes of tears rolling down our faces!!! No wonder Zoom shares have shot up over lockdown. Day 3 saw clay sculptures of Rio De Janero's Christ the Redeemer statue from bars of soap!!,

more homemade cookies , lunch and a closure to nine Zoom meetings over the weekend.

Along with the researching of Brazil what a great weekend the Cubs had. FUN all the way, applause all round for Leaders Annette & Kerry.

What else has been happening? Plenty we never stop. Here are a couple where Our Communities have been benefited:

1st Cropwell Bishop Group has given life to an old telephone box in the village. I say given life, they have donated a defibrillator to the Community. **1st Kirkby** delivered 60 tubes of hand cream to the Ashfield Health Village for the Covid Vaccination Team. Donated money to the local Food Bank to buy shower gels collected



and donated items as shown for the local Food Bank. Also managed to manage 2 more Chief Scout Bronze and 2 Chief Scout awards.

Outdoors, **7th Retford** getting back together, held 2 BBQs one for Young Leaders and Scouts and one for Cubs and Young Leaders. 20 Cubs enjoyed the feast, and their Leaders tell me 10 Cubs were returning, 6 up from Beavers and 4 **NEW** ones!! Great start!!

Across the County Zoom meetings continue with many groups, Programmes continue and we are now being let inside for our meetings as the key changes to Amber Status allow us to meet again inside as well as out. Yippee!! SO BE READY.



****REMINDER TO BEAVER LEADERS**:** Should you need ideas planning before you start back, there's a COMPLETE READY TO USE BEAVER PROGRAMME ON A PLATE to help you on your way. YOU CAN FIND IT on our website: notts-scouts.org.uk Once there, go into Development Materials and then Beaver Programme Materials you will find it there!!! Worth a look it's already being used in the County and even at a Beaver Colony in Crewe!!Yes Crewe! Watch this space..... Hope to have a CUB PROGRAMME ON A PLATE shortly.

Attracting new members with fun and challenging programmes is the way forward. Leaders planning "together", will get your restart off to a flying start. Once your doors open the young people will again want to join the fun. With your Programmes ready, you will reap the rewards, and whether like above it's a BBQ, camp or you have chosen to continue with ZOOM a little longer, "NEW" MEMBERS will want to join in the fun!!

What are you doing in your section as we restart? What fun have you had recently?

Let me know of any success you've had Newsletter is an excellent vehicle to continue "SHARING" ideas with each other. Thanks to regular contributors , let's have more.

SEND YOUR STORIES TO: jock.shaw@notts.scouts.org.uk

Remember that with a good Programme ready to restart, "you will" reap the benefits. HAVE FUN!!

Here to give encouragement and support, just pick up the phone if you need either.

Jock DDC Programme



Tabora Scouts Tanzania

Phil and Elaine Barlow have been working with the Regional Commissioner in Tabora Tanzania for many years now. One of the projects they have been involved with is the installation of solar lights in bush villages with no electricity.

Did you know that 75% of the population of Tanzania live in rural villages? Bush villages do not have electricity so every day it is dark from 7pm till 7am all year round. Solar lights are an easy way of giving light so that people especially children and young people can do their school work in the evenings.

The Regional Scout Commissioner for the Tabora Region, Eric Ngatunga says that over 25% of his Scouts live in bush villages and can only work using candles or kerosene for cooking and lighting. There are 383 Scout Groups and 2,878 scouts in the Tabora District

Scout funds can't be used for another charity however Nottinghamshire groups may be interested in raising 450,000 Tanzanian Shillings (£140) for a 30w system that provides 6 lights for indoor and outdoor use. Phil and Elaine could also help setup a continuing link with one of the Groups in the region.



If you would like to support please contact Phil and Elaine - philipbarlow@hotmail.co.uk



Development Team

Let's Restart, Lets Grow!

Good news, at the time of writing we should soon be able restart some Face-to-Face meetings outdoors again, and it is hoped that we can also have some meeting indoors again around mid/late-April,

Over the last few months, a small group of members from the county team have been meeting online, combining Restart with Development to make plans not only for a restart but to put together recourses to help District's, Groups and Sections restart and recover.

We now want your help; we want you to reach out.

During April, if you have a waiting list, can you offer places to these young people, or at least make them an offer of a place in your section when it restarts.

Plus, Over the last year some of our members have drifted away from scouting, you will know who they are, we would like you to try and make contact with these people, tell them when you will plan to restart, inviting them back, using our new postcards

The Development Group has put together a range of materials that you can print off or email, using them as posters or flyers, there are some postcards, some of which you can customise with your sections meeting times etc, as invites back to lapsed members, we also have some programmes, if you need them.

During May we will be undertaking a huge recruitment drive to find the next generation of Beaver Scouts, this will be done across the county through our primary schools, so we need to know where the spaces are in groups around the county,

All of our new materials are now available on the County Web site, so go and have a look.

So, Let's restart and let's grow.

P.S Don't forget that your 'Safety' and 'Safeguarding' training need to be up to date, to restart!.

Phil Herriot

DCC Development



Lets Walk for Walesby

Let's support 78 year old David Huxley on his 108 mile walk along the Robin Hood Way to raise money for Walesby Forest.

Attached is information relating to this fantastic effort .

Data Projectors and Screens

There are a few data projectors and screens at the Scout HQ, if any Group would like them, give us a call on 0115 952 3617 or email office@notts-scouts.org.uk. First come first served.