Welcome to the second newsletter from 1st Catforth Scout Group.

I hope you are all staying safe and well and that you enjoy reading this newsletter as much as we have enjoyed doing the activities within it.

Thank you to Wendy, our parent volunteer, for pulling this newsletter together for us!

Inside this one you will see the variety of activities we have all been enjoying whilst participating in our usual Scout Programmes at home - VE day celebrations, badge work, miles have been walked and navigation skills have been practised, we have even 'camped' - albeit in our living rooms and gardens!

This is only possible because of the enthusiasm shown by our young people, the support of the parents and also the commitment of our dedicated leaders, some of whom are also keyworkers and/or are also providing homeschool for their own children.

A big thank you to you all!

The Great Indoors—Hike to the Moon

Move over Neil Armstrong...as Catforth Scouts Group really did show that they care about humankind!

One of the key reasons for being a member of the scouts group is to show that we do care about other people and Catforth’s Beavers, Cubs and Scouts really did show that they care.

On 23rd April 2020 as part of the ‘Big Night In’ Scouts from all over the country were tasked with completing the 240,000 mile walk to the moon. 39 young people from the Catforth Group completed this task and raised a whopping £277.00. We should be especially proud of the numbers who took part as well as the fact that we raised so much money when we were set a target of £50.00. We exceeded the target by 554%.

Well done once again to everyone who took part- a wonderful effort!

Paul Wallace
Chair of Executive Committee

The Great (Record Breaking!) Camp at Home Challenge Badge.

One of the activities our scouts cubs, and beavers enjoy the most is camping. However with face to face scouting activities suspended we had to think a bit more creativity about how they could camp during lockdown.

We signed up to participate in the big camp in at home and in the process, along with over 84,000 participants in more than 67 countries we became world record breakers!!! 36 of our beavers, cubs, scouts and leaders spent the night somewhere other than their beds....We had tents (indoors and out) dens built in living rooms. They all cooked a meal and did a 'scouting activity. Badges have been ordered for everyone who took part.

Well done!
School's Out

The schools have now been closed for almost 2 months so what have we all been doing with all this extra time at home with our families:

Hello all,
I know it’s been hard with Coronavirus but we can still do the things we planned. We can face this if we work together.

Here is some things that I’ve been doing.

I’ve learnt how to ride my bike without stabilisers, I’ve been swimming in the paddling pool and I’ve taken my dog Cindy out for a walk.

By FK age 7.

During Lockdown, I have been playing with my baby brother. We have toasted marshmallows and we have been walking and riding my bike.

I have made a vegetable garden and I have learnt to use a lawn mower. I have baked some bread and stayed up late to look at the stars. Coronavirus has been annoying because I can’t see my friends. I was upset at first but we have been keeping busy and having fun.

By WR age 7

I made a trail through Inskip for all the other children to follow in lockdown. We drew lots of pictures there was a bee, a tractor, a cow, a rabbit and others too.

Other children joined in and put lots of painted pebbles and other pictures on the trail. Then we painted some peg dolls. There is a yoda, a spider-man, and a nurse and lots of other ones too.

We have had lots of fun making the trail and lots of fun finding the things that other children have done too.

By TO age 7

And some of our youngest members have been thinking towards their future...

When I grow up…..

I want to be a scientist. But first I am going to work in a money factory. Then I am going to make enough money so then I can get a science lab. I will then be a scientist. In my lab I am going to invent some things. One of my ideas is to try can get an automatic ipad with everything free for apps and it has infinite battery, I will try get rich and with my and use it all for charity. I will save a thousand pounds and spend it on a mansion. I use my automatic ipad to look for a mansion.

By TR age 6

Rainbow Spotting

Hi my name is CJF. I'm 7 years old and a beaver scout. Last week me and my sister painted some rainbows on some pebbles. We thought it would be nice to leave them around Catforth for people to enjoy on their daily walk.. Bye for now!

