

Read all about it!

Hello and welcome to the first edition of 3rd Brentwood Scout Group's newsletter – *News of the 3B World* – It's in paper form which we think is quite revolutionary in this age of digital overload! We thought that it might be a pleasant change to have something in a 'physical' format which you can peruse when you are having your breakfast, or any other time you get five minutes to have a read, can give a copy to proud relatives and, if all else fails, line the cat litter tray with.

We hope to make this newsletter both informative and fun and aim to give you a bit more insight in to what our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been and will be doing, and the opportunities and challenges we face as a Scout Group in order to deliver a fantastic Scouting experience for so many young people!

3BW Building For The Future

With 70 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, things are looking pretty rosy for 3rd Brentwood Scout Group at the moment but it hasn't always been the case and we can't rest on our laurels!

Following the demolition of their old hut in 2010, 3rd Brentwood Scout Group spent two and a half years without a permanent base. Whilst 'not the end of the world' the situation did add significant challenges but the Group and its leaders worked hard to ensure that it still delivered a great programme for its young people, even if the lack of a permanent base made this much more challenging.

Thankfully, after a long search and a lot of hard work, 3BW's time in the wilderness came to an end in May 2013 when it moved in to its new hut at King Georges Playing Fields. Leased from Brentwood Council, whilst basic, the hut provides a vital and permanent home for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to meet. It has also give the Group a chance to start growing

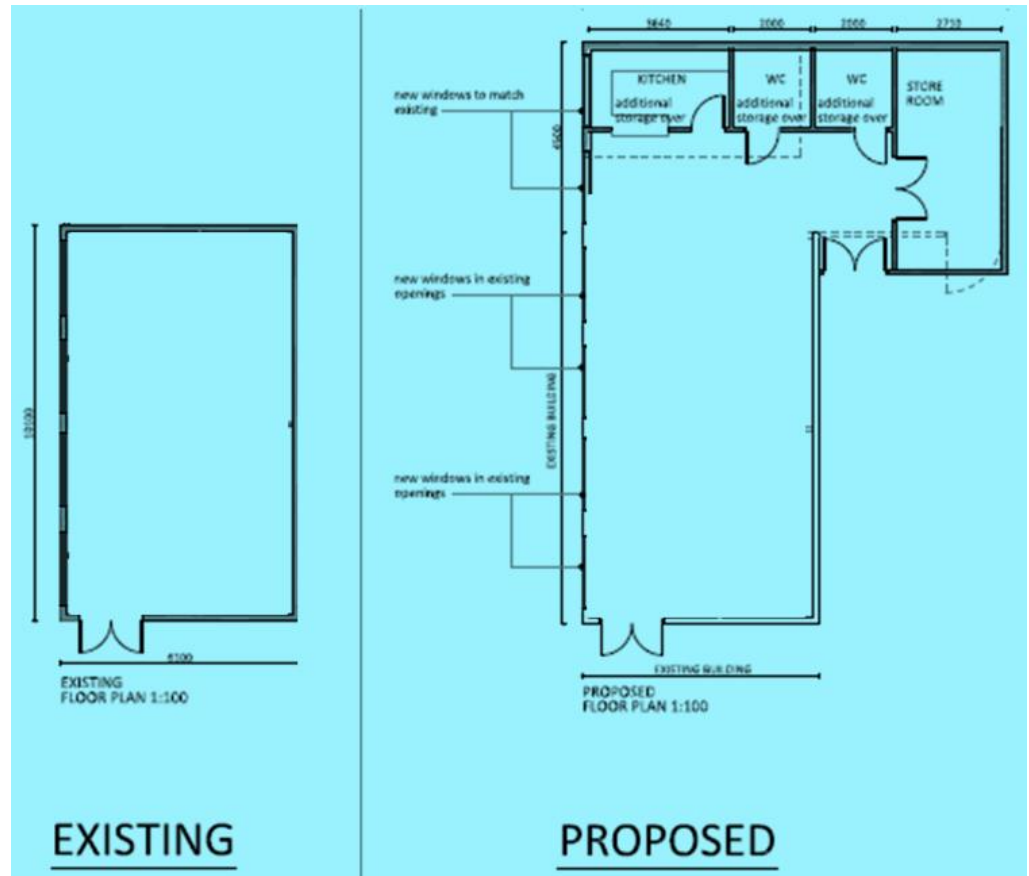
When the lease was granted, the Group also applied for, and got, planning permission to extend the very basic hut by almost 100%. The addition of floor space, a kitchen, toilets and storage are much needed!

