



News from Janna Brooker, Beaver Leader

Applications now open!

We have had a fun term at Beavers learning about money skills, talking about different currencies as well as our own and thinking about what we want to save our pocket money for. We have played lots of games whilst thinking about the importance of healthy foods and exercise. We have done a disability assessment on the hut and completed our digital maker badge! Along with lighting candles and tying knots. Brilliant term– thank you to all the Beavers!



News from Rachel Keen, Cub Leader

Gosh! It might only have been a short term, but the Cubs seemed to have packed a lot into it! We started our term with a trip to watch the Gang Show - as ever, a superb show and it was absolutely brilliant to see so many 3rds singing and dancing their hearts out. Back at the hut, we have pioneered, cooked (including pancakes over tin cans!), explored what it means to be a 'digital citizen' and practised our emergency aid skills. Cubs have also had the opportunity to visit Bayfordbury Observatory and St John's Church. Towards the end of the Spring Term, half the pack took part in the District Cub camp at Tolmers, which was great fun! Dates for the diary for next term:

- 27th June rafting at Stanborough,
- 28th June District cubs Rothamsted challenge,
- A summer sleepover date TBC
- 7th July district cubs cycle ride
- 6-8th September Cub camp



**Sunday 21st April
St. George's Day Parade
Tea and cake at the hut
afterwards. All welcome!**



News from Jane Burns, Scout Leader

This term has seen our Scouts braving sub-zero temperatures camping outdoors at the hut, hiking round Harpenden to find post boxes without getting eaten by Pacman and a fantastic session at the Redbourn golf club driving range! We have welcomed 5 new joiners this term and we are saying goodbye to senior scouts Manny, James Bonner and Olly Berg, who will all be sorely missed. Our Scouts have demonstrated some amazing creativity in our recent stop motion animation session and we had two brilliant entries for our Photography competition. Senior scouts have been busy devising the recent Nerf camp at the hut and helping their patrols plan a 3 course menu for our annual cooking competition. To round off this term, a cracking team of four competed in the County triathlon at Lees Wood to better their performance last year (where they came second) and they won! **Huge congratulations to George, Annie, Oliver and Joe.** Next term sees us running the popular back to basics Survival camp again and an exciting summer camp trip to look forward to, in the Peak District for the first time.

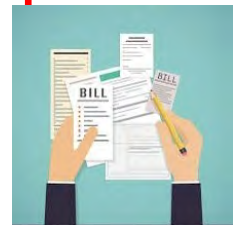


News from Martin Allen, GSL

- Family group camp at Phasels Wood (see picture) **20– 22nd September.** We'd love to take as many families as possible. All are welcome. Lots of activities for the children to enjoy. Please email Martin if you have any questions or would like to sign up. gsl.3rds@gmail.com
- Thank you to everyone who came along to the maintenance day. Loads of jobs were ticked off the list. It makes such a difference when everyone comes together.
- You may have noticed some building work taking place at the hut. This is for a storage unit that the District will use. Plans are progressing for the building work to take place on the hut. More news to follow.



Please talk to your leader if it is a struggle to afford camps/extra activities etc as help may be available. This also extends to annual fees, as spreading the payment over the year may also be possible.



Our Governance and support volunteers

Joe Abberley - Group Chair
Dave Burns - Secretary
Martin Allen - Group Scout Leader
Leonie Monks & Karen Blackwell - Treasurers
Carl Hibbert- Hut Bookings
Vacant- Hut and Ground management
Amanda Ellison - Communications
Jo Rickard - Waiting List

Thank you to Tom Yarrow who has stepped down after two years of helping us maintain the hut and grounds.