

Winter 2019



12th Aylesbury
(1st Buckingham Park)

The Reef Knot



An exciting year ahead



Welcome to the winter issue of Reef Knot. Your place to catch up on the news from all our sections and the leaders at 12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park).

Chairman's welcome

Firstly let me take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year and prosperous 2019. 2018 was a very successful year for 12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham park. Group numbers have increased and activities have been going on all year around. We need to continue and build on the successes of 2018

both within the scouting sections but also our executive committee. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who continue to help and give their time to support us and hope you will continue supporting us in the future. Our executive committee is growing but we still have positions available, please

feel free to contact myself or Iain Stanley our Group Scout Leader (GSL) if you think you would like to be involved.

We have two major fundraising events happening in the first half of the year. We are holding a bingo night on Friday 29th March and repeating the Cheese and Wine tasting at Waddesdon on 1st February. Please look out for more information and join in on what will be some great events.

Finally from me, as the Group continues on its development it is time to really push forward with finding our own home. This will be a long journey but we will I accelerate our thoughts and ideas to get a place where the Group can call home and thrive in the future.


I look forward to seeing you throughout the year, and I look forward to another successful year with 1st Buckingham Park.



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Bear Grylls, Chief Scout



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cubs

The winter term started with the ASAP camp at Phasels wood. This was a fantastic weekend packed with fun activities, evening entertainment and an amazing fireworks display. The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and we are considering doing this camp again this year.

Later in the term Cubs enjoyed a district trip to the Think Tank Museum in Birmingham and a district handicraft day where the cubs enjoyed crafting for the morning.

During the meetings the Cubs worked on the disability awareness badge. One of our Cub Parents volunteered her time to support the leaders to deliver this badge using her experience working within a school that supports children with additional needs. The PACE centre also visited to speak to the cubs about the challenges faced by their students.

It was sad to say goodbye to some of our Cubs who've moved onto scouts and we now welcome a number of new cubs into our section.

This term we are working towards the team work challenge badge. We always strive to be youth shaped which means that the cubs shape their own adventure therefore our first week back we spoke to our Cubs about what they wanted to do.....so watch this space!



Huge congratulations to...

Bronze Chief Scout Award

Katie Leumfo
Emily Corbyn
Imogen Christensen
Asyrah Lee
Daniel Poole
Harry Trayling
Audrey Wells
Ethan Koentopp
Chloe Stockdale
Erica Reading
Kiano Stevenson



Silver Chief Scout Award

Ceridwen Wells
Theo Kirkpatrick-Brown
Charlotte Leumfo
Jessica Hobbs
Zee Sibanda
Archie Homewood
Zoe Kaenzig
Taiya Alcindor
Annabel Hyland
Eleanor Christensen



SCOUTS

Happy New Year everyone,
What a term it has been, definitely a term for firsts!!!

We have just celebrated our first birthday as a Scout troop, a big thank you, for all the support and encouragement in getting us to this milestone. During this term we also had our first Troop weekend away and our first formal event as a Troop.

In November, 7 members of the Troop took part in the District survival weekend at Braid Wood, and despite the terrible weather they all seemed to have had a good time, collecting wood, being instructed on working with knives, saws and axes, making fires to cook on and finally building shelters to sleep in. Congratulations to all those who survived the weekend and passed their survival badge.

The Scouts have also continued to work on their badge and challenge award schemes during this term. Together with work on their Air Researcher badge as part of their

remembrance celebration, the troop also attended the remembrance parade in Aylesbury - well done all. The troop have also continued to work on their 'Emergency Aid', 'Navigator' 'personal, and teamwork' challenges.

So what are we up to this term? The Scouts will not only be working on their own challenges we also hope to be doing a lot of walking and navigation as we are signed up to do the Quest and Endurance40 challenges. Furthermore we will be working on mechanic and emergency aid, and we have a planned weekend away in preparation for the County Camp later in the year.

Thank you to the GSL, Execs and Parents for their continued support in growing the Troop and the Scout Group here at

Buckingham Park.
Bye for now!!!!



BEAVERS

The Beavers have had a busy term with a varied programme - making zombie hands for Halloween, building water filters and a night of Crazy Science experiments. On a chilly Saturday morning in November, the Beaver Colony assembled at Wendover woods.

Our challenge was to complete the 2.5km Orienteering Course laid out by the Thames Valley Orienteering Club.

After being briefed on how find north with a compass, aligning the map to the right direction and how to use the electronic tag to “check in” at the way points, the Beavers excitedly set-off with a cheerful gang of parents bringing up the rear. At each check point two Beavers were responsible for the map, checking the direction and tagging in.



Fortunately the weather was kind and the paths were not too muddy.

The Beavers managed to tag in at all 19 way points, even though way point 4 was hidden and they had to back track a bit and do some hunting in the brush for it!

