

## End of Term Newsletter

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**St Georges Day Parade - Sunday 20 April, 2.30 at Henley Town Hall**  
**Summer Term dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008 (Half term is 28<sup>th</sup> May)**  
**Subscriptions for the Summer term will be £25**  
**AGM - Wed 21st May**

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The Beavers have had another packed term! We began the term with a night hike through the woods in Stoke Row. We stopped to listen for animal and bird noises - but possibly the noise the Beavers made scared away the wildlife, so we did not hear very much! However, it was a crystal-clear night, so we could all enjoy the beautiful waning moon.

Jack Broadbent earned his Animal Badge and brought his two guinea pigs in to show the Beavers. Following our swimming evening, Jack Broadbent, Daniel May and Eleanor Lee gained their Swimming Stage 1 Badge. We had an excellent Emergency Aid night with Toby's mum, Fiona. Police Community Safety Officers, Mark Bell and Claire Hewitt visited the Beavers, and talked about road safety, and gave us some good advice on what you should do if you get lost.

The Madzar family took us all on a visit to Germany, where the Beavers learned some German words, ate some yummy German food and even played some German games. There were medals all round when 14 Beavers attended the District Winter Olympics, hosted by the Shiplake colony.

The Beavers had fun doing junk painting and modelling. They also talked about healthy eating.

Our show on 5<sup>th</sup> March was a great success - the Leaders were very proud of the Beavers' performance and mums provided a delicious tea. We raised £163 for the homeless. Clare Palmer came along from the Drop In Centre at St Saviours church. She told us about the centre, and how they help homeless people, and showed us pictures of some of the men that use the Centre. We also donated lots of men's underwear and tinned foods. A big thank you to the families who supported this fundraising event so well!

Molly Clarke has made great progress with learning to play the piano and Ellie Kinghorn has learned some times tables for their Personal Challenge Badge. We shall be awarding these girls their Chief Scouts Bronze Award on 26 March as we say goodbye and wish them well in Cubs.

We shall be increasing our numbers to 22 beavers, just for the summer term.

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**Sunday 20 April, 2.30 pm**



**Meeting at  
Henley Town Hall**

As Akela puts it, "*Be there ... or be dead!*"

**Why do we celebrate St Georges Day?**  
Lord Baden-Powell chose Saint George to be The Patron Saint of The Scout Association. He felt that the Saint George of legend set a good example of faith, courage and perseverance.

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The Cubs say a farewell to Alex Robinson, Harry Wickens and Dominic Opalinski, all of whom are leaving us, and have earned their Chief Scout Silver Awards from Pete Phillips.

We welcome the new Cubs joining us this term, Charlie Crump, Conrad Sedwell, Jack Darnbrough, Ellie Kinghorn and Molly Clarke.

We have been working on Emergency Aid, Road Safety and Local Knowledge badges, have done some DIY stuff (with lashings of lovely gloss paint), decorated pots for Mother's Day and played lots of games.

Six Cubs from Stoke Row were involved in the District Scrap Yard Challenge event in February, and Will Hyde and Conrad Sedwell were amongst the 6 finalists who will hopefully be representing South Chilterns at County level at some point in the future.

The District Cub Camp will run from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Ipsden - more details to follow nearer the time.

Details of our camp will also follow next term.

Cubs are reminded to bring a coat to each Cub meeting (and to take it home again - Akela has quite a collection!)

This term, we welcomed a new Assistant Scout Leader, Ruth Anderson. Charlie Habasinski has been helping as a Young Scout Leader. We also have an Instructor, Jon Bartlett, an ex Scout Leader who has been helping Barry run the group.

There will be four new Scouts joining us next term, bringing our numbers up to 18. We should then be in a position to form a new Patrol, which will give us 4 patrols.

This term, the Scouts enjoyed a night hike from Checkendon Church to The Fox in Cane End, testing their map reading, compass skills and team work!

We are looking forward to the Essex International Jamboree in July/August. Details will follow next term.



Have you visited our Website yet?  
[www.1stStokeRowScouts.net](http://www.1stStokeRowScouts.net)

There are lots of photos from this year's Camps and activities. You can read previous newsletters, and you can also see the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts term diaries, to keep you fully up-to-date with the plans for each week!

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Please come and join us at the  
**1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Row Scouts AGM**  
on Wednesday 21st May

We would like to have a couple of new Committee Members to help plan and organise social events such as BBQ's and Christmas Parties.