



2nd Nene (St Peter's) Scout Group

Dear Parents/Guardians

Please can I say a huge thankyou to you all for your continuing support during these unprecedented times. It is with heartfelt thoughts that we hope you and your families stay safe and well. Our priority remains, where possible the continuity of Scouting for all our Children and helping them learn and develop new skills, whilst having fun.

A few weeks ago, I posted on Facebook that we would be having an Executive Meeting in May, to discuss the next steps and finances. This meeting took place on Thursday 7th May and I am now able to update you.

The Scout Organisation have informed us that we will still need to pay membership fees, for all of our registered Children, part of your subscriptions is donated towards this cost. This year it is was approximately £4000, a bill we had to pay in April. We will still need to pay the full amount next year.

The other large cost we have to maintain is our insurance, which covers the building, its contents and our Public Liability. This is approximately £3000 per year.

Of course, our utilities and rent, will be less this year, but some of this will be offset against the software for On-line Meetings. As many of you are also aware, we are constantly needing to raise money to keep the building in a reasonable state so that we can still run meetings, those plans for the next maintenance project have been put on hold, so that we can ensure membership payments and insurance are covered.

Therefore, to ensure that we can maintain a Scout Group in the Ortons, where we are able to provide Online Meetings and continue badge work, the financial decision has been made to keep Subscriptions the same. We will of course ensure that the full number of meetings will be offered as a minimum.

For the two Beaver Sections, unfortunately we cannot provide the same online meeting offering, but we will still need to maintain their membership, so we will be reducing the cost to £4 per month from 1st June 2020.

Of course, we are aware that some of our families may have financial issues during these trying times. If you need support in this area, please contact your leader in the first instance.

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Yours in Scouting

Mel Erbe

Group Scout Leader

Section Specific Information

Apollo Troop- Scout Section- Mondays

Apollo will continue through on-line meetings.

Payment Requirements- One off payment of £13.50 to cover May.

Standing Order of £13.50 per month from June- The start date should be no later than the 15th of the month.

Account Name: Apollo Scout Troop **Sort Code:** 40-36-15 **Account Number:** 01853996

Please use your Child's name as the reference.

Challenger Troop- Scout Section- Thursday's

Challenger will continue through on-line meetings.

For those that pay through Online Scout Manager- this will continue- No Change

Please contact Hayley, if your payments have not been set up through this system.

Pegasus- Pack- Cub Section- Wednesday's

Pegasus will continue through on-line meetings.

For those that pay through Online Scout Manager- this will continue- No Change

Please contact Jen, if your payments have not been set up through this system.

Kingfisher Pack- Cub Section- Tuesday's

Kingfisher will continue through on-line meetings from Tuesday 19th May and continue into the Summer Holidays to ensure all meetings are run.

Payment Requirements- One off payment of £13.50 to cover May.

Standing Order of £13.50 per month from June- The start date should be no later than the 15th of the month.

Account Name: Kingfisher Troop **Sort Code:** 40-36-15 **Account Number:** 51853953

Please use your Child's name as the reference.

Bluejay and Snowgoose Beavers

Sue and Louise will be in contact with badge work and please send them any work your children have completed. If you have children that will be turning 8 before lockdown ends, please contact your Leader, so we can still ensure they cross the dam into cubs. As both your Sections pay through OSM, this will reduce to £4 from June. Please contact Sue or Louise if your payments have not been set up.