All through the walk the Beavers were cheerful and engaged, and along the way we found Fox holes, huge fallen trees and climbed up through gullies and small hills.

While the Parents may have only walked the 2.5 KM course, it is fair to say that our intrepid beavers walked and ran much further.



GSL's Update

Happy New Year all! I hope you all had a good festive break and are ready for the fantastic opportunities we have planned for all sections this year.

Last term some great work happened behind the scenes and I am delighted to report we have filled two vacancies on our Executive team. I'd like to welcome Vicki Beuttler as Secretary and Jake Gordon as Assistant Treasurer. Both Vicki and Jake bring great experience to the team and I am looking forward to working with them both.

We have two exciting fundraising events planned for this term: our fabulous Cheese and Wine night on the 1st February and a Bingo Night on Friday 29th March. These are a great opportunity for parents/ carers to get together, have some fun and raise much needed funds at the same time. Please spread the word and support where possible as these are events which will benefit all members.

Fundraising is a key part of a group and we'd love to run more events, get more people involved and ultimately raise money for kit and experiences to benefit our young people. If there are any parents willing to assist in a small team to help organise and run these sort of events then please we'd love to hear from you.

We want to make 2019 our biggest and best year yet - can you help us?

Lastly, we have the opportunity to take part in a fantastic large scale Jamboree! Mission:00Bucks,



taking place in May on the Claydon estate. Mission:00Bucks has it all: a great camping experience, a programme jam packed with amazing activities and experiences...please see the advert later in this edition and ensure you have booked your place.

The sections are healthy and doing well with a large waiting list and limited spaces, again if you are interested in being part of the team offering scouting in the area please get in touch even if its something in the background, every little helps.

Look out further for awards and achievements that have happened since the last edition.

Yours in Scouting

Iain Stanley
Group Scout Leader

Leader update

Since the group started in 2016 the Cub leaders have been undertaking a leadership training programme called The Wood Badge. In October Akela and Hathi were presented with their Wood Beads by the Assistant County Commissioner Mark Rutland, in recognition of their completion of the course.

The Wood Badge course is designed so that adult Scouters can learn in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. On completion, participants are awarded wooden beads to recognise their significant achievement in leadership and direct service to young people.

We are extremely proud of Hathi and Akela for this excellent achievement, and the fantastic leadership they provide the young people of Buckingham Park.





** BUCKS BIGGEST JAMBOREE **



24th – 27th MAY 2019

The largest jamboree style event we've ever organised in Bucks. For all sections from both Scouts and Girlguiding. What you can expect...

DAY-TIME OPERATIONS

Centred around **FIVE Activity Zones** that **ALL SECRET AGENTS** visit during an amazing spy themed weekend of fun. Here's just some of the activities already booked:

Cavebus, Airsoft, Nerf Guns, Air Rifle Shooting, Archery, Pioneering, Climbing Walls, Revolving Climbing Wall, Spider Mountain, 3G Gyroscope, Land Zorbs, Bungee Trampoline, 3 Bed Trampolines, Pedal Go Karts, Tug-of-war, Human Table Football, Buzz Wire, Surf Simulator, Giant Kerplunk, Wakka mole, Giant Jenga, Crack the Code

BIG Inflatables including: Obstacle courses, Last man standing, Dash and grab, Helter Skelter, Bouncy castles & Inflatable slides

Science workshops, Drum Workshop, Planetarium PLUS LOTS MORE...

+MORE
planned...

5 ACTIVITY ZONES

LIVE BANDS
and entertainment

NIGHT-TIME SECRET OPS

Including nightly entertainment on the main stage featuring some great bands; **CJ Edwards, The Bright Expression, The Ramps**, and of course **Scouting for Girls**. As well as some fantastic evening features including **DJs, Campfire Karaoke** (™Bucks Scouts and Guides), a **Food Court** offering refreshments as well as **Onsite Cinemas** and an **Explorer/Ranger Zone** with its own chillout area.

The **"Special Ops Zone"** (for those 18+ and Leaders) also features a chillout zone to help unwind, a refreshment area, various unplugged bands including **Duff Paddy** and **Under Construction** plus quizzes and games.

EXPLORER & RANGER
Chillout Zone

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Cubs/Scouts: 3 nights camping, incl. food and transport - **£90** (deposit £30)

Adults/Leaders/Parent Helpers: 3 nights camping, incl. food and transport - **£20**

Beavers: Day visit only, incl. transport (bring a packed lunch) - **£30** (deposit £10, day tbc)

CONTACT SECTION LEADERS TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

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Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and be part of something fantastic.

Scouting offers fun, friendship and life changing adventure to over 450,000 young people across the UK.

But this is only made possible by talented teams of local volunteers like you.

We are looking for a volunteers to help with our Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. Could you help? 12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park) is growing. Join us on this exciting journey and contribute to a life-changing experience for our young people.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being a part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.

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