



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2015

Welcome to Newsletter 7

New badges are again part of our plan for this term with the new Teamwork Challenge. As part of our Artist badge we intend to arrange a half term week visit Wolsey Art Gallery in Christchurch Mansion.

A Night Hike followed by a sleepover in the HQ is planned for 14th November

After a break last year we will again end this term with an extravagant musical entertainment—"Eddie The Penguin Saves The World" - on Monday 14th December.

Dates for your diary (Details to follow)

Wednesday 28th October- Visit to Wolsey Art Gallery, Ipswich

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Parade

Saturday 14th November/- Night Hike

Sunday 15th November

Monday 14th December - Eddie the Penguin!
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Scout Christmas Post will start in November—
dates to follow.

Help Required

We are still looking for help with the Scout Troop, Cub Pack, Beaver Colony and with new members to join the Group Executive Committee to help with raising the £13,500 we need to repair our leaking roof plus the £1,600 we have recently spent on new heating. None of the roles are too time consuming and full training will be provided. If you would like more details contact any of the Leaders.

This Term's Badges



Teamwork Challenge



Artist



International



Pihotographer



Road Safety

These are the Badges we plan to complete this term.

We don't publish a detailed week-by-week programme (though we do have one!) as it is often subject to change at the last moment.

If your Cub misses meetings you can look up the requirements for a badge at

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=12,67>

(or you can download the My Badges app for either iOS (Apple) or Android devices for £1.49)

and, perhaps, complete it at home. Please ask a Leader to tell you what they may have missed.

If your Cub would like to gain other badges at home, please talk to one of the Leaders (below). We will always try to help if we can.

You may also have a skill that can help us achieve a badge that we may not have the skills or confidence to attempt. Let us know and we will try and build it into our programme in the future.

We also welcome your help at any time and may ask for extra help at certain meetings and events

Vacancies for Cubs and Scouts

We have vacancies for boys **and girls** aged 7¾ to 10½ to Join Cubs and 10½ to 14 to join Scouts. Please contact any Leader for further details.



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Update on the Scout HQ Lease

Despite repeated attempts to engage with Grainger plc and an invite to our AGM it has taken an email direct to the Chief Executive to produce further responses.

As you may remember Grainger had offered us a 15 year lease at £5,000 per annum or outright freehold for £50,000. This was not within our scope (in fact not on the same planet as ourselves!). The CEO very quickly passed this on to his Director of Assets who has come back with a revised lease option of only 10 years at a rent of £1,200 for the first 5 years and £1,500 for the subsequent five years.

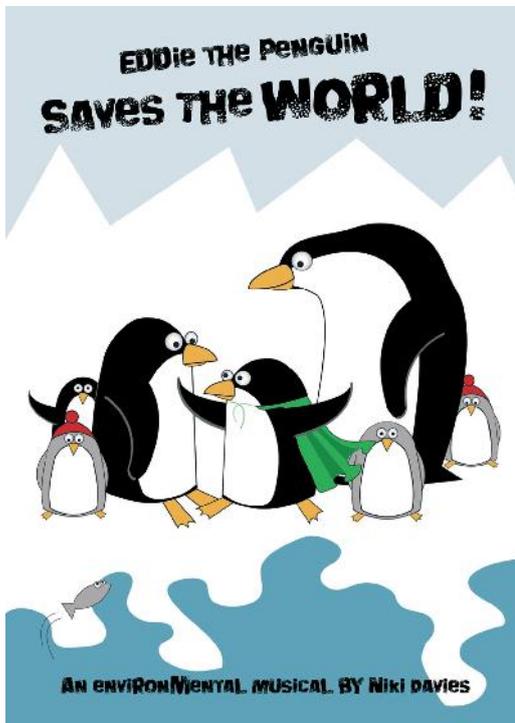
Your Executive Committee do not feel this is of any use to us as it is still a large increase on our current rent (£1 p.a. - but never asked for); is not affordable by us; is not for any substantial length of time; and does not give us an option of outright purchase of the Freehold.

Subsequently we have approached our local MP, Dr. Therese Coffey, and explained the situation. She was very sympathetic to our cause and asked for further information which we have provided and has subsequently written to Grainger's CEO. As a consequence a face-to-face meeting has been arranged with the Commercial Director.

We have also approached one of our local SCDC councillors, Chris Blundell, who is attempting to list the building as a community asset.

We will keep you informed of progress.

One and only performance!



Eddie the Penguin Saves the World! is a fabulous play all about environmental issues, from recycling to saving water and gas.

Eddie the penguin discovers that the world he lives in is changing and that the ice is melting. He decides to take his family to find a new home at the North Pole, where he meets Peggy the polar bear and discovers that human beings are causing the ice to melt. Eddie goes on a mission to save the planet and let the world know how they can change things for the better.

Monday 14th December 6.45pm at the Scout HQ
A treat for the whole family!

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