

Spring 2020

The Group has had a busy autumn term; you'll find just a few things we've been up to summarised in this newsletter. **Follow us on Twitter or Facebook** to see what we are up to each week and visit our website for regular updates and news.

Have you ever considered volunteering? Not sure what is involved and worried about the commitment? Don't think you will have the time? Not sure you have the right skills? This term I will be holding a series of short volunteering workshops for those interested in volunteering at any level. I will explain how you can help, what is involved, the support we give to new volunteers and provide the opportunity to ask any questions you might have. Some of our current volunteers will be on hand so you can talk to them about their experiences of volunteering. If you're interested in attending a workshop please drop me an email to adam@3rdbanstead.co.uk.

We have just completed our annual census and our membership numbers have gone up in our Beaver and Cub Sections which is great news. Our Scout numbers are down as a bulk of our membership have reached the age where they have moved on to Explorers. If you know anyone between the age of 10.5 years – 14 years who may be interested in joining, please direct them to our website: www.3rdbanstead.co.uk, or get them to come along to one of our 'Bring a Friend' evenings. We still also have plenty of space available in both our Beaver and Cub Sections!

We're pleased to announce that **we have reached our planned fundraising target for our minibus** and are currently actively seeking a 17-seater minibus for purchase. A big thankyou to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts.

We are also in the process of planning a **Family Camp in June 2020**. You can find some further details in this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

Thank you

Adam Butell

Group Scout Leader

Family Camp 2020

This year we will be holding a Family Camp at our District Campsite Park Farm over the weekend 6-7 June, with the option of also staying on the Friday night. Family Camp is an opportunity to get the whole family involved in the Scouting experience including parents, siblings and extended family.



Mealtime at Family Camp 2018

It's a great opportunity for our members and their families to have fun, learn some new skills, and socialise with other families and our leadership team.

Feedback from our 2018 Camp: "We had a great time, well organised and very impressed with activity choices and food!!! The feel of the camp was great too - a really relaxed feel was very warmly welcomed! Thank You!"

To attend the camp all youth members must be accompanied by an adult for the weekend. But why not bring the whole Family and get involved? During the weekend we will be offering a wide range of activities for the whole family ranging from Climbing / Abseiling through to craft activities and a big campfire on the Saturday night. No previous camping experience is required to attend Family Camp. If you don't have a tent, don't worry, we will provide one.

All attending adults must have undergone an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check performed by the Scout Association – it is really important it is done early to avoid disappointment. Details will follow shortly.



Beavers from Ontario Colony at Epsom Fire Station

Beavers

Both Colonies enjoyed a Friday night sleepover at Scout Ridge which included an indoor campfire, sleeping in tents in the sports hall and a range of fun games. The event finished with a welly walk, before the tired Beavers were collected on Saturday lunchtime.

Ontario colony made a trip to Epsom Fire station where they learnt about fire safety and had a great time in the process. You can see more photos of the Beavers on our website at this visit.

Both Colonies have been working towards a range of different activity and challenge badges. You can view your child's progress by logging on

to OSM MyScout and see what they have left to complete.

Both Colonies attended the District Film afternoon and enjoyed watching Toy Story 4 and eating lots of popcorn.

Huron Colony beavers made Guy Fawkes for firework night and took part in Halloween games.

Beavers from Ontario made a pre-Christmas visit to Roseland's care home on Garratts Lane. The Beavers sang several Christmas songs and gave the residents cards and decorations as gifts. Both the Beavers and residents had a great afternoon together.

Cubs

Both Packs attended their annual Remembrance weekend sleepover at Scout Ridge. The cubs took part in activities including climbing, abseiling and cooking. The Cubs also braved the wet weather to carry out litter picking around the local area.



Cubs Getting Ready for Litter Picking

During the sleepover the cubs made poppies to wear on their uniform at the Remembrance Day parade.

During the term the Packs had a variety of walks and visits in the local area. Both Packs have been working towards a variety of challenge and activity badges.

Both Packs finished the term with a joint Xmas party at Scout Ridge.

