



**2nd Nene Scout Group - Apollo Scout Troop
NEWS LETTER
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APOLLO

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Welcome to our Winter – Summer Programme. **CLICK** on the items highlighted in **blue** for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - If viewing on line the items in **blue** are clickable

16 th January 2012 (Mon)	Chip Shop Walk – Parents meeting
28 th January (Sat)	CHIP SHOP WALK Folksworth to Orton
13 th -17 th (Mon-Fri) Feb	HALF TERM – No Apollo meeting
24 th -26 th February	WINTER CAMP - Beaudesert Staffordshire
3 rd March (Sat) – date change	ZATEGO (Confirmed)
26 th March (Mon)	LAST APOLLO MEETING BEFORE EASTER
6 th -14 th April (Fri-Sat)	SWAN SAILING EXPEDITION – <i>Applications closed</i>
22 nd April (Sun)	ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE – <i>Please make every effort to attend</i>
23 rd April (Mon)	FIRST APOLLO MEETING AFTER EASTER
7 th May 2012 (Mon)	MAY DAY – No Apollo meeting
12 th – 13 th May 2012	MEPAL - County Activity Weekend for Scouts
26 th May (Sat)	CYCLING MARATHON
4 th – 8 th May	HALF TERM – No Apollo meeting
16 th June (Sat)	CARDINGTON – White Water Canoeing
20 th July (Fri)	END OF TERM
5 th Sept (Wed) – START OF TERM	
10 th Sept (Mon)	FIRST APOLLO MEETING AFTER SUMMER

Details of all our events can be found in the Apollo What's on Section of our website. <http://2ndnenscouts.org.uk/>

Help from parents and other adult supporters - is always very much appreciated. If you would like to help with any future events please see one of the leaders

Troop Meetings - Just as a reminder - We try to have the HQ open by 6:55pm

Scouts are asked to:

- Arrive for troop meeting in time to register and pay subscriptions before opening parade, inspection and flag break at 7:15pm.
- Notify their Patrol Leader if they will not be attending (Only Patrol Leaders should normally contact leaders directly).
- Be on parade (standing quietly at their place in “the horseshoe” at 7:15pm wearing full smart uniform (or dressed appropriately for a special activity when notified). **Some Scouts keep their Scout Uniform and neckerchief smart from one week to the next and always look well turned out while disappointingly there are others who's neckerchief appears never to have been ironed. If you are not sure how to iron your neckerchief ask a leader and we will show you.**
- Bring along a change of clothes for inside and outside activities (including coat and footwear). We will try to give notice of outside activities but sometimes we have to take advantage of favourable conditions at short notice. Get changed after Flag Break (Girls in the ladies toilets, Boys in their Patrol Corner), pack uniform away tidily into a bag and store it in the fixtures provided for each patrol. Get changed back into uniform for flag down and prayers at the end of the meeting.
- Take note of announcements and pass on Notices/Newsletters to the appropriate person at home
- We do not recommend Scouts bringing mobile phones and other electronic equipment to Scouts. If necessary, a Leader can make any urgent phone calls on a Scouts behalf. Where a Scout does bring a mobile phone to a troop meeting it should be stored safely in the Scouts bag during the meeting. If it is used inappropriately or causes a distraction the Leaders reserve the right to confiscate it until the end of the meeting.
- Leaders should be available to talk to parents and welcome new members from approximately 7:45pm once registration and opening ceremonies are out of the way and the main activities are under way or after flag down.

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