



# For Your Information

Hi all, hope that everyone has settled back into Scouting for the autumn and winter terms, what has your group got planned for these colder and darker night? Got a fund-raising event coming up and want more people to know about? Then feel free to send us details or a poster to go in the newsletter and on the website. Let us know what your group is doing by emailing [newsletter@reefknot.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@reefknot.org.uk)

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Wanna show off your photography skills?? Send your picture of a place in Nene Valley and it could appear on the next issue of the newsletter



The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, Mrs. Penelope Escombe MBE visited Irthlingborough Scout Group on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and met all of our training sections.

She was welcomed by the Leaders and the Executive Team and was interested in seeing details of our Adult Volunteers featured on the notice board, all 45 of them! She was introduced to the Leaders and was amazed that Secretary David Maddock had been with the Group since 1947!

Once the Scouts had gone off to their activity at Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ablett's paddock in Station Road she met Beaver Leader Jason Tai and Beavers Baylie and Daniel.. The High Sheriff was delighted that they had stayed on to meet her and they told her all about their activities and their recent day trip to Drayton Manor Park. After seeing a couple of pictures and enjoying a cup of tea, she was given a grand tour of the HQ by Leader Wayne Fisher and she was very impressed, even looking behind the scenes at store cupboards and equipment, greatly admired the letters from Buckingham Palace, the Prime Minister and Leaders of Opposition. Upstairs in the HQ, David Maddock went through a brief history of the Group, and a copy of the Group's Centenary Book was presented to her.

Executive Member Chris Ward made a short presentation covering the Group's last 5 years and plans for the next 5 years, demonstrating continuous growth, energy and enthusiasm and giving the confidence of a Strong and Professional Leadership Team that manages the Group. Chris explained the Group's up-and-coming short-term challenges, and the long-term issues we are expecting to face. The Group is now 140 strong and fundraising is an important issue as it is planned to enable all of the Young People to attend next year's Diamond Jubilee Camp. The High Sheriff asked many questions, really immersing herself in our story.

The High Sherriff went to meet the Cubs and Scouts who had just completed a short 'Trek Cart' walk to Station Road, set up 4 fires and were cooking eggs in 'Paper Bags' – yes, that is right! Fires and Paper Bags!!

Under the watchful eye of the Scout Leader team, Lisa Swainston and Andy Hunt, they managed to cook one or two successfully! The Scouts seemed to be having fun - The High Sheriff spoke to everyone there, again really getting involved. She also personally thanked every Adult for their Volunteer work with the Young People.

At the end of the evening the High Sheriff made a short speech, again expressing her admiration and thanking all the Adult Volunteers of the Group. She explained to the Young People what a 'wonderful job' the Leaders were all doing for them which sometimes seems a thankless role.

After our 'goodbyes', The High Sherriff left Irthlingborough Scout Group to feel very proud of what had been achieved , and what will be done in the future for the Young People of Irthlingborough.



*(above Mrs. Penelope Escombe with beaver scouts Baylie and Daniel)*

***Further details can be obtained from Nick Powell (Group Scout Leader) on 07967 141727***

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*We want to know what you've been up to??*



# 1st Raunds Scout Group Casino Night

**Date: Saturday 19th November**

**Location: Raunds Conservative Club, Manor road, Raunds**

**Start Time: 19:30**

**Finish Time: 22:30**

**Food & Drinks: BBQ and Full bar available**

**Tuxedo and Aston Martin DB9: Optional**

A fun family night out, try your luck at the games available and see if you win big! Casino money is available from Dave Moreton or on the night.

Come along to help raise group funds and have a laugh.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

**£5 = 500 pounds Fun Money**

**1st Raunds**  
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On this night hike we were Geocaching, this means we were given coordinates to an area and we had to find this place and then search for a small box or container of some sort. Inside the container was a small note book or piece of paper to write your group down. There were also small toys, hairbands, etc. that you could swap your small things for.

We found the area of the first box quickly, the challenge was then actually finding the box. After a while of walking up and down looking high and low we finally found it.

We carried on walking but because we had an idea of what we were looking for we found the next few quite easily. I have to admit, it was fun looking around for the boxes.

It took us a while but we made it to camp in one piece (just!). When we had sorted out who was sleeping where, we had a hot drink and something to eat.

In the morning we had breakfast and set off again. We found all the boxes and got the car park early for a well deserved rest.

