

The Fog Horn

Newsletter of the 1st Maidenhead Sea Scout Group

Beaver Section

The Beaver Section has been running well with many parents staying to help; without whom we could not function, so thanks to you all.

We have completed several badges as a Colony, and some of the youngsters have taken it upon themselves to work at home for various Activity badges, such as Hobbies and Animal Friend.

We hope to welcome Geraldine as a helper, and she will be visiting us on Thursday 10th to meet us all. We hope that she will like what she sees, if she does, she may even decide to become a warranted leader!

This term, we will be doing a Marathon Challenge in aid of Children with Leukaemia, this is a sponsored event, and half the money raised goes to the charity, and the other half to the Group.

Some Beavers are working towards their stage 1 and 2 swimming badges at their swimming clubs.

In September, some of the Beavers are joining with the District Cubs for an outing to Paultons Park. The balance of the money has to be in this term please. The Craft Competition will be held at Altwood Scout H.Q. on Sunday 7th November.

Well done to those Beavers who came to the AGM and put on some entertainment for the parents. Thank you for making the effort to attend, and standing up in front of everyone, that takes a lot of nerve, well done again.

Sea Cubs

From the start of the term we have gone Badge mad completing...Athletics, Navigator, Road Safety and Naturalist Badges. Well done to all those Sea Cubs who made it through all of the badges, they will be awarded at our BBQ in July.

We also managed to fit in a Bike Hike this term and the location, Dorney Rowing Lake – around 3 ½ miles of smooth riding track – no flat tyres, broken bones or chains, what a result!

Now that summer has arrived, (!), we are at Longridge until the end of term. So far we have experienced Bell Boating, Canoeing and Kayaking – all ending in getting wet.

Hopefully, all Sea Cubs will manage to gain the Water Activities Badge – these will be handed out at our Parent and Cub Raft Race/BBQ on the 20th July – make sure you are there to help your Sea Cub!

This term we have said hello and goodbye to people - our older Sea Cubs got shipped up to Scouts – Good Luck Anna, Skye, Madeline and Henry, you will enjoy it, and we rafted in 2 x Alex's, Kieron, Roshan, Ben and Hannah – a watery investiture will be coming soon.

Scouts

As we are now in the summer term, the scout section has now decamped to Longridge in Marlow and we will remain here to the end of the summer term. The Scouts are enjoying a number of water based activities including, bell boating, kayaking, canoeing, sailing and the old favourite pulling.

We are also pleased to announce that Anna Wheeler has been selected to join the Berkshire Scouts forming part of the UK contingent at the next World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. Anna was picked following a very cold selection weekend camp earlier this year. Anna will be fund raising to fund her trip and we ask that you support her where you can. More details on the Jamboree can be found on the website <http://www.ukcontingent.org.uk/> or please feel free to ask her any questions; she may charge you for the answer though.

Scout Sailing Trip

Recently nine scouts travelled to Poole Harbour to go on a sailing trip. We all really enjoyed it and spent lots of time on the water. The best part was learning to sail in different conditions whilst having a great time with your friends.

The accommodation and food was good (especially when we had a go at the climbing wall). Also, we even had a chance to watch Dr Who although the other school were really loud and kept getting in the way!!!

I really enjoyed the weekend and hope everyone else did to.
Anna

I had an amazing time at Rockley Water Sports. There was always something to do and it was never boring. Even when we were not sailing we had fun using the climbing wall or checking out the really cool centre and beach.

When we were sailing, there was a large choice of boats to use, from catamarans to Laser Picos. It was the first time I had sailed in the sea and the waves rocking the boat made sailing even more fun.

To top it all off the accommodation was great and the instructors were kind. I would recommend Rockley Water Sports to anyone.
James

My thanks go to David Howell for organising this successful trip for the Scout Section.

I am also pleased to say that David is safe and well after a recent sailing trip at the Poole Regatta. As can be seen from the link below, David decided to take a trip in the local Coastguard helicopter. A full copy of the article can be found on the Scout Section notice board.

http://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/districts/poole/8193218.Injured_man_winched_to_safety_in_Poole_Regatta_drama/

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Explorers

The Explorer section has changed back to its original Thursday nights whilst they continue water activities with the Scouts at Longridge. They are extending their skills on all water activities particularly in Pulling and kayaking & canoeing. The unit will

shortly be arranging their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award hike so please watch out for information. Remember once we have finished at Longridge, we will be meeting on Wednesday Evening again at the HQ.

GSL

At this year's AGM, I announced that I wished to step down as your Group Scout Leader, after 20 years. The Group is fortunate that our Cub Scout Leader, Wayne Davie, has agreed to take on this very important role. Consequently, Wayne will take over the running of the Group on 1st September, 2010. I wish Wayne all the best in this challenging job. He will be letting you know who will be running the Cub Pack from that date. Please continue to contact me on Group issues until 31st August.

EXEC

This year we had a very successful BBQ and AGM. My thanks go to all who made the effort to attend and to those young people who provided the education and entertainment.

We were fortunate to be able to elect a new Executive Committee, who are:

Chair	Still vacant after several years
Secretary	Catherine Oliver (son in Beavers)
Treasurer	David Oliver (son in Beavers)
Committee	Tracy Richardson (daughter in Beavers)
	Irina Woodford (son in Beavers)
	Rachel Volpe (daughters in Cubs & Scouts)
	Robin Denman (son in Scouts)

As you can see, we still need a Chair and more parents to represent the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. The Executive Committee usually meets seven times a year, at times mutually agreed by the committee members. Membership is not restricted to parents, others, including retired grand parents, can join.

At the AGM we took the opportunity to present Evelyn Barnard, our first Beaver Scout Leader and also a past Assistant Group Scout Leader and Catriona Lambeth our retiring Treasurer, with gifts as a mark of our gratitude for their service.

Fundraising

TENT HIRE - On 11th July we have a major fund raising project which involves hiring the groups sleeping tents. We have hired these to a local school that is camping at Longridge for 4 days. As a result we need to erect every sleeping tent that the group owns on Sunday 11th July at Longridge. We are therefore in need on a number of volunteers to assist the leader team in putting up the tents on this day and also taking them down again on Thursday 15th July.

If you are able to assist, please contact Ken who is co-ordinating this event on 07944 167511 or info@scarlettarbor.co.uk.

Mobile Phones - We are also looking an opportunity to recycle unwanted mobile phones. We have a supplier that will pay the group for any working but unwanted mobile phones. If you have any phones that you no longer use, please bring them to the Scout Headquarters at the start of the autumn term. Please note that the phones should be in working order, not stolen, water damaged or with screens broken. We do not need the chargers or manuals.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Beaver	Cub	Scout	Explorer	Group / Parents
03/07/10	Scout Community Challenge Day			X		
11/07/10	Tent Hire – Help needed at Longridge - Put UP				X	X
15/07/10	Tent Hire – Help needed at Longridge – Put Down			X	X	X
15/07/10	Last Scout Meeting			X		
21/08/10	Summer Camp Loch Gailhead Departs		X	X	X	
28/08/10	Summer Camp Loch Gailhead Return		X	X	X	
09/09/10	Scout Meetings recommence			X		
07/11/10	Beaver Craft Competition @ Altwood School	X				

Wanted

Are you able to assist by donating any of the following items to help the group?

Kitchen Cupboards Assistant Leaders A4 Printer/Copier paper