# “Words from Thirds”

**3rd Harpenden Scout Group**
**Spring ’25 Newsletter**
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## BEAVERS

News from Janna Brooker, Beaver Leader

This term at Beavers we’ve been working on our Cook Badge. We’ve looked at different food groups and what makes a balanced diet, how to be safe in the kitchen and how it’s important to keep our work area clean. For our Builder Badge, we designed our own machines and then had a great time building our designs, there was a lot of imagination involved and a lot of fun seeing the Beavers bringing them to reality! For the Digital Citizen Badge we looked at how to keep safe when playing and working online, the Beavers talk about the importance of passwords and making sure our adults are aware of when and what we look at when online. We’ve even managed to have some outdoor fun too, with an obstacle course in the garden and a ramble on the common.

## cubs

News from Rachel Keen, Cub Leader

Cubs have had a great Spring term. We started by taking a group of Cubs to see the 75th Gang Show, which was, as ever, a superb show - applications for the 2026 show are now open! We've completed our Air Activities, Pioneering and Home Safety badges this term as well as working towards our Challenge badges. There are seven of these Challenge badges and if a Cub achieves all of them, they are awarded their Silver Chief Scout's Award - this is the highest award in Cubs and not easy to attain. We also held a Spring sleepover, which was well attended. Nights Away are the highlight of Scouting and enable our young people to build resilience, confidence, skills and strengthen their “Scouty” friendships.

Scouts News from Leader Jane Burns

Kicking off the 2025 camping season, our intrepid scouts have braved a night's camping outside at the hut so far this term, with some challenging sleeping conditions courtesy of the noisy railway engineering works, but at least it took their minds of the sub-zero temperatures! With a Squid Game-themed wide game at Heartwood, a hike back to cook their own tea, followed by a 6-legged pentathlon (no slapping!), they certainly demonstrated great resilience and teamwork! A first for 3rds this year, we entered two teams into the Scout and Girl Guide Monopoly Run Live event, held in London and attended by over 8000 scouts from across the UK. It was a truly amazing experience, topped by both teams doing remarkably well for their debut tries! A fun Monday night outdoors was a new variation on our chip shop hike (not the same without Pinar's, though….), followed by a wonderfully clear, star-gazing night hike to Heartwood. The scouts have also been practising their bowling skills in Watford, and too part in our annual patrol cooking competition, with some delicious-receipes.

Two teams will shortly be aiming to defend our win last year at the Hertfordshire Scouts triathlon on Sunday 23/3 - go 3rds! We were delighted that five Chief Scout's Gold awards were earned this term by the following 3rds scouts/explorers: George Allen, Oliver Hibbert, Olly Berg, James Bonner and Noa Vicente-Serra. And our mighty Green Beret top team competitors were also awarded the District trophy from District scouter Steve Cast, for being the highest-placed team in our District last November. This term we have welcomed 6 new joiners into Scouts from Cubs, and will be saying a very teary goodbye to Oliver Hibbert and George Allen in a couple of weeks.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Maintenance Day on 6th April, 10-4pm.BBQ and refreshments. All welcome! Please come and help with hut and ground upkeep and to meet other families at the 3rds.**
- **St. George's Day parade on Sunday 27th April. Event will solely take place in Rothamsted park. Drinks and games at the hut afterwards.**
- **Family Day on Sunday 21st September, 1-5pm Welcome to all families at the 3rds. Fun day for all and another opportunity to meet other 3rds families. Super-fast AGM too!**