So I think all round it was a good night – I definitely enjoyed myself and I would do it again :p

(Written By Chrissy from 7th Rushden Scout Troop)



(7th Rushden Scout Troop with Nina Robinson, Gerald Clarke and Dominic Osborne. Unfortunately Scout Leader Peter Clark is not in the photo)

The logo for 'EXPLORER' features the word in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The 'X' is highlighted in yellow. The text is set against a dark green, rounded rectangular background that overlaps with a larger, lighter green shape behind it.

# All Aboard...

On the 1st Rushden Phoenix Explorer Scout trip to the Czech republic, we started our journey early on Saturday morning. After a long day travelling we eventually arrived at the scout hut with a reception of Czech explorers and a bowl of goulash accompanied by some bread. After meeting the Czech scouts, we were shown to our rooms and started making our beds by placing lots of thin foam mattresses in a row and placing our sleeping bags on top of them. We were tired after a long day travelling and were soon fast asleep.

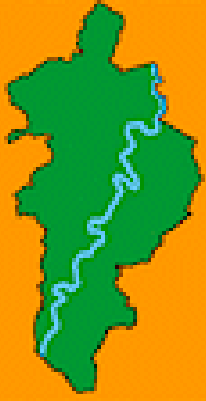
Over the course of the week, we visited many places including a few trips to Prague (one day to see the castle and another to go shopping) . We went to an area that we dubbed 'the rocks' which was a 'national park' of sorts that had lots of naturally formed large rocks in the shapes of various objects including a jug and a lion's head. On another day we went through Jaromer and stopped off at the church. We had a guided tour around there and even went down into the crypt which had lots of important dead people inside of it. After the church we carried on and went to fort Josefov which we had another guided tour around. Towards the afternoon we played a game in the tunnels that run underneath the fort. We had only candles to light our way and ghosts kept on blowing them out, one of them even looked a bit like the Czech leader... We had to navigate our way in the dark and complete various tasks along the way. Once completed, the tasks would get us a part of a 'key' to get out. This key was in fact instructions on how to make an origami bat, which needed to be shown in order to leave.

On the first of our aforementioned journeys into Prague, we walked around admiring the scenery and general beauty of the city. As we approached the castle we noticed the large hill that would need climbing to get to it and started to do so. Once at the top we stopped for a rest and a picture and admired the view, and how wonderful it was! We climbed up the tower on the castle to yet another splendid view and then made our descent back into Prague where we caught the train back. Every night, Nev treated us to a meal at the restaurant nearby in Jaromer. The food was very nice and we all enjoyed it very much. On a different day we visited a stately home that was sight of many different conflicts over the centuries and had another guided tour around there, including a climb up some very rickety and steep steps to the top of the tower.

The whole journey included lots of walking with many steps to be climbed and by the end of it we were all very sore. the journey home was very similar to that of on the way but in reverse. When we got back home we were all very tired, as you can imagine, were very grateful to be in our own beds again.

Written by Kieran Cowan, 1st Rushden Explorer Scout, age 15.

NEENE VALLEY



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# Firework Night

This years show is set to be one of the biggest ever, with a variety of stalls, family entertainment and music on the stage plus with more than £10,000 spent on fireworks to enlighten the night sky, to make the night spectacular.

Organiser Peter Head said "It is the biggest community event in Rushden, I have organised the display for 43 years and this is the 44th - I think it's going to be pretty good, it's all be organised now and the music is ready.

We are prepared for a good night."

Tickets prices for advance purchase - Adults £4 Child £2.50

Tickets prices for "On-gate" purchase - Adults £6 Child £3

**Tickets  
Now Available**

# Are you a beaver, cub, scout or explorer?

- 1 Go on your next hike, camp or other activity
- 2 Get everyone in one big photo
- 3 Write up your view on how it went and what happened
- 4 Email it to - [newsletter@reefknot.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@reefknot.org.uk)

## Be Prepared... and Be Apart!

**YOUR DISTRICT... YOUR VIEWS!!**

**We want to know what YOU'RE enjoy in Scouting!**

LEADERS: The newsletter is here to support the Scouting district by promoting what we do and fundraising events, please don't hesitate to email me anything that your group wishes to display/promote to the district, with more input into the newsletter it can grow and become a larger part of the district.

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Yours in Scouting

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