

Summer 2018

Scouts



12th Aylesbury
(1st Buckingham Park)

The Reef Knot



The adventure continues...

Welcome to the summer 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

So the forms have been checked and I am now able to confirm my enrolment as Chairman of the 12th Aylesbury Scouts Exec committee. I look forward to both supporting the Exec and the group leaders but also meeting you, the parents. As a Cub and Scout myself in my younger days, I truly

understand the values and opportunities this great organisation offers. After talking to the GSL (Group Scout Leader), I asked to join the Exec as I could see a great opportunity to help develop the Group in the coming years. Much has already been done and the exciting part for me is to be able to support

the growth into a fully established Group with its own space and equipment.

It is great to see there is already loads going on, especially the summer camp which is on the horizon. Its fantastic to see so many of the Group already enrolled. The team will make sure it is a weekend to remember. We have many other projects going on which I will update you on in the coming publications. It goes without saying that we need the support of as many of you as possible. We are always on the look out for more volunteers both occasional or to be a part of the Group leaders or Exec. If this is of interest please feel free to get in touch with either the GSL or myself.

Anyway enough from me for now, I look forward to helping the Group forward in the coming months and will hopefully see you soon.



Do More Share More Be More

Put your skills to use, learn new ones,
and contribute to an amazing
life-experience
for you and your local community.

We are looking for a volunteer to help with our Beaver colony (6-8 years old). Could you help?

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cubs

Time flies when you're having fun and it certainly is the case this term. The Cubs kicked off the term with a rather damp weekend at Paccar Scout Camp staying in Tepees. The Cubs didn't seem to notice the rain and had great fun caving, fire lighting, backwoods cooking, archery, and a camp fire sing along as well.

Thank you to the parent helpers, Joanna, Kathryn, Vicky and Shafana. They were a dream team in the kitchen and we were all very



well fed!

This term the cubs have been working towards the adventure challenge badge. To earn this badge cubs needed to try two different adventurous activities, go on a hike and take part in six other outdoor activities. The cubs certainly rose to the challenge, making ballistas, kites, tracking to name a few.

The Cubs took part in a water activity day at

Good times at Gilwell

We took some of the Cubs to the Gilwell Funday and they all had a fantastic time. There were so many activities to choose from they all had a good day and there was something for everyone. One of the highlights of the day was the foam slide and crate stacking.

Cub Tamzin said "Gilwell was really fun. There was a lot to do and you couldn't do everything as there was so much there. If I go again I will try other activities. While I was there I did crate stacking, made s'mores, foam slide, water slide, rock climbing, Jaffa obstacle course and trampolines!

My favourite thing was the s'mores because I love how you can cook marshmallows and then it melts the chocolate.

Everything there was fun. I think you should go because the place is great! You should go!"

Caldecotte Lake in Milton Keynes. The Cubs got to try paddle boarding, raft building and sailing.

Cub Annabel said: "I really enjoyed the water sports day, my favourite activity was the paddle boarding because it was the most challenging. I fell off three times!"

Some of the cubs took part in the district shooting activity using air rifles. For most this was the first time they'd tried target shooting and it wasn't as easy as it looks!

This term also saw the Cubs start a community project helping to garden along with residents

of the Buckingham Park Care Home. We are very grateful to them for this opportunity. The Cubs and residents have really enjoyed this and we hope to build on this in the future.



SCOUTS

Hello from the Scout Troop.

We would like to welcome our newest members into the Troop Taiya, Kyle, Annabel, Archie & Shaun.

Congratulations to Eira, on her selection as Eagle's Patrol Leader.

The Scouts have continued to with their badge work and challenge award schemes, working on their 'Emergency Aid', 'Pioneering' and 'Navigators' badges. The troop also had a visit from the ACC International, who gave a great presentation on the forthcoming Iceland trip in 2020. This opportunity is still open for applicants.

The Scouts are planning to attend ASAP camp in September, please let the leaders know about your interest. A thank you to the Cub section for their invite to their recent 'Water Day Activity'. We had great feedback

and those who attended had a great day.

