

1st Stoke Row Scouts Newsletter

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- St George's Day Parade - Sunday 18th April at 2.30pm (before our term restarts).
- Note: The Cubs Beale Park Visit has been postponed.
- Summer term: 21 April to 14th July



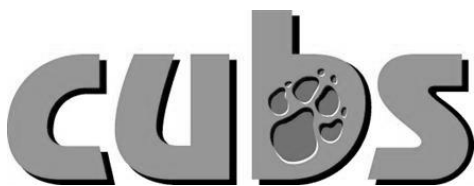
The Beavers had a very successful swimming night in Kate Fotherby's lovely pool. Lots of children swam their 25 metres and several then passed their

Stage 1 swimmer badge test – Jessica Roberts, John Higgins, Elias Madzar, Kester Jacob, Freddie Street, Michael Croft, Billy Bradley, Alex Darnbrough, Nathan May and Nicola Lee, pending having learned a few rules about swimming safely! Archie Barribal and William Hybert are on their way to gaining Stage 2! Well done Beavers.

We have invested Alex Darnbrough, Nicola Lee, James Irons and Hannah Bloomer and we wish them a very happy two years with our Colony. James and Nicola have been looking after their dog and have both gained their Animal Activity Badge.

On 10th March the Beavers entertained their families and other friends in the Pavilion with a wonderful display of judo, guitar and flute playing, poetry recitation and joke telling. The beavers were all very brave to stand up in front of a hall full of people and we are very proud of them. Our guests were served with tea and cakes, there was a raffle and Alex Darnbrough correctly guessed the name of the Teddy (Marshmallow). A fantastic £221.38 was raised for Helen and Douglas House. Ruth Morse came from the charity and told us about the wonderful work they do with children and young adults. The Beavers are also filling Smarties tubes (having eaten the contents) with loose change, so we hope to raise about £250 for the Charity. Look out for our photo and write up in the Henley Standard!

We wish you all very happy Easter Holidays and look forward to seeing you back on 21 April – our term will end on 14th July.



This term, the Cubs have been finding out about how to deal with

blood, burns, gore and what to do if someone is

unconscious. Remember **DRAB!** (Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing)

We have been carrying out some secretive craft projects, making special gifts for Mother's Day, and as a mum, I can say that the results were very lovely!

Six 'crafty' Cubs went to Goring to make up our team, competing in the Scrap Yard Challenge! Well done to all the Cubs that competed and especially to Joe and Art who won – we get to keep the trophy at Stoke Row for another year!



We have a total of 21 Scouts (including 3 to be invested) in the Troop. As we are nearing the longer evenings we are preparing for such activities as Go-Kart races, with 5 completed after Easter, backwoods cooking and bivouac building. Next term we will also be taking part in a 26 kilometre overnight hike, to help raise money for Children with Leukaemia. We have two visits planned to Longridge for wall climbing and kayaking activities.

Ten Scouts have almost completed their Gold Awards, so hopefully we will be able to present them at our next AGM.

Our Scout Leader will be retiring in July 2010. In order to ensure that our vibrant Scout Troop can continue their Scouting careers, **we need a new Leader**, ready to take over in July.

To date, we have not had a response, and the possibility of finding a replacement to train in time for the end of summer term in July becomes more remote.

Anyone taking on this role will be supported and helped in their training during the period up to July and when taking over will have the support of very capable leaders.

If you would like take on this rewarding, highly valued role or want to know more about what's involved, please contact Barry McGrath on 0118 948 4882, email: jb47mcgrath@yahoo.co.uk.