



1st Stoke Row Scouts Newsletter

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November 2007



- Last day of term, 5th December 2007
- New term starts on 9th January 2008
- Subscriptions will increase to £25 per term from January 2008



Just after half term, our seven new Beavers were honoured by being invested by Katherine Adams - the District Commissioner for Beavers. These were Jack Broadbent, Thomas Bartlett, Reuben Lloyd, Kieran Lloyd, Adam Porter, Eleanor Lee and Holly Munoz. Louis Saraff has earned his Joining in 1 badge and Daniel May, Adam Porter and Eleanor Lee their Animal Friend Activity Badge.

The Join-In-Centenary and Bring a Friend badge was earned by many Beavers on the evening in October when they invited a friend along to an evening celebrating the Centenary. These were Jack Broadbent, Callum Ravden, Edward Bloomer, Thomas Bartlett, Reuben Lloyd, Kieran Lloyd, Adam Porter, Eleanor Lee and Holly Munoz. Daniel May and Billy Oxley earned their Join-in-Centenary Badge.

Since half term, we have been doing lots of creative stuff, icing and eating little cakes, making a Centenary collage by sticking lots of exciting dried beans and rice on to it, and making our surprise Christmas card and woodcraft gift, thanks to Adam's dad, Charles, who is a carpenter. We all had great fun in the dark in the woods near Tarka's house on a beautifully cold and clear night, making a campfire, then cooking sausages, marshmallows and toffee apples and singing some campfire songs. We also tried to find (with difficulty!) the shelters we had made in September! We are also glad that the Beavers are now looking at our website and finding some photos of our activities this year.



The Scouts enjoyed a spooky Halloween evening, with scary games in the dark, and ghoulish, (not to mention messy), ghost stories to frighten the new boys!

We had a trip back in time when Sandra Wickens joined us and gave a very entertaining talk about the history of Stoke Row. She bought a selection of old fashioned and modern items to compare - a selection of dolls, candles and a torch, a calculator and a slide rule. She also showed the Scouts a pig hook, used to cure meat.

Last week, the scouts enjoyed a night hike through the woods. This week and next week, they are working on some secret craft projects ... so no peeking. Our Remembrance Sunday Parade at Checkendon saw our best number of Scouts attending that Mowgli can remember - well done!

Following last month's reminder, thank you to all parents for delivering their children safely to the leader at the Pavilion at the start of the meeting. On the 5th December, our last meeting of the term, we plan an **end of term celebration** with silly songs round the campfire - everyone's welcome - bring a camp blanket!



This month we have been at the pavilion every night. We have had sessions on Emergency Aid and Fire Safety badges this month, which we will complete next year.

We will invest two more Scouts in December bringing our number to 14. We will also be completing our Best Patrol Competition at the end of term - Bulldog Patrol is in the lead at the moment, but the other 2 patrols have a chance!