Hi my name is E.J.F. I am 8 years old and also a Cub Scout. And a few weeks ago we painted some rainbows on pebbles and we took our route from an Ordnance survey map that I had printed for my school work. We went on a mile bike ride to scatter them around Catforth. It was really fun we saw some baby lambs on the way.

Spring Lambs

Before lockdown I helped my Daddy with lambing on the farm.

One sheep had quads and another sheep had triplets so I decided to bring one of the triplet lambs and one of the quad lambs home in my garden. I feed them every four hours with milk by the bottle. I have helped to inject them so they don’t get poorly. I put rings on their tails so they don’t get poo on them. They sleep in a shed at night with straw on the floor and I clean them out every week.

Their names are Boris and Doris and I have enjoyed looking after them in my garden.

By GC age 8
VE Day 1945

Victory in Europe day is actually a day after the war ended. Early on the 7th May 1945, the news came out that the war had ended and Winston Churchill declared that the next day would be a national holiday. Despite this, many people celebrated as soon as they knew the news.

The day after, on VE Day more than one million people celebrated in the streets throughout Great Britain. To mark the occasion, various events were organised including parades, thanksgiving services and street parties with dancing and singing. Although many people celebrated, not everyone joined in. This might have been because they were left with little energy to celebrate because of the air raids during the war; they might have lost someone close in the war; or a member of their family was still serving overseas so they were worried about them.

Even though rationing was still going on, exceptions were made on VE Day. The Ministry of Food said there was enough supply of beer in the capital to celebrate with; red, white and blue bunting could be bought without ration coupons; and commemorative items could be bought like special mugs.

The Royal Family celebrated that day as they were relieved that the war was over. During the day the King and Queen made 8 appearances on the balcony of Buckingham Palace and one time they were joined by Winston Churchill. To join the crowds, Princess Elizabeth and her sister Margaret were allowed to leave the Palace to celebrate.

The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, made a national radio broadcast at 3pm on the 8th May. Later on that day he went to the balcony of the Ministry of Health Building and made a speech. In his speech he reminded everyone that the war had not ended in Japan and there was still lots to do.

Celebrations went on into the night and people lit bonfires and fireworks to mark the occasion.

VE Day 2020

VE Day today was different to what it was like back then. Instead of street parties people sat in their gardens and chatted to ‘socially distanced’ neighbours. Other people stayed in doors and celebrated with their families. Our family made bunting and took part in the national two minute silence at 11am. Earlier that week I made a steam chocolate pudding which was made with rationed ingredients.

By AC age 10

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### STEAM CHOCOLATE PUDDING RECIPE

**Ingredients:**

- 2oz margarine
- 1 cup grated carrot
- 2 cups plain flour
- 1tsp baking powder
- pinch of salt
- ½ pint of milk
- a little vanilla essence
- 1oz sugar
- 2tbsp golden syrup
- 1tbsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 heaped tsp cocoa
- ½ pint of milk

**Method:**

1. Peel, top and tail the carrot, then grate it.
2. Cream the margarine and sugar together until pale and fluffy.
3. Stir in the grated carrot, syrup and the rest of the dry ingredients.
4. Add the milk and a few drops of vanilla essence to mix to a fairly stiff consistency.
5. Grease the basin and the baking paper.
6. Fold an overlap into the centre of the paper.
7. Put the mixture into a greased basin, cover with the greased paper.
8. Tie the string around the basin firmly.
9. Bring the water in the steamer to the boil.
10. Carefully (the escaping steam will be very hot) put the basin in the top of the steamer and steam for 2 hours.
11. Do not let the water in the bottom of the steamer boil dry.
12. Serve hot with custard made with custard powder

The finished product was delicious and my brother even had seconds (before we told him it had carrots in it!)
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Catforth Memorial Hall

Last Friday we celebrated V.E. Day (Victory in Europe day). V.E. Day commemorates the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany’s surrender.

This got me thinking about the war I have been looking into Catforth Memorial Hall and how, when and why it was built.

