

1st Stoke Row Scouts Newsletter

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Autumn term starts on 16th September 2009



The Beavers have had a lot of fun this term! We had a great evening with Jane Lovering and her Dog Agility Course. Ten dogs joined us for the evening and we were amazed to see how well some of them coped with see-saws and tunnels, having never done them before! Just before the end of term, we had a fun evening on the Rec, cycling and doing an obstacle course and Wall of Boxes. Tarka's son and his friend ran a bike workshop, making repairs and adjustments to bikes before the activity.

Following Zodiac09 and our Fun Day, 16 Beavers - Edward, Reuben, Kieran, Adam, Eleanor, Holly, Jessica, John, Elias, Kester, Jasper, Archie B, Freddie, William, Emma and Archie G. - earned their Adventure Activity Award. Emma earned her Stage 1 Musician Badge by playing the piano for us and doing various tests, Kester earned his Animal Activity Badge by looking after Kit Kat, and Archie earned his hobby badge by playing rugby. Eight Beavers added another night to their Nights Away staged badge, and two earned their first Nights away badge. More Beavers were awarded their Swimmer Stage 1 badge (after answering some tricky questions on Water Safety). Seventeen Beavers were awarded their Creative Challenge badge, which we have been working towards all term. Well done to all Beavers who worked so hard for all their badges this term.

So another fun-filled term for the Beavers has ended, and we look forward to seeing you all again on September 16th, Happy Holidays!

On the 28th June, a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon, we held a party in Trevor Gibbin's honour, as he is retiring as Group Scout Leader, after 20 years of service to the Scouts. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, their families, past and present leaders and committee members gathered to enjoy a tasty barbecue and fun and games at Hammond's Farm in Checkendon. Everyone had a lovely time in this beautiful location.



The Cubs have had another busy term making the most of the lovely light evenings. They have been getting out and about in Stoke Row, spotting some of the local and less well-known landmarks, as well as practising their tent-building, fire-lighting and cooking skills. We've been finding out about St George, learning the National Anthem, and most of us took part in the annual parade in Henley with all the other Scouts in the District to celebrate St George's Day, which culminated in a special church service to celebrate the life of Robert Baden Powell, the founder of the Scouting Movement.

For our last week of term held our annual game of rounders in Checkendon, we invested a new Cub, George, we welcomed some more new people, and said goodbye to one or two of our older boys who are moving up to Scouts in September - we also presented lots and lots of badges in recognition of all the hard work and activities that the Cubs have been doing this summer. Phew - it must be time for a rest! (Happy summer, everyone!)



This term, the Scouts have been working actively towards their Challenge badges, particularly the Community Challenge Badge. The new Scouts have also completed their Promise Challenge Badge, so it has been a productive term.

Our two new Scout Leaders have now completed their training, and so on the 15th July, our last night, we invested them, as well as 3 new Scouts, making a total of 18 active Scouts.

On the 8th June, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts came together for our annual Fun Family Evening. There were lots of fun activities for the younger ones, while parents and leaders mingled, enjoying a glass of something and an excellent barbecue.