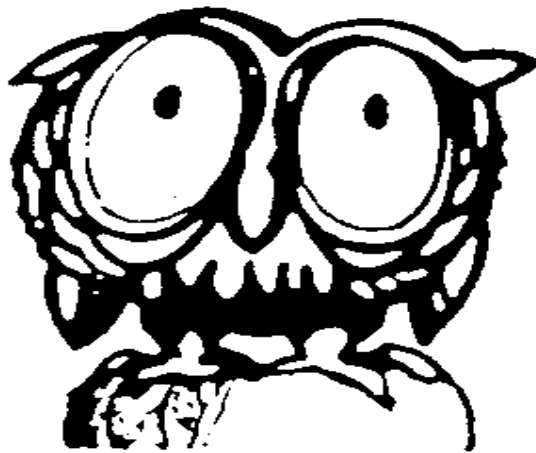


# *Nulli Secundus*



*The magazine of the 2nd Whitton Scout Group*

*FINAL EDITION*

*Spring 2019*

*“Second to none”*

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## **Editorial**

*Welcome to this last ever edition of Nulli and a huge thank you to those who have contributed articles. I hope everyone enjoys reading about the sections activities and looking at the many photographs included with the reports.*

*On a personal note I was shocked and amazed to find I have been editing this magazine for such a long time and despite the struggle it has sometimes been to coerce the Leaders to produce an article, I have enjoyed putting the whole thing together. Mind you, when I had to photocopy, collate and staple then distribute up to 300 copies it was quite hard work and pretty time consuming!*

*I hope all you parents and friends out there will access the website on a regular basis and if your child's section doesn't update their part then it will be up to you to persuade them to do so – or, of course, offer to do it for them as they are very busy people, giving their time for free!*

*Right! Off my soapbox and into oblivion, though currently as I continue with my other role as Group Secretary, still around for the moment!*

*Wishing all of you and, of course, all the members of 2W a continued long, happy and successful time.*

*Sue*

# Presidents Patter – Spring 2019

## Communications – Old and New

A year ago I wrote that 2019 would celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of the first 2nd Whitton Scout Group's magazine, "The Gateway", later to become "Nulli Secundus". This edition of "Nulli Secundus" will be the last Group magazine in its present form. It has been decided that in view of the excellent bang up-to-date Website with all the information it contains, almost on a day-to-day basis, that to continue with "Nulli" in its present form would not be viable. This means that in future the onus to provide articles and information rests solely with the Group's Leaders and Officers and indeed any uniformed member who wishes to. Equally the onus is on Parents of Members and Friends of the Group to take time out to log on to the Group's website and read about all the Sections and Group activities. I sincerely hope all those who are able to access the site will do so on a regular basis. I will certainly continue to contribute with an occasional "Presidents Patter" and remind my Birds of a Feather contacts where to find my enlightening words!

In the second edition of "The Gateway" dated December 1949 a young Patrol Leader of the Hawks Patrol wrote "We welcome new member this month, John Dyson. We came second in this month's competition. Most of the Patrol are attending the Sunday Confirmation classes. Next month we hope to get a regular attendance on Tuesdays and also win the Trophy".

A simple report I wrote for that edition and here I am still writing simple messages to encourage all readers to support all our Scouting endeavours and keep 2<sup>nd</sup> Whitton Second to None (Nulli Secundus).

## Another Grand Gathering!

After the grand gathering and the large attendance at the 2017 Ho Ho Ho it was thought that there might be a dip in the enthusiasm for the 2018 pre-Christmas celebration. Not so, large numbers turned up representing every Section and enjoyed Colin's varied programme joining in the choruses of the Christmas songs and Carols and the turns from each of the Sections. These opportunities for the whole Group to gather are rare so should not be missed. Another opportunity this summer and already well publicised is the Group's Family Camp. This is to be held at the Walton Firs Scout Activity Centre, near Cobham over the weekend of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## It Is the Quality of our Scouting that attracts.

Once it was believed and partly true that the Group's "Our Show", the annual Gang Show, was a factor in attracting large numbers of children who wished to join the Group. Whilst it may have been a factor then it is no longer the case for the shows ceased in 2012. Therefore there must be a greater underlying reason that so many families presently want their children to wear the Green Scarf with the White border. It can therefore only be that the word has spread around the Whitton community and beyond that all our Sections Leadership teams provide the sort of Skills for Life that Scouting with us provides that they cannot deny their children the chance to be part of it.

## The Scout Association Annual Census 2019.

At the end of January each year the Scout Association require every Scout Group in the Country to complete Annual Census forms, and there are a number of pages to be filled in. We currently have a total of 256 uniformed members (6 to 14 years old) comprising 82 Beavers in 2 Colonies, 101 Cubs in 3 Packs, and 73 scouts in 2 troops. Additionally we host an Explorer Unit (14 to 18 years). We have a current Waiting List of children of age to join.

