

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Row Scouts Newsletter

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- New term starts on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008
- Subscriptions will increase to £25 per term from January 2008
- Visit our website [www.1stStokeRowScouts.net](http://www.1stStokeRowScouts.net) to view the latest term diaries, and see pictures of camps and activities!

## Centenary Celebrations - 100 Years of Scouting!



The Scouts centenary year is drawing to a close and we have enjoyed celebrating it throughout the year, along with other Scout groups from our district and Scouts from all over the world. Four special badges were

introduced to mark the Centenary: Bring a Friend, Centenary Camps, Scouting Sunrise and Join In Centenary.

In May, we enjoyed our Centenary Camp - 300 people (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and parents) from the district gathered together at Lord Phillimore's estate in Binfield Heath for a very enjoyable event. Our Scouts proved their map-reading prowess on their 14K hike, winning the South Chilterns District Wells Mallet Trophy for the first time in nearly 20 years - a great achievement!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the district gathered at Henley Town Hall with Martin Strong, our District Commissioner, to renew their Promise, marking the date that Baden Powell began his first camp on Brownsea Island 100 years previously. Those people that were on holiday on that day, also made their Promise at the same time. Scouts all over the world held similar ceremonies.

The Beavers held a Bring a Friend night, entertaining 15 guests to earn the Bring a Friend badge. With the help of Parish Councilor and ex Beaver Leader, Kate Fotherby, who dug the hole, they buried a time capsule for future Beavers to explore. They made a Centenary collage, and enjoyed a Centenary party.

Ending the Centenary year in style, we enjoyed a group Christmas Party for all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and their families on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at Checkendon village hall.

To mark the Centenary, the Woodland Trust and Scout Association plan to plant 100,000 trees - we are funding a couple of the new Copper Beech trees that Stoke Row Club are planting on the Recreation Ground.



The Beavers ended their busy term with a party. The Beavers brought food to share, and enjoyed an evening of fun and games.

They were also invited to join Goring Heath Beavers Christmas party. There were lots of Christmas crafts - making gift tags, tasty chocolate truffles, even reindeer antlers and noses! There was a very important visitor too - Mrs. Claus dropped by, accompanied by a team of husky dogs!



The Cubs rounded off the term with a party - lots of fun and games for all, with hot chocolate all round at the end!



Results of the Scouts Best Patrol Competition are in: Congratulations Bulldog Patrol! The latest photos will be on our website, [www.1stStokeRowScouts.net](http://www.1stStokeRowScouts.net), soon!

We are looking for some additional Scout Leaders. If you would like to know more, please email Barry at [jb47mcgrath@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jb47mcgrath@yahoo.co.uk).