

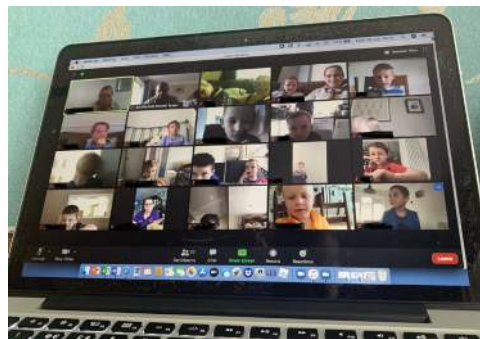
Keep on Scouting

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group (Boys and Girls 6-18 years)

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A busy few months for our Scout sections, although unable to meet as normal we have adapted and risen to the challenge of continuing Scouting for the children whilst in lockdown by delivering a programme from a distance using email and online video meetings. They have taken part in lots of fun and challenging activities but at the same time teaching valuable life skills 'Skills for Life'.



Beavers (6-8 yrs) have completed their animal care, cooks, the great indoors, Chief Scout Bronze awards and lots of others! They took part in #HikeToTheMoon by hiking at least a mile at home for charity, camping indoors, VE Day activities, junk modelling, cooking pizza, building car tracks, baking cookies and emergency aid. Eight new members joined and have settled in and loving it. Before lockdown they took part in lots of activities - starting their Digital Maker badge by learning about computers, Animal Friend badge with a visit to Pets at Home in Maldon and a fun evening at Clip 'n Climb in Chelmsford (*photo left Carol Fischer-Hill*). **We are planning a return to normal Scouting in September, involving a mixed programme of small groups face to face and via Zoom - see photo above by Nick Nicholls.**



Cubs (8-10½ yrs) have had fun with activities by email and zoom meetings and over 100 badges have been gained! They made St George's Day cakes and dragons, camping out and cooking over the Bank Holiday weekend, taking part in VE Day by decorating their windows with flags, going on nature walks and completing a nature quiz, completed a Science badge (with explosions in the kitchen!), sleeping anywhere but

their beds – parents lost dining tables for two nights and one slept on a trampoline! The term ended with water activities via Zoom, and all are looking forward to coming together as a pack when it is safe.

Scouts (10½-14yrs) have been busy playing online Catchphrase, Battleships, Bingo and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. They created a Scout camp in Minecraft and found themselves flying around the world via Google Earth and escaping from a Harry Potter themed escape room. They have had Scout bake-offs making scones and cookies and took part in #HikeToTheMoon by hiking at least a mile at home for charity. Before lockdown, the Scout Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders (8 in total) went away for a weekend in March on a Woodland Winter Camp. The aim of the weekend was to provide teamwork activities and being a team leader to help them improve their roles. It was a great weekend with fun had by all - #SkillsForLife *Photo right Carol Fischer-Hill*

Explorers (14-18yrs) have been having online meetings taking part in quizzes, bingo games and a murder mystery evening. We have had lots of members taking part each week and it has been a great way for them to keep in touch with their friends.





Scouts paper collection in the Seventies

Thank you to Jean Ashby for this photograph of Scouts paper collection in the early 70s. Her husband Denis Ashby (head peeking round at the right of the photo) was a leading light in the Scouts, Akela for twenty years and later Group Scout Leader. And driver of the Wilkinson lorry for the monthly paper collection. I can recognise one or two other faces in the photo - Ed

Newspaper and cardboard collection - in 2020

Monthly collections are postponed due to the current situation but the skips at Scout & Guide HQ and Upsons Farm Shop are still being emptied. Can we please ask that you continue donating your paper/cardboard directly to the skips. The Scout Group receives payment for all paper and cardboard collected. This helps fund the Scout Group and gives us approx. £2500 per year to help with building costs and provide scouting to the young people in the village. Please help us continue to raise funds for our group.

An appeal from paper collection organiser Jonathan Dorman. **Can we please request that cardboard boxes are flattened as much as possible and paper is emptied out of plastic bags. NO PLASTIC, it reduces the amount the Scouts get paid for a load which contains any.** - to ensure there is enough room for everyone to use in between the bins being emptied. Please do not leave any type of rubbish by the skip, it cannot be disposed of. Thank you for your support and to those who have kindly donated already.

So again, please - FLATTEN YOUR CARTONS and NO PLASTIC!