

AGSL Chat

Well, I have managed to visit all the sections and may I say what a fantastic job you are all doing. Our census return showed we have 134 young people attending the Group and I've seen them celebrate St Patrick's Day, communicate using Morse code and Semaphore, hunt an Easter Egg, make an Easter card, perform in "Strictly meets Scout Factor" and paint faces on eggs.

I have spent quite a lot of time with Chickasaw Beavers since I started in this role as Clare is planning to retire. She is taking a back seat from Easter, but is helping and steering the Colony until the summer. Sam Powell is also planning to take a break from Scouting for a while.

I am delighted to announce that Sarah Stevens has agreed to take out an ABSL warrant and Jan Peace has agreed to become a Beaver Section Assistant, so along with Richard Daniells who has already taken an ABSL warrant, we have a team who can take the Chickasaw Colony forward.

We held a parents meeting a few weeks back and again I am delighted to say that six parents volunteered to become Beaver Occasional Helpers. They will attend the Chickasaw Colony about every three or four weeks on a rota basis.

I guess you are all now thinking about the next programme. If you would like me to come along to part of your planning meeting, then I am very willing to do so. Just drop me an email. Please send me your programme as soon as possible so that I can put them on the web site.

For my next round of visits, that will be April and May, I would like to take a group photograph of each of the sections in uniform. I thought that we could put them up in the Scout Hut. I would also be willing to produce small copies for each of the members of your section if you wish. So I will need about 10 minutes during your meeting for this.

While I have my camera out, I would like to take each of you. The notice board in the entrance hall would be an ideal place to have small photos of all the Leaders and their roles within the sections. What do you think?

The following round of visits after this, that will be June, will include a fire drill. You may like to build into your programme some fire safety awareness and I would be grateful if you would go over the fire drill procedures with your section during the week before my visit. If you have any questions about evacuation procedures, fire assembly points or registers, then please contact me.

May I remind the Scouts that they are down to clean the Scout Hut for March and April.

Finally, the next Leaders meeting is on Wednesday 14th April at 8:00pm in the Scout Hut. This meeting is open to all Leaders and Section Assistants. If everyone turned up then there would be 27 of you present plus Peter and myself ... a challenge ... but a delight. However, I would really appreciate a representation from every section at the meeting. Peter has asked me to chair the Leaders meetings and I guarantee that these meetings will finish by 9:30pm.

Many thanks for all your efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.