We are the biggest Group in the Richmond upon Thames Scout District and one of the largest in The Greater London South West Scout County.

Grand! But all this means nothing if we cannot sustain the attractive Scouting Activities expected of the small numbers in the Sections Adult leader Teams. What we need is younger blood in terms of adult assistance in all areas, for with our ageing and often over stretched teams, we seriously may face the prospect of having to shut down Sections as we have in the past. Please don't let this happen, think hard about how you can help and volunteer even on a minimum timescale.

**I make no excuse for repeating and extending Grateful thanks to:-**

- All those who worked so hard to enable the Group to properly function both financially and practically as a continuing first class Scouting facility
- Our stalwart Rugby parking stewards for yet another excellent season of fund raising without which the Group's finances could not continue to provide for our Admin costs, and the maintenance of, and improvements to our HQ and grounds and camping equipment.
- All our Warranted Leaders, Helpers and Lay Officers and Committee members for providing yet another year of Second to None Scouting for all our young people

**'Til we meet again on the Web, bye!**

**Geoff Benge**  
**Group President**

## **Presidents Patter Extra - Spring 2019**

### **Hats off for the Editors of 70 years of our Group Magazine**

I thought it only right to give credit to all those folk who have edited our Group magazine over the 70 years of its publication. Thanks are due to Keith Hicks for information on the early editors.

#### **Editor of "The Gateway":-**

George Lambert ("Eddie Torre") (1949 – 1951)

#### **Editors of "Nulli Secundus":-**

Stan Hicks/ Keith Hicks (1959 – 1961)

Gerald "Ossie" Oswald (1961-1966)

Peter Smith (1966)

Pat Williams (1966-1967)

Graham Cook (1967-1968)

Colin Attree (1968-1975)

Neale & Cathy McLaren (1991-1993)

Dan Soutar (1994-1997)

Sue de Boeck (1997-2019)

On behalf of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Whitton Scout Group most grateful thanks to all our editors who down the years have provided so much information to so many for so long. You have been "Nulli Secundus"!

**Geoff Benge**



## LAKES & RIVERS BEAVER SCOUT COLONIES

Since our last report - the Lakes and Rivers Beaver Colonies have been as busy as ever! Weekly meetings have included themes such as: Superheroes, Best of British and Here to Help.

During October, the Beavers were involved in an intergenerational Community Art Project to Remember World War 1. Along with residents from White Farm Lodge Care Home and Year 6 pupils from Chase Bridge Primary School, the Beavers made poppies for a textile to commemorate all those who died. They also made a display of animals used in the war and pictures inspired by musical instruments and symbols to represent Kneller Hall.



The textile was presented at St Phillip and St James Church on Sunday 4th November 2018, with readings and contributions from the three groups who took part in the presence of the Mayor of Richmond. The display was then shown at different venues around the Borough so that it could be enjoyed by the wider community.

Just before Christmas we took over the Snakes & Ladders indoor adventure playground at Syon Park where we had a fun evening climbing, swinging and sliding.

The Group's annual Christmas event - the "220 Ho Ho Ho" was a great success and raised £750 for Help for Heroes. It was fantastic to see so many Beavers and their families there. A big well done to those Beavers who performed "Jingle Floss" and a particular mention to Florence, Penny, Elouise M, Elouise L, Alfie and Ursula - who sang a fantastic version of "A Million Dreams" from the film The Greatest Showman.

January saw some of the Colony attend the District's New Year Party at Teddington Baptist Church. Here the Beavers enjoyed a fun packed afternoon of games, crafts, food and Professor Tumble's Circus Workshop - where some impressive juggling skills were demonstrated!

Our badge collection keeps growing too.

For the My World Challenge Badge - we have learnt how to say a greeting in another language, met people whose job it is to help our community, thought about how we keep our Beaver Promise and found out about Beaver Scouts in other countries.

For the Digital Maker Badge - we created a graphic for a computer game, app, or website and thought about how we use technology in everyday life.



All of this hard work means that more of our older Beavers have now achieved the highest award in Beaver Scouting - The Chief Scout's Bronze Award. To attain the award Beaver Scouts must have completed all six Challenge Badges by the time they join Cubs - which is no mean feat!

So - A big well done and congratulations to them all! They are:

From Lakes: Arthur Rudolph and Oscar Rudolph.

From Rivers: Archie Drake, Rose Harvey, Nell Glassett, Florence Bensberg, Eddie Covill, Aerin Ho, Daniel Coleman, Luke Randall, Harry Jones, Benjamin Oliffe and Patrick Olivier.







