

1st Stoke Row Scouts Newsletter

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Summer Term ends on 15th July

Retirement party for Trevor Gibbins: Checkendon, 28th June from 12 noon



Eleven Beavers, all 3 Beavers leaders and 7 parents, also 2 Cubs and 5 Scouts, took advantage of spending a gloriously sunny day at the Zodiac09 County Camp on the Bank

Holiday Sunday at the beginning of half term. We all had an exciting, though exhausting day, with the young people trying lots of different activities such as bouldering, bungee trampolining, sumo wrestling and fencing. We had a fascinating hour with the Reptile Road Show and built a huge mural made up of woggles on poles spelling out the Zodiac Logo. A huge amount of work went into organising the Weekend Camp, so it was great that Stoke Row Scout Group were able to participate.

Vixen bought some beautiful flowers for the Pavilion planters which the Beavers have planted and we are sure the villagers are enjoying them as they walk round the Rec! Nicola and some local mums are kindly watering these throughout the summer. The Beavers learned to put up a two-man tent, in readiness for our camping weekend on 6th June in Tarka's lovely garden. Despite a little rain, 11 Beavers attended the Fun Day and/or Camp and had lots of fun. They followed a challenging 2-hour trail set by Tarka's husband, Tony, collecting letters on tennis balls which spelt the name of our new Chief Scout - Bear Grylls, completed an obstacle/assault course, had had races in the new wheelie bins! The day finished with a barbecue for all the Beavers' families and a campfire, with singing and of course, marshmallows. The Beavers slept well, despite the storm!

As a result of the visit to Zodiac09 and the Beaver Fun Day, 16 Beavers have now earned their Adventure Activity Award - Edward, Reuben, Kieran, Adam, Eleanor, Holly, Jessica, John, Elias, Kester, Jasper, Archie B, Freddie, William, Emma and Archie G. Well done Beavers! Emma has also earned her Stage 1 Music Badge by playing her piano to us and doing various tests, Kester earned his Animal Activity Badge by looking after Kit Kat, and Archie Barribal earned his hobby badge by playing rugby. We had great fun tie dying T-shirts for our Creative Challenge Badge and look forward to showing off our original-design T-shirts!



The Cubs had a fantastic time at their Longridge Camp, where they enjoyed a host of activities on (and in)

the river at Marlow. They were kayaking, sailing, dragon-boating and bell-boating. They also took part in climbing activities, scaling the climbing wall, and many (including Akela) took the 'leap of faith' - they climbed a 30 foot pole - and then jumped off (thankfully with a harness!)

This month, the Cubs have been building shelters in the woods, and went for a challenging bike ride up to Nuffield. They also enjoyed an evening finding out about nature, and are now experts at identifying the local trees.

This weekend, the Cubs are looking forward to their District Cub Camp at the Nettlebed estate, where they will be joining up with about 80 other Cubs from other packs in the area. The overall theme for the weekend will be Britain through the Ages - and amongst the Druids, Romans, Tudors and 60s Rockers, Stoke Row Cubs will be stoically reliving our 'finest hour' - thinking about life during the Second World War, but hopefully without the air raids and food rationing! Wish us luck!



On Sunday
14th June,
11 Scouts
attended the

Stoke Row Car Club rally in aid to Stoke Row School minibus fund. The Scouts helped to collect around £1000 for this fund, so many thanks to them for a job well done!

We are wall climbing, sailing and orienteering this month so it is a varied program. On 15th July, our last night, we will be investing 2 Leaders and 3 new Scouts making a total of 18 active Scouts.

We have also taught the Scouts fire lighting and had a session on Axe & Saw Safety, as part of their basic scouting skills.

The **Scouts AGM** was held on 20th May at 8.30. Trevor Gibbins received an award for his long service to the Scout group, and thank you badges were given to Catherine Clarke who prepares the newsletters and Peter Sutcliff who looks after our website - well worth a visit for the latest news and some great pictures of our camps and activities.

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