

AGM Report May 2018 – May 2019

1st Henllys Beaver Scouts – Wednesday

2018-19 has been a busy year for our Wednesday Beaver colony. We continue to develop closer links with the Tuesday colony and work to deliver a similar programme across the sections with several joint activities taking place.

At the moment, the section is running with 3 leaders and we have two previous Henllys Scouts helping out, Jules and Aneurin thanks for your help. Alison is taking a break from Scouting but fortunately Tic-Tac hit 18 in December and signed up as a leader until he goes to university.

We have 15 Beavers but 8 are due to move to cubs by the end of term. Wednesday nights will certainly be quieter and we will have room for some new Beavers in September.

Again Wednesday Beavers have enjoyed a variety of activities; games; craft and adventure this year and I have included some below.

SUMMER TERM

KNOTS

The Beavers worked really hard to learn 3 knots to decorate their Father's Day cards – we hope you liked them.

JOTT WALK

The whole group were invited to the JOTT walk in May and had a great time on the Henllys circular walk.

DISABILITY AWARENESS

During the Summer Term the Beavers completed their Disability awareness badge. We learnt how to sign the Beaver promise.

POND DIPPING

The Beavers visited HLNR to go pond dipping. Some exciting creatures were found including efts (young newts).



FUN DAY AT TREDEGAR HOUSE

Henllys Beavers were invited by Newport Scouts for a day of activities at Tredegar House. A great day with lots of activities including pond dipping, camp fire songs, roasting marshmallows and making shelters.



AIR ACTIVITIES

We also celebrated 100 years of the RAF by building and flying planes and achieved our Air Activities Badge.

AREA BEAVER HIKE & PIC-NIC



Towards the end of Term we attended an Area Hike and Pic-Nic at Llandegfedd Reservoir. A great day spent at Llandegfedd Reservoir learning lots of scouting skills like following trails, making things out of natural materials and playing lots of games. We enjoyed our picnic lunch and making Beaver

friends from other parts of the County.

Also in the Summer Term we celebrated American Independence day with hot dogs and completed some badge work.

AUTUMN 2018

Autumn 2018 started with a Beaver sleepover at 1st West Pontnewydd's Scout hut. Beavers had great fun doing lots of scouting activities like outdoor cooking and camp fire. We completed the Cook Activity badge by learning about food safety as well as making our own lunch.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES AND MARCH

Another highlight of the term was Soldier Ronnie (a serving soldier and Beaver parent). Accompanying us on our Remembrance Sunday Parade. Well done to all the Beavers who coped with the rain, cold and the marching speed! During the march the whole group wore Poppy woggles they made with Wendy's help – some are still wearing them.

EMERGENCY AID

The colony worked on their emergency aid skills learning some first aid and the green cross code

CHURCH VISIT

In November we visited Fairhill Methodist Church and spent an interesting evening with the vicar learning about the church and prayer.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The Beavers made Christingles and attended the annual District Christingle service at Llanyravon – followed by mince pies

TORFAEN DISTRICT BEAVER MOVIE NIGHT



On the evening of 7 December, Beavers from all over Torfaen met up at Pontnewydd Primary school, to watch "Polar Express" and feast on popcorn and crisps. There was even a pre-Christmas visit from the very busy man in red!

PANTO

Both Colonies enjoyed a Sunday afternoon at the Congress Theatre to watch "Dick Whittington", ice cream was a big hit too.

BEAVER HUNT

The Beavers from both Henllys colonies enjoyed an evening under the Christmas lights at Cwmbran Shopping Centre to look for our Beaver Mascot who had found his way into the Trespass shop and got locked in for the night!!

Also this term we made Christmas tree decorations, table decorations for the Group Social evening and Bird Feeders.

SPRING 2018 TO DATE

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Beavers have done some on cultures. We celebrated Chinese New Year, including using chopsticks – definitely a challenge motivated by a sweet treat.

YOUTH LED SCOUTING

We have tried to involve the Beavers in decisions about programme direction and better behaviour by having a "log chew" – basically an opportunity for them all to have a say and encouraging positive communication.

TRIPS

Last term the Beavers went to the fire station where some interesting questions did not bother the firemen – they seemed to know exactly what to do with Sharknados and Firenados much to our relief.

We also visited the Library with Tuesday Beavers on World Book day. The Beavers dressed



up and made a Harry Potter bookmark

BADGE WORK

We have also undertaken a lot of badge work towards our Chief Scouts Awards. This includes team games, more work on emergencies and the Green Cross Code and craft activities for Mothering Sunday – have you all used your gifts yet?

PORTCULLIS CAMP 2019

The final event for this report was the Area Portcullis Camp at Monmouth showground. We

took 12 Beavers aged between 6 and 8 who had some real adventures from Nerfwars, "horse racing" bouncy castles, archery, skewering and cooking fish and pheasant, archery, eating bugs (crunchy but tasted like gritty chicken), caving, washing up, singing at the campfire, seeing the stars and making new friends. Have a look at the photo presentation!





I would like to thank Wendy and Tic Tac for their support this year and we hope to see Alison back soon. I would also like to thank Jules and Nye who have joined us this year and who are a big help with our very active Beaver Colony. I would also like to thank our parents and guardians who support the beavers in transportation, badge work and the never-ending mud Thank you. We couldn't do it without any of you.

Yours in Scouting
Wilma Wendy Tic-tac Jules and Nye