We are pleased to welcome the following Beavers and their families to 2<sup>nd</sup> Whitton and hope that they enjoy their time with us.

To Lakes: Kiana Mistry, Seb Evans, William Dickson, Jayna Adiele, Jack Santos, Sonia Sikka-Mesia, Henry Lea, Anna Roden, Zane Paul, Robbie Dawit, Joseph Silva, Gobind Sahota, Amar Jodh Sahota and Rishaan Nayak.

To Rivers: Leo Simpson, Ronnie Riddett, Tristan Raad, Thomas Haylock, Ethan Edwards, Jacob Moran, Thomas Bickers, Noah Hunt and Nevaan Garg.

As we move into summer - we look forward to Family Camp at Walton Firs, our annual Adventure Challenge Sleepover at Broadstone Warren, Beaver Day Camp and much much more!

So as I finish this final Beaver Report for "Nulli Secundus" in its current format - I would firstly like to thank Sue de Boeck for editing the magazine for the last 22 years. She has done a sterling job in "encouraging" the sections to contribute every term and in doing so has managed to ensure that the more recent history of 2<sup>nd</sup> Whitton Scout Group has been recorded.

I, for one, will continue to keep news of the Lakes & Rivers Colonies' activities and achievements updated on the [2<sup>nd</sup> Whitton website](#) - so make sure you visit regularly to find out what we have been up to.

See you all at Family Camp!

Nikki

## Yellow Pack Report

Hello everyone.

It has been a busy few months with Yellow Pack, so, once again thank you to all the leaders, scouts, and parents who have made all this possible since the last report.

In the last Nulli report we were about to go on the trip to the great Cockrow Railway. We had a great day traveling on the miniature steam trains, playing wide games and eating sausages and burgers. Thanks to the parents who helped on the day.

The next activity was sailing. This was quite hard for the Cubs, especially as we chose the calmest day ever, but the Cubs learnt about how to sail, and all enjoyed themselves.

We have done quite a few cinema and theatre trips, the most memorable being "Horrible Histories" - both the "Ancient Egyptians" (Richmond theatre) and the "Terrible Tudors" (Beck theatre Hayes). We also saw "Goodnight Mr Tom" ((Hampton Hill theatre) and we also went to see "Alice in Wonderland" at St Edmunds church hall, which was the best Panto I have seen for some time. I learnt a lot from the Horrible Histories too.

We had a Halloween visit to Chessington, and other activities have included Go karting, District swimming Gala (well done to the Cubs who took part in the gala) and the Christmas sing song.

Friday evenings have also been busy as the meetings have included Ghosts and Ghouls evening, a great talk from Gail Goddard regarding Dementia, so the Cubs are all now dementia friendly. We raised a lot of money for children in need, did the home help Badge and photographers Badge, had a remembrance meeting, Christmas party, and a craft evening, and a meeting in the dark only using torches and ending with indoor fireworks!

Just before Christmas 30 Cubs went on a pack holiday to Bentley Copse. The weekend was full of activities including night hikes, quad biking, archery, go karting, climbing and caving. A great weekend was had by all.

As I write this report I am planning the last few bits regarding a trip to France. 40 of us are going on a trip in half term to Paris, and Disneyland Paris. Something we have never done before.

On top of this a lot of badges are taken, and the following Cubs have gained a place on the honours board by gaining the highest award in Cubs. I hope they enjoy their time at scouts.

Cubs for the honours board:

Joshua Watkins Stacey, Gabriel Vernon Angus, Milo Wilde, Glulio James-Palmer, Jacob Dean, Laith Read, Elvin Derong, Alex Pickford Stanley, Alex Goldring, Joseph Harvey, Veronica Miteva, Alex Ho, Taylor Baker, Ed Baron, Michaela Simitchieva, Brooke Short and Cara Pocock.

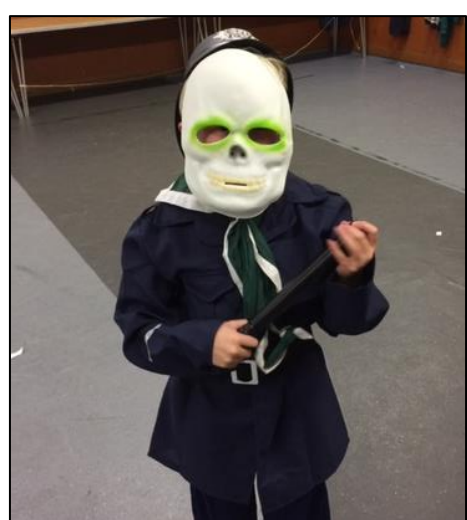
Once again a busy time. I have posted photos on the website, and hope some of the photos will come out in this report.