The idea of the hall was conceived on April 7th 1919, over one hundred years ago! The community wanted to remember the heroic soldiers who were killed or missing in World War 1. Fundraising in the parish began immediately and by June 1919 they had raised £500 (around £17,500 in modern pounds)! Within one year the hall was built.

Of course the hall now also commemorates local people killed in World War 2.

VE Day Diary

Imagine you are a soldier on the front line during the Second World War. You have just found out that the war in Europe is over. Write a diary entry about the experience and how you feel...

Written by
JH age 7

Stones Walk

Before lockdown we had started our navigator stage 1 badge during our usual scout meeting at the village hall. For the final clause we were going to navigate from Broughton to Barton over the fields, to the chip shop but all the face to face scouting activities were cancelled due to covid-19. I was very disappointed!

The scout leaders have set us some tasks to do at home. One of my fellow scouts set a trail for us to follow around Catforth so we could complete our badge. We had to find stones with numbers and letters on them and the letters made a message. You can see what the message is in the picture. I completed the walk with my mum and brother. We had to follow the instructions which guided us around Catforth. As well as the stones we saw a rabbit, butterflies, lambs and cows. I loved the idea and I would do it again sometime, but I would have liked it more if there was a chippy at the end!

My brother moaned all the way round he hates doing exercise!

By C.S. age 10

Catterall, Charles Whalley, Richard Wilson, Thomas Smith and James R I Brierley.

My great great Uncle Thomas Crompton was from the parish and he served in World War 2, as did my great grandmother Ellen Crompton. Thomas served in the army and was a tank driver. Ellen served in the WRAF. Luckily they survived the war but never forgot the friends that they lost.

By AH-P age 11
Thomas Moore, now popularly known as Captain Tom, is a former British Army officer who wanted to raise money for charity in the run-up to his 100th birthday.

On 6 April 2020, at the age of 99, he began to walk laps of his garden in aid of NHS Charities Together, with the goal of raising £1,000 by his hundredth birthday.

On the morning of his hundredth birthday on 30th April he had raised over £30 million. His birthday was marked in a number of ways, including flypasts by the Royal Air Force and the British Army.

He was appointed as honorary colonel of the Army Foundation College and he received over 150,000 cards some of which were made by members of our Scout Group.
This is a quiz about the VE Day article on Page 3

1) What day did the war actually end in Europe?
2) How many people celebrated in the streets?
3) How many times did the King and Queen appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace?
4) Name one event that was organised.
5) The Ministry of Food said there was enough supply of what for the celebrations?
6) Why did some people not celebrate VE Day? Name one.
7) What time did Winston Churchill make his radio broadcast?
8) What did people do to celebrate in the night?
9) What did Princess Elizabeth and Margaret do to celebrate?
10) How did people celebrate in 2020? Name one.

VE Day Quiz Answers:
1) 7th May 1945 2) More than one million 3) Eight 4) Street parties, thanksgiving services or parades 5) Beer 6) They were too tired, they lost someone in the war or a member of their family was still serving overseas 7) 3pm 8) Lit bonfires and fireworks 9) They left the palace to join the crowds 10) Chatted to neighbours from their own gardens, celebrated in their house with family, decorated their house or/and did the two minute silence.

CATFORTH SCOUTS BADGE WORDSEARCH

This wordsearch includes a selection of the badges that our beavers, cubs and scouts have been working on during ‘Programmes at Home’ as Scouting continues virtually.

See how many you can find.

- CREATIVE
- SKILLS
- ARTIST
- WRITER
- NAVIGATOR
- LIFESAVER
- NIGHTS AWAY
- TEAMWORK
- BOOK READER
- GARDENER
- EXPERIMENT
- LOCAL KNOWLEDGE
- ANIMAL FRIEND
- GLOBAL ISSUES
- COMMUNITY IMPACT
- WORLD
- CAMP CRAFT
- SPACE
- CIRCUS SKILLS
- HIKES
- OUTDOORS

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