The troop have continued to work on their 'Creativity' & 'Teamwork' Challenges by taking part in craft projects, team challenges and Patrol forums, where they take an active part

in planning their future events and meetings. The Scout troop

have also created their own 'Code of Conduct' as part of their Challenge Award

Thank you to the Laura, David & Karl for their continued support in growing the

Troop and the continued efforts in promoting Scouting at Buckingham Park.

Quiz time:

What was Baden P'owell's 'JAM ROLL & ECCLES CAKE'?

Bye for now



Did anyone figure out the answer to our question in the last issue of Reef Knot?

Q. Why do Scouts greet each other by shaking their left hand and not their right?

A. The left handshake comes from the Ashanti warriors from West Africa, when Lord Baden-Powell met the Ashanti chiefs, he saluted them with his right hand, but the Ashanti chiefs offered their left hand instead and said, 'In our land only the bravest of the brave shake hands with the left hand, because to do so we must drop our shields and our protection. The Ashanti knew of Baden-Powell's bravery as they had fought against him and then with him, and were proud to offer him the left hand of bravery.

When you use the Scout salute or handshake, remember that they are signs of respect and courage.



BEAVERS

We've had a fantastic year...



...at Beavers and would love to update on our most recent activities:

We've had lots of new Beavers join our Colony this year and it has been great fun over the past few weeks getting to know each other and becoming confident enough to enjoy every session.

We earned our gardening badge by planting numerous salad vegetables, taking them home to nurture, and watch them grow. We're pleased to report many of our Beavers are budding gardeners and the seeds have grown into healthy salad plants and vegetables.



We enjoyed getting crafty and creative whilst making our Father's Day cards. We not only made cards but we spoke about what is important to us about Father's Day. We learnt how to use potatoes to make stamps. We enjoyed it so much we decided to paint ourselves!

The fabulous summer weather has given us the opportunity to use our local outdoor spaces during our meetings. We especially enjoyed hunting for mini beasts and identifying the specimens we found.

Beavers have been learning how to be independent and join in on different adventures. In a few weeks we will be going on a camping trip as our end of year activity. We are looking forward to it and all the adventures to come.

GSL's Update

Well what can I say, the new look Reef Knot looks amazing, thanks to our new Media Manager Carys for pulling this together.

Scouting has recently refreshed it's brand and image, and this issue of Reef Knot reflects a more modern look and feel. I hope you enjoy the read.

The Group have been very busy this term and I am delighted to report we have awarded 3 Chief Scout Bronze Awards (to Lucy, Daniel and Harry) and one Chief Scout Silver Award to Jessica. A big well done to all! I am also extremely encouraged by the hard work of many Scouts working towards their Chief Scout Awards and believe this shows how well our Group is developing.,

Some exciting news: the Scouts and Cubs (that will be of age) have been offered an amazing chance to go to Iceland in 2020 as part of a district trip, and we already have our first Scout signed up.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please ask the leaders.

The Cubs have benefited from several district run trips and the I know the Beavers will enjoy these opportunities in the winter term.

Our AGM in May went well, and a particular thank you to the Cubs who served drinks to the



many attendees. The AGM gave us the formal opportunity to welcome James Hill to the role of Chairperson of our Group. James has already put forward some fantastic ideas, and is committed to moving our group forward, developing the sections and creating exciting opportunities for all our members. Welcome James and his family to the Group

Iain Stanley - Group Scout Leader (GSL).



We need your help

As you've read in this issue of Reef Knot we are a rapidly expanding group offering a growing range of exciting experiences to increasing numbers of children. This is fantastic news but it presents with a challenge. We have more work to do to keep providing our children with the great Scouting experience they deserve. We need your help! Volunteering doesn't have to be a big commitment. It can be flexible, ad hoc, as small or large as your time allows.

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We have a particular need for help within the Beaver leadership, but there is also the opportunity to help our Section through smaller tasks, such as helping with fundraising, helping organise our badges or looking after equipmentment.

We would like to make the most of your skills and your interests - please get in touch to chat through how you may be able to help.
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