

4th News

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Hello, and welcome to our next edition of 4th News.

Camp season has already started and I was pleased to attend Brownsea on their training camp in Banstead with Neal, All the cubs were having fun and leaders looked tired so I think they were working hard! I had the pleasure of awarding certificates to Sally Washington and John Humber on camp for their continued long service to Scouting.

Well the fete is here only days away! We need your help parents, when dropping your young people of at their sections why not stay down and help us out for an hour, or two. All help is greatly received and myself or Mike O'Donnell will find a job for you to do!

The group camp has sold well and we have over 80 boys and girls coming, activities are being booked and plans set. This will be a great celebration of the group with special guests and hopefully some big bangs and flashes! More info to follow and it's not to late to sign up -speak to your section leaders.

Good luck to all those going on camp over the summer, enjoy and have a safe holiday.

Upcoming Events

- 18th June
Group AGM
- 5th July
Summer Fete
- 13th July
Scouts Own
- 20th July
Work Morning
- 26th-28th Sept
75th Anniversary
Group Camp
- 18th October
Group Dinner and
Casino Night

I am Pleased to display our new badge to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the group, the Winner, Sheila Kinton was selected by the joint Scouters and Executive meeting in May and the design is now being made up into badges ready for our camp.



Parents

It is with regret that I am left with the possibility of closing a section due to the retirement of devoted leadership. The only way I can keep it going (which is my preferred option) is for someone to take over the running of the section. If you are interested in donating 3 hours a week to do this I would really like to hear from you, No experience is necessary and all training and support will be given. With help and advice from myself. More information is available from scoutbase.org. My email is above. Thank you — **Paul Green GSL**

CEDAR COLONY - *Badger*

There have been a lot of changes in Cedar colony. We said goodbye to Ryan Taylor, Rahmin Rugsataya, Dylan McCabe, Kym Azzopardi, James Francis and Matthew King who all went up to Brownsea. It was lovely to award them their Chief Scouts Bronze Award but as ever difficult to say goodbye. We have welcomed in the last few weeks, Heon Seok Kim, Conor Thompson and Patrick Jacobs daughter Sara. We have worked on our Air Activity and Safety badges. We did a bug hunt and made bug decorated pots for our woggles, so we do not misplace them (anymore). Cedar colony are running a chocolate fountain stall at the summer fete, do pay us a visit.



ASPEN COLONY - *Ann Mays*

Aspen joined with Cedar during the school spring break for a Sleepover. 12 Beavers from Aspen took part plus one who just joined us for the day. Well done particularly to Freya Burgess and Holly Evans who were the first girls from Aspen to take part in a sleepover. We took a train to Waterloo and then spent time looking at all the street entertainers and having our photos taken with pirates, cowboys, jugglers etc. Then we took a boat to Tower Bridge and walked over the bridge for an ice cream stop by the Tower – returning again by boat and train. The Beavers helped to make their own supper (funny face pizzas), did some crafts and finished the evening with a story from Badger. All the children who took part gained a Nights Away and a Hike badge. The Beavers will have another opportunity for a sleepover at the 75th Anniversary Camp 27/28th September – more details soon. We had an excellent turnout of 16 Beavers attending the District St George's Day Parade when we marched down Sutton High Street and finished with a short service in Manor Park. In May we had an observation walk down Worcester Park High Street looking at signs for emergency services and finishing with ice creams from Waitrose. Thanks to Alan Avery for coming down the following week and telling the Beavers about tracking, knots, mountain law and showing us the fluorescent tent. All the children have been busy working towards various badges.

SILVER TROOP - *Paul Stansbridge*

Since the beginning of this term we have reorganised the Patrols, with Lewis Slinger Patrol Leader (PL) of Tigers, Thomas Poles the PL of Panthers, William Poles, PL of Hawks and Callum O'Donnell PL of Swifts. These are important roles and will allow them to build up on their leadership experience. I will be relying upon them to help manage the other boys in the troop and to organise and run various games and activities. Our other main activities so far have been, an evening organised and ran by the explorers, fire lighting and tent pitching.



PURPLE TROOP - *Alan Avery*

It was good last week to see everyone in smart and complete uniform, despite missing a few woggles! I have some leather woggles available for £1.00 if required. Preparations are well under way for summer camp to which well over 20 are attending. Can you please pay the balance of the camp fee as soon as possible in accordance with the letter I have sent out. We have been doing a few camping activities so that we are conversant with Green Filed Camping, one item being pitching the tents and in turn helping the quartermaster catalogue the tent store.

BROWNSEA PACK - Ben Alembick - (Akela)

Browsea have had a very busy few weeks, we've already started our mat-ball training with lots of throwing and catching games so we can hopefully win back the title. We had our weekend training camp in



Banstead where all the new boys learn their basic camping skills i.e. tent pitching, cooking on a fire and making lots of tuneful noise at the campfire. Paul Green and Neil Oxley made a surprise appearance at our camp closing ceremony, and presented Sally and John with their long term awards and also Harry with his warrant certificate. We have welcomed a lot of new boys into the pack recently and for the first year ever we had to have 5 patrols at weekend camp and 'Brown' six has been reinstated on our evening meets. The New boys we have welcomed are Ryan Taylor, Rahmin Rugsataya, Dylan Howard-McCabe, Kym Azzopardi, James Francis and Matthew King. We have also had one boy go up to Purple Jack Rosenthal we hope he enjoys his time in Scouts. Also congratulations go out to our new Sixers Luke Adams, Simon Hickman, Connor Hampstead, Callum Jones and Ciaran Mohr.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Scouts Own - 13th July

Summer Camp - 27th July - 1st August

CHARTERHOUSE - Margaret Pennington

We have managed to have some good entertaining evenings using the field. It is glorious down there in the good weather. The cubs flew the flags for scouting by turning up at Homebase in Kingston on a Saturday bank holiday weekend and raised over £320.00 for Marie Curie Cancer care. This is the charity Homebase are supporting this year and they needed some help. Cubs thinking of others does have the effect of opening purses and wallets. They looked adorable and many members of the movement and the public were very complimentary. The leaders all passed their first aid which they spent the day of scouts own doing. We were released for part of scouts own and it was lovely to see those who had been with our pack leading a very thought provoking message, well done folks. We now look forward to our fun day out to Gilwell later this month and our opportunity to sleep in tents at the end of July. In amongst the fete and sorting our garden we might manage something fun in our free time.

EXPLORERS - Leigh Wicks

With numbers rising to 20 explorers nowadays, the explorers are becoming more independent in planning and preparing their own events within their programme. This term has been no exception with them starting off with a pioneering evening, where we realised their lashing needed a lot to be desired. They have also had backwoods cooking evenings where they have been cooking bread twists and marshmallow biscuits. In the next few weeks, the programme sees the explorers going to London to play the anagram game, and a box-hill challenge evening. Lets hope the pioneering skills have sunk in as they will have to transport an "A-frame" from the bottom to the top and return, also crossing the stepping stones without falling in the river mole!



The Explorers are also planning on going to Lichtenstein for their summer expedition this year. This will be for 8 days, 4 of which being an expedition on foot covering 20KM a day.