Scouts

The Scouts completed a successful summer camp at the end of August at Downe scout activity centre. The camp was the first run by our Assistant Scout Leader Emma Aram, who did a fantastic job of arranging the event, and will shortly be receiving her camping permit (allowing her to run nights away experiences for our members).

The Scouts spent part of the term completing their model maker activity badge, by building Warhammer miniatures, using free resources we received from Games Workshop. After building the models, the Troops took part in a games evening using the models they had built.



Scouts Complete War Hammer Model Building

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Remembrance Day Parade

We had a great turn out from the Group to the Remembrance Day parade, with all our members looking very smart.

The same weekend, the Cubs enjoyed a Remembrance weekend sleepover, where they made poppies to wear on their uniform.



Members and Families Awaiting the Start of the Carol Service

Carol Service

We had a great turn out at our annual carol service at All Saints Church. It was nice to see the church so full of members and their families.

The Beavers did a great job as always of singing the first verse of 'Away in a Manger', and well done to all those members who volunteered to carry a flag or do a reading.

Congratulations to Sarah Charman, Assistant Cub Scout Leader in Oak Pack on receiving the Bar to the Award for merit at our Carol Service, to reflect her significant contribution to local scouting.



Beavers on Parade at Remembrance Day Parade

Fundraising

We've done it! We've reached our fundraising target for a new minibus. A big thankyou to all our members, supports, and local organisations which have supported us in our efforts.

We're currently in the process of identifying a suitable vehicle and will be aiming to make the purchase shortly. The minibus should be in place to support our programme and activities in the Summer term, as well as this year's camps.

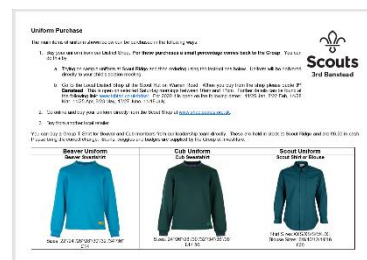


Uniform

Need to order uniform for your child. Not sure what they need or where to buy it?

We've produced a simple guide which can be found on our website at www.3rdbanstead.co.uk/members

If you buy uniform from our District Shop, or arrange to purchase uniform via the Group, we receive a small percentage back to the Group, which we can reinvest for the benefit of our members.



Board of Trustees



Xmas Collections 2019

Our Executive Committee are Trustees responsible for funds and assets of the Group.

Members of the Board of Trustees have been busy last term supporting the Rotary Xmas Collections. We have raised approximately £2,000 from our support to the Rotary Xmas Collections. Support from our members to these collections was fantastic, so a big thankyou to all those who attended.

We have also been successful in the Asda Green Token Collection at Asda Burgh Heath, where we came first, and will shortly receive a donation of £1,000.

Over the next term, as the weather improves, we will be working on the outside of Scout Ridge to complete a number of projects.

You'll see that our termly subscriptions have slightly gone up by £2 (£38 for the first child and £33 for siblings) this is to cover the increases in payments we have to make at a district and county level as well as increases in our operating costs. You will shortly be receiving a payment request via OSM MyScout.

If you'd be interested in helping with fundraising or would like to join the Board of Trustees, please get in touch.

Chief Scouts Awards

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



Beavers

Huron

Ethan Johns

Sam Kiddie

Ontario

Curtis Fernandes

Sophie Smith

Rachel Hathorn



Cubs

Elm

Nathan Reeves

Oak

Curtis Avery

Freya Thomas



Scouts

Churchill

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Marlborough

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Dates for the Diary

26 Apr 2020	St Georges Day Parade Banstead High Street
6-7 June 2020	Family Camp 2020 Park Farm, Holly Lane (Evening 5 June Optional)
26-28 June 2020	Scoutabout 2020 Ardingly, West Sussex
22-26 July 2020	Cub Camp Brambletye, East Grinstead
27-30 August 2020	Scout Camp Downe Scout Campsite, Kent

Through the Years

This photo is of 3rd Banstead Cubs assembled prior to going off to summer camp in Sussex, taken on the left-hand side of the goods entrance of Banstead Station taken circa August 1949. The Scout Mistress, as they were called at the time, can be seen at the front of the photograph.

Were you a 3rd Banstead Scout and have a photograph you would like to share? Please get in touch.