Thanks again to the leader team, who support and organise all the activities

Akela Phil Beal  
Yellow Pack leader



## Yellow Pack Photos:











*What a busy bunch you are in Yellow Pack (Ed)*



## Bird troop Report



Since the last Nulli Birds have been incredibly busy! We are welcoming a large number of new Scouts and we look forward to taking them on their Scouting Journey, hopefully awarding them their Chief Scout's Gold award in a few years' time. We are also very proud that 8 of our current troop have been accepted to be part of the County's European Jamboree unit that heads to Poland in 2020. We hope they all have a fantastic time!

During our Tuesday evenings we have worked hard to increase the Scouts cooking skills, creating our own flavoured ice cream and crisps. We also ran a MasterChef style challenge where each patrol prepared and cooked a three course

meal for the Leaders to judge in only 90 minutes. The results were fantastic, making the judging quite a task and giving Gordon Ramsey a run for his money.



This term we have tried to send a strong message of inclusivity; we explored different types of disabilities and how we take our senses for granted, playing an inclusive game of Goal Ball (a team sport designed specifically for athletes with a vision impairment), took part in a sound recognition quiz and a mindfulness podcast. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the mental health charity, Mind, who ran a valuable session on how to look after ourselves, each other and raise awareness for mental health as part of the Scouting Million Hands initiative. We also had a great deal of fun this term.



We had a night of Djembe Drumming with Jahdiafolila, taking a cultural trip into traditional African music. We ran a board games night and we had a flipping good time at Flip Out Trampoline Park. The Scouts also took control where for the last night of the term two of our older Scouts, Thomas and Michael, ran a whole evening together on knots and pioneering which showed off their fantastic leadership skills.



Finally, we have been out and about on a number of camps. Since the last Nulli we had a spookily good time at Scarefest, were one of the first Groups to try out Walton Firs' amazing (and warm) new pods, went on our annual paintballing trip where the Scouts use the leaders for target practice and most recently Sky Camp, where the Scouts made a very impressive structure to sleep on from scratch, which had to be at least one metre off the ground!



Birds Leadership Team

## Animal Troop Report

We offer a very warm welcome to the many new members who have joined Animal Troop since January. They are: Brook, Giulio, Mia, Laith, Cara Thomas, Elvin, Alex PS, Alex Ho, Ruby, Taylor, Ed, Zachary, Alex G, Milo, Manuel and Joseph H. So welcome to you all.

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to some scouts: Bryn, Tegu and Luiz who went to Explorers - hope to see you all again.

We have number of Badges gained this term. They were: Cooking Badge, Shooting badge, First aid, Fishing, Circus and Sport, badges.

So what have Animal Troop been doing? The scouts have done a whole variety of different things. The Troop went fishing at Syon park. That was a great day, then that night we did a night prowling. One Wednesday night we went go karting and ice skating with Yellow pack at Guildford. Beau, Bessie and James went on the Patrol leaders' weekend course and Alan stayed the weekend to help out. A great weekend. We also had a pancake night, first aid 2 night, Circus night with lots of magic, a shooting practice and a Reptile night with Alan's reptiles.

Future events are: St George's Day parade, Scout cooking competition, air plane activity, abseiling, Water weekend, day prowling, Borough camp, Chessington world of adventure trip, cycling badge and much more.

A big thank you to all the leaders and parents who help on scout nights. Plus we leaders would like to thank Andy and Adrian for all their hard work they have done for Animal troop over the years. We hope to see you guys soon.

Alan/Richard/Mark  
Animal Troop Scout Leadership

**These photos are from the Paris trip which was enjoyed by Yellow Pack and Animal Troop members.**









And these from Animals' fishing trip



## Green Pack Report

We have said goodbye to Jamie Gregory, Peter Hill Kelly, Thomas Bolton, Niall Lydon, Ruby Pike, Kevin Joshi, Callum Arthurs, Joel Dungate, Bertie Shaw, Jamie Conner and Jaskaran Dosanjh to Scouts or other interests and we wish them well with their future endeavours. But a big welcome to George Jones, Thomas Hawley, Tom Sheehy, Lucas Russell, Samarth Sheth, Joshua Briggs, Oliver Samuel, Devan Sharma, Elsa Clarke, Charlie Clarke, Arthur Rudolph, Oscar Rudolph and Darsh Kamath who have joined us at Green pack and also to their families.

We have had a busy few months doing: a winter camp weekend at Walton Firs at which we did the Scientist badge; a Halloween party; a Cub quiz; Ten pin Green pack bowling tournament; Chinese New Year; our yearly Pancake evening; the Home Help badge; Fire Safety badge and a visit to the Fire station and we are also working on the Our Skills Challenge badge. We are also looking forward to Spy camp this summer.





