



# 1<sup>st</sup> Bingham Lynx Beaver Colony - Newsletter April 2017

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## Welcome Back

Welcome to our summer term newsletter!

Last term the Beavers undertook a range of exciting activities.

Here are a few photographs of just a few of our activities:

### Chinese New Year Activities

#### Sampling Chinese Food



#### Making Chinese Dragons



### Emergency Week

#### Trying out Police and Community First Responder Uniforms



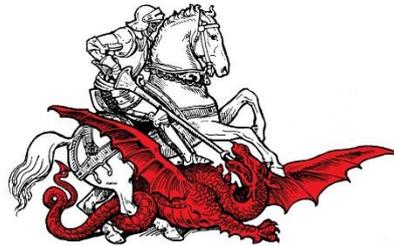
#### The Law finally catches up with Noah!



Many thanks to Leo's Dad and Grandma for coming along to help us with Emergency Week.

We hope you had a good break and that the Beavers are looking forward to an exciting term's activities. We have tried to plan a programme that helps the Beavers work towards their Outdoor, Adventure and Fitness Challenges, as well as working towards some Activity badges including their Camp Craft badge.

Don't forget that Beavers can work in their own time on any Activity badge they are interested in. If they bring in evidence that they have completed aspects of an Activity badge to a Beaver meeting we can validate it and, once fully completed, the badge can be awarded.



### **St George's Day Parade: Sunday 23rd April 2017**

The District St George's Day Service took place at Nottingham Forest Football Club (the City Ground) on Sunday 23rd April. Many thanks to all those Beavers who managed to attend. This is a very important part of the Scout Association Calendar and we like as many Beavers to attend as possible. Next year the parade will probably be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. Please try to keep that date free. Here are a couple of photographs of us parading.



### **Membership**

Our Colony is now nearly full and most of our Beavers will be staying with us for at least another term. We are always on the lookout for additional adult help and if you would be interested in joining our team in any capacity please speak informally to Andy or any member of the team who will give you an honest idea of what it involves or contact our Group Scout Leader, John Green at: [gsl@1stbinghamscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@1stbinghamscouts.org.uk). Scouting and Beavers could not exist without volunteers and we would really appreciate any help you can offer.

### **Subscription**

This term's subscription of **£40** (for the whole 13 week term) is required by 16<sup>th</sup> May; please pay promptly, as without these funds we are unable to offer the range and variety of activities the Beavers enjoy each term. This is slightly more than last term as it covers the cost of the Sky Trail Trip. I am sure you will agree this represents excellent value for money. If you have already paid £35 subs. Please let Nikki have the extra £5 to cover part of the cost of the Sky Trail Trip. **Please make cheques payable to 1st Bingham Beaver Colony.**

## Help Needed

After 4 years' hard work Siobhan Gallagher is stepping down as Lynx admin. I would like to thank Siobhan for all her help and support over the past 4 years. The colony would not have grown as it has without her invaluable help.

**Siobhan stepping down does leave us with a vacancy in the admin roll. This does not need to be a weekly commitment at our meetings but is mainly to do with maintaining the colony bank account and finances. If you have any experience in this area please have a word with Hawkeye or Nikki after one of our meetings and we can explain in more detail what is required.**

## **Please Note**

### Uniform and Refreshments

Please ensure your Beaver always wears full uniform unless otherwise advised. This year, to save time during our meetings, we are asking **Beavers to bring a water bottle with a drink in it to each meeting**. We will continue to provide a biscuit or snack but it would be very helpful if the Beavers could bring their own drink. When we are offsite and not meeting at our usual venues please ensure your Beaver brings their own drink and snack with them.

### Behaviour

Beavers' activities should be great fun and we want to keep everyone safe, please remind your Beavers that they are expected to behave sensibly, respectfully and safely for all sessions. All the Beavers were given a Code of Conduct card at our first meeting and we would appreciate it if you could discuss this with your Beaver at home. Thank you for your support with this.

## Summer Term 2017 Programme and Parent Helper Rota

### Weekly Parent Rota

Please note the parent helper Rota on the programme. If you cannot make your allocated week, please arrange a swap with another parent and then let us know. It is vital that you let Andy know if you are unavailable or can't find a swap as ratios must be maintained for the meeting to go ahead.

| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Parent Helper</b>              |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 18/4             | St Georges' Day Activities (Parade on Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> )                        | Leo Price                         |
| 25/4             | Southwell Minster Visit (18.45 – 19.45)  | William Matey<br>Benedict Boulton |
| 2/5              | Outdoor Fun at Hollygate (Beaver Activity Day/Sleepover Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April) | Logan Cobby                       |
| 9/5              | Salt Dough Modelling   | Joshua Webster                    |
| 16/5             | Painting Week (Please bring painting shirts)   | Harry Davies                      |
| 23/5             | Treasure Hunt (Rushcliffe Country Park)  | Bryn Styles                       |
| <b>HALF TERM</b> |  |                                   |
| 6/6              | Sky Trail Course (Holme Pierrepont Country Park 17.00 – 18.00)                         | Noah Herrick                      |
| 13/6             | Fathers' Day Activities  | Oliver Williams                   |
| 20/6             | Gunthorpe River Hike (Meet in the Unicorn Hotel Car Park)                              | Arran Willis                      |
| 27/6             | Beavers' Sports Night  | Samuel Cash                       |
| 4/7              | Camp Craft Activities 1 (Hollygate Campsite) 7pm finish                                | Gabriel Cross                     |
| 11/7             | Camp Craft Activities 2 (Hollygate Campsite) 7pm finish                                | Lucas Hall                        |
| 18/7             | End of Term Summer Fun (Hollygate Campsite) 7pm finish                                 | Louis Howard                      |

**Please note:**

- 1) All sessions are at Church House unless otherwise stated
- 2) The first session in the Autumn Term is Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017