Scouting is purely run by Volunteers and we are always needing more people to be involved! Please contact Martin Allan if you are interested gsl.3rds@gmail.com

"Words from Thirds"

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BEAVERS

News from Janna Brooker, Beaver Leader

What a fun term we have had at Beavers!

We started the term planting some seeds to take home, to watch them grow, a trip to Batford Springs for some pond (river) dipping, a trip to Harpenden Fire Station and finishing the term with camp at the hut and a visit to St John's Church, with other Badge work, games and fun in between! Great work Beavers!

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This term has been packed with yet more excitement and skill-building as our Cubs tackled a range of activities and badgework. We started the term sprucing up on our gardening skills and, since then, have endeavoured to spend every session outside! Cubs practised erecting tents (a key skill for Cubs!) and successfully managed to roll them up and squeeze them back into the bags! Our capable Sixers ran an evening and we enjoyed a range of different activities - it's always so great to see our young people step up to the challenge of leadership. This term, we have also practised our communication skills and been den building at Heartwood Forest along with rafting at Stanborough and a joint summer sleepover with the Beavers. Cubs have also had the opportunity to join in District Cub bike ride.
We're now looking forward to our Autumn camp in September - it's always a great weekend!

Scouts News from Leader Jane Burns

Every so often in Scouts we have a super strong cohort of children who gel as friends and grow wonderfully together throughout their time with us. When they move on, it leaves a huge but memorable hole in our troop and our scouty hearts… And so we bid a fond farewell to the last of this current band of scouting wonders - Cal, Jamie, Joe and Charlie. Not forgetting Pippa, who has weathered some lean times within our section on the 'girl' front, starting as one of only two or three in the troop and now leaving behind a fantastic, unprecedented legacy of nearly 50% girls! We wish you ALL well in your next scouting adventures.

This term has seen us enjoying more activities outdoors, from building water-catchers and practising fire-lighting to learning how to use axes, saws and knives safely. An off-site trip to the local Foot/Disc-golf course was thoroughly enjoyed, as was the water-based evening in the recent sweltering temperatures! Our scouts have demonstrated their pioneering prowess with some awesome camp gadget creations, devised entertaining Scouting promo videos and chased each other around Harpenden in leader Tim's now famous Pacman Challenge! After over seven years of being an amazingly approachable, versatile and reliable scout leader with us at 3rds, Tim is finally hanging up his woggle and stepping back. So a huge, scouty 3rds thanks to him from all of us. Event-wise, our two Triathlon teams did us proud in the County competition again, coming 4th and 7th. And now we have this year's exciting, week-long summer camp in Herringfleet, Suffolk, to look forward to – so heading east for a change!

A very big thank you to Tim Cunningham who is stepping down, after nearly 8 years, as a Scout Leader for the -Tim you will be missed!

Roger Ellison will be picking up the baton and joining the 3rds as a Scout Leader. Welcome Roger!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- Family Day on **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.
- Cub camp - 5-7th September
- **Uniform** - please make sure your young person is wearing the correct uniform Cub/Beaver polo top/ jumper and scarf each week along with plain coloured shorts/leggings/trousers and appropriate footwear. For Scouts—scout trousers and belt, scout shirt and scarf!
- **Drop-off times** - please can all parents adhere to drop off and pick up times. Beavers Monday 6-7pm, Cubs Wednesday 6:45-8pm, Scouts Monday 7:30-9pm. Beavers and Cubs must be walked up the lane to the Hut by an adult, and not dropped at the bottom of the lane. Beavers and Cubs should arrive a couple of minutes before the session start time, and please confirm with the Leaders that you are able to depart, as they may need to work out child and adult ratios. We know the children (and their parents) are eager for the session to start, but it is a safeguarding issue if this is not followed.