

Autumn 2018

Welcome back for our Autumn term. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break.

Our first meetings back this term will be in the week commencing the 10 September. We look forward to welcoming you back to Scout Ridge.

As always, the summer term has been one of the busiest for the Group. The Beavers attended Bazazz 2018, the Cubs went to summer camp at Brambletye near East Grinstead, and the Scouts went to Longridge near Marlow for a water activity camp. You can see what they got up to later in this newsletter and on our Twitter account (@3rdbanstead).

The coming term brings a wide variety of events and activities for the Group, and we've identified some future dates for camps and events to allow you to plan your year ahead; these can be found at the back of this newsletter.

The Group will be taking part in the Remembrance Day Parade in Banstead High Street on the 11 November. This year is particularly important as it will mark the 100 years since the end of World War I. We would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend this important event. The Cub section will be holding a sleepover on the same weekend and will be attending the parade as part of the event.

All members will be shortly receiving a Members Information Pack, which will be given to all new members in the future. Please take a moment to read through this as it contains useful information that you may not be aware of. Our website is also currently being re-designed and is due to be re-launched in the coming months. We'll aim to keep this up to date with latest events and activities.

Thank you

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Beavers

Beavers from Huron and Ontario joined over 3,500 other Beavers and Rainbows at Merrists Wood near Guildford for Bazazz 2018.



Bazazz 2018 Metal Detecting Activity

The county wide event brought together Groups from across the County for the 1-day event.

The day was blessed with fantastic weather and the opportunity for the Beavers to take part in a wide range of fun activities including plenty of inflatables, archery, climbing, go-karts, crazy golf, obstacle courses, bottle rockets and a range of craft activities to name a few.

The Group ran a metal detecting activity, giving Beavers a chance to find hidden treasure!

A big thankyou to those parents who attended the event and help supervise the Beavers. Without your attendance, it would have been impossible to make a success of the event due to the need to supervise the Beavers while also organising activities for the Beavers to take part in.

Next year a similar event will be held for the Cubs called SCRAM 2019, and we look forward to your support at this event.



Cubs on the Obstacle Course at Brambletye

Cubs

Cubs from Oak and Elm Packs had another amazing summer camp at Brambletye near East Grinstead.

The cubs sleep in traditional Ridge tents in their Sixes, with all meals being cooked by the leadership team on open fires.

The Cubs take an active role in the running of the camp, being responsible for daily duties including wood collection, kitchen washing up, food preparation and the tidying and inspection of their tents.



Kit Inspection at Cub Camp

Each year the camp is given a theme, with this year's theme focusing on the celebrations of 100 years of the RAF.



The sixes became squadrons and tackled a series of challenges including creating their own planes (from boxes!) and cooking their own food over wood fires – whilst being very careful in the dry circumstances.

The cubs also took part in trek cart racing, an obstacle course, crazy sports, air rifle shooting, pioneering and logic games as well as having some great camp fires!

The cubs made use of the onsite swimming pool, with a daily swim, swimming gala and a swimming badge sessions.

The cubs gained lots of swimming badges as well as a range of other badges including Challenge Badges, and their Nights Away badges which build up in number as they progress through Scouting.

Scouts

Seventeen scouts from Churchill and Marlborough Troops attended a three night camp at Longridge Activity Centre located on the River Thames at Marlow.

Longridge is located on a back-water channel providing a safe environment for paddling, free from River traffic on the main channel.

The Scouts took part in kayaking, bell boating, rafting, dragon boating and climbing activities over the course of the weekend.

The Scouts cooked their meals in the Patrols on the Saturday and had a camp fire in the evening. The weather on the Sunday was poor, with rain most of the day, but the Scouts continued to have fun on the water regardless. As the afternoon was so wet, the Scouts were treated to a Pizza supper, before an early night after a busy day of activities.

All those who attended achieved their Stage 1 Paddlesports Badge, 3 Nights Away and additional Time on the Water badges.



