

1st Stoke Row Scouts Newsletter

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Summer Term: Start 22nd April & Finish 15th July (Half Term on 27th May)
Stoke Row village Motorsport Day: Sunday 14th June, 11.00 to 16.30 - Vanalloys Business Park



We finished the Lent term with a fantastic trip to Goring Fire Station where five wonderful volunteer firefighters took time out to show us round the Fire

Station and Fire Engine and let us loose on the hoses! As you can imagine, the children were in their element! Nevertheless, Beavers and accompanying parents learnt a lot as well. Did you know a Fire engine holding 1,200 litres of water, gets through it in 3 minutes in putting out a fire? Do you all have smoke detectors in your home? Following this evening, and other activities learning about people in the community and countries far away, the whole Colony earned their Friendship Challenge Badge last term. Well Done! The Beavers learnt what to do in an emergency – calling 999, putting someone into recovery position, dressing cuts and burns and looking out for dangers around the home and garden and Emergency Aid Stage 1 was awarded to Jessica, John, Elias, Kester, Jasper, Archie Barribal, Freddie, William, Emma, Ruby, Michael and Archie Griggs. A very useful badge to earn, well done.

This term is our favourite term as we are outside every week. We have welcomed Billy Bradley to our Colony, who seems to be settling in very well. We are working on the Creative Challenge Badge this term and have had a great evening making a Grass Head under the supervision of Elsa! We hope the heads will have long hair by the time this magazine comes out! Edward carried our Beaver standard with great pride at the St George's Day Service in Henley, accompanied by Eleanor and Holly as side walkers. We have learnt how to make a good campfire, how not to cook bananas in silver foil, and how to sing some new campfire songs in readiness for our Beaver Fun Day Family Camp at Tarka's on 6th June. We have also had a great evening trying a new mode of transport – a ride in a trailer with Farmer Chris driving the tractor at his farm in Bix. We had a long drive through the field with beautiful young calves and then all round the bluebell wood, with hotdogs to follow, courtesy of Val. The children never stopped chattering! A memorable evening!

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 practicing their tent-building and fire-lighting and cooking skills. We've also 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.

At the end of the half-term week most of the pack will then be going off to Longridge, the Scout Activity Centre near to Marlow, for a weekend of camping fun - and will also be taking part in a whole range of water-based activities including canoeing, sailing, climbing, and abseiling. We can't wait!



Each of our three patrols each received a 'Highly Recommended' certificate from the Sutton Courtney Conservation Centre at Didcot for their Scarecrows made for the Easter Scarecrow Trail. Well done!

We are now increasing our patrols to four, with the new Patrol being called Curlew, with Alex Robinson as Pack Leader and Guy Thurlow as Assistant Pack Leader. We will have 18 Scouts when all are invested in July.

On 14th June, the Scouts will be helping the Stoke Row Racing Club with fundraising for a new Stoke Row School minibus. This will count towards the Scouts Community Challenge Badge, which many of the Scouts began working towards at the Jamboree. The Stoke Row village Motorsport Day runs from 11.30 to 4.30 at Vanalloys Business Park, and promises to be a lot of fun!

Our two new Scout Leaders are doing well in their training, which we hope will be completed by July. We are going wall climbing on June 17th at Queen Anne's school and hope to be sailing at Theale Lake on the 23rd. The Scouts AGM is on 20th May at 8.30. We will be presenting Thank You badges to Catherine Clarke who prepares the newsletters (aww, thanks guys!) and Peter Sutcliff who looks after our website - well worth a visit for the latest news and some great pictures taken during our camps and activities:

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The Cubs have had a busy few weeks making the most of the lovely