Climbing at Longridge Water Activity Camp



Longridge Water Activity Camp

Group

The Group held a successful Family Camp in June with over twenty-four families in attendance. Next year we will be holding a Survival Camp in July '19. This will give the opportunity for parents with senior Cubs and Scouts to learn basic survival skills during the 24 hour event at a woodland campsite near Dorking. Basic survival skills including shelter building, fire lighting, backwoods cooking, and how to use a knife and saw safely will be taught and used during the event – with the opportunity to sleep out in your shelter!

We will also be trying something a little different in the year ahead with a Group Camp for all members in March '19. This will see us bringing together Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to a single camp location, but with different activity programmes. This will give the opportunity for our sections to come together at certain times during the camp including a camp fire.

The re-development of the land at the back of Scout Ridge into a Camping area is ongoing; with materials onsite to support the work. Our working days advertised on the back of this Newsletter will be focusing on this, along with a few other general maintenance activities around Scout Ridge.

We have started a project to re-build the Groups trek car. The trek cart was the traditional way that a Scout Troop would go to camp. The Group has had a chassis for many years (which is now rotten) and no wheels. After sourcing some suitable wheels, we are now in the process of rebuilding the chassis. If anyone has carpentry or metal work skills or access to hardwood timber suppliers who might like to help, please get in touch. We hope to have the project complete by the new year, allowing the Group to participate in a County Trek Cart race event next year – think naval gun run, but without the gun.

The Group Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 18 December '18 at All Saints Church in Banstead; we look forward to welcoming family and friends to our xmas celebration.



Banstead District Trek Cart in Use at Cub Camp

Executive Committee



Family Camp 2018

Our Annual General Meeting was held at Family Camp on the 16 June, and it was great to see so many people attend.

Our minibus passed its MOT, but we are currently planning for the need to replace the minibus. This will require us to raise nearly £15,000 by next summer. If you have any fundraising ideas, please get in touch.

The Executive ran a successful BBQ at Banstead Village Day, raising funds for the Group and supporting recruitment.

The Group has also been allocated some collection slots on the Rotary Xmas collections. We'll need support from members and parents at these collections, the dates of which can be found below. Further information will follow.

Chief Scouts Awards

Congratulations to the following members on achieving their Chief Scouts Awards last term:



Beavers

Huron

Rishi Chudasama



Cubs

Elm

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Scouts

Churchill

Bill Golding

Thomas Glanfield

Ela Chakarto

Sophie Cowne

Ontario

Liana Fernandes
Donegan

Imogen Wicksteed

Felicity Wicksteed

Aaron Patel

Edward Kimber

Oak

Harry Watson
Oliver Sproston

Marlborough

Matthew Arscott

Dates for the Diary

29 Sept 2018	Working Day	Scout Ridge, Banstead
6 Oct 2018	Jamboree Quiz Night	Scout Ridge, Banstead
TBC Autumn 2018	Scout Micro-Navigation Challenge	Scout Ridge, Banstead
10-11 Nov 2018	Cub Remembrance Sleepover	Scout Ridge, Banstead
11 Nov 2018	Remembrance Day Parade	Avenue Road, Banstead @ 10:30
3 Dec 2018	Rotary Xmas Collection	Mobile Collection, Nork @ 17:30
8 Dec 2018	Rotary Xmas Collection	Static Collection - Waitrose, Banstead
15 Dec 2018	Rotary Xmas Collection	Static Collection - Asda, Banstead
18 Dec 2018	Group Carol Service	All Saints Church, Banstead @ 6:30
20 Dec 2018	Rotary Xmas Collection	Mobile Collection, Tattenhams @ 17:30
TBC Mar 2019	Group Camp (Beaver / Cub / Scout)	Broadstone Warren, Forest Row
4-6 May 2019	Somme Trip (Senior Scouts)	Somme Region, France
22 June 2019	SCRAM (Cubs)	Brambletye, East Grinstead
TBC 6-7 July 2019	Parent & Child Survival Camp (Parents & Senior Cubs / Scouts)	Ranmore Scout Campsite, Dorking
24-28 July 2019	Cub Camp	Brambletye, East Grinstead
23-26 August 2019	Scout Camp	TBC