With planning permission due to expire in December, the Group must start work on its grand design immediately and hopes to have the foundations laid within the next six weeks. The work won't disrupt the weekly meetings at the hut.

A lot of time and effort has been spent over the last few years getting to this point. The Group has been fortunate to have been awarded a number of grants and donations to help fund the build and it has also raised a lot of money. Fund raising will need to continue but, for now, at least 3rd Brentwood Scout Group can start to build for the future.

If you, a family member or a friend works in the building trade or construction industry in some

way shape or form, and you might be able to help with our big build, we would really love to hear from you. Be it helping with fund raising, donating materials, machinery or knowhow, please do get in touch! Every pound we raise or save on building the much needed extension is a pound we can spend on equipment and events for the 70 young people in the Group.



Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes

After 10 years at the helm, Breda Bower stepped down as Group Scout Leader (GSL) in July. Breda played a hugely important role in keeping the Scout Group alive during some tough times and, thankfully, she is still going to be involved at 3rd Brentwood. Breda will be continuing in various capacities including as a Beaver Leader, on the Group's Fundraising Committee and, very importantly, as the Group's answer to Mary Berry!

Al Baxter, who has been involved in running the Scout section for more than 10 years has agreed to fill Breda's boots as GSL and, aside from his cake making being a bit suspect, we have no doubt he will do a fantastic job and wish him well.



Breda Bower 'wannabe', Mary Berry



Lucky whipping the crowd in to a frenzy at the Essex International Jamboree

The Group's Executive Committee has also seen a few changes with Dominic Foley retiring as Chairman and Paul Dulieu ("Lucky" in Scouting circles) elected to the role.

News of the 3B World's trainee reporter, Anna Prentice, asked Lucky why he was keen to take on the role of Group Chairman: "Some people see Scouting as a glorified baby sitting service" he said, "That couldn't be further from the truth. Scouting helps young people develop and is truly empowering. The things I learnt, the experiences I had and the friendships I made through my time in Scouting continue with me to this day. It is a privileged to be able to support our excellent leaders as they help provide the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with every opportunity to develop and shine."

Mel Cavanagh and Bev Pardoe, both mothers of Scouts, have also joined the Executive Committee and share the role of Group Secretary. Dominic Foley remains on the Executive Committee in the newly formed role "Spiritual Liaison Officer". Welcome one and all!

Note from Editor: You probably don't have a clue what a Group Scout Leader is; let alone the difference between a GSL and a Scout Leader. It's fairly simple. In "corporate terms", the GSL is the Group Managing Director and each section leader is the Managing Director of that sections. Simple eh?

Now Hiring! (We're Always Hiring!)

A Scout Group simply won't exist without volunteers and 3BW is always looking for more help!

Aside from the time spent each week running evenings and events for the sections, there is a fair amount of time spent ensuring the survival and growth of the Group. There is a building to run, funds to raise, events to organise, a lot of paperwork, protocols and procedures to follow and all the checks and balances that you would hope and expect are in place for a youth focused organization such as Scouting. Admittedly, the pay is dreadful, but the hours are flexible and the job satisfaction is second to none. Imagine how good you feel knowing you have helped a lot of young people experience incredible things, develop new skills and make new friends!

If you can spare a bit of time (be it regularly or on an ad hoc basis), have skills, hobbies or do something for a living that might help or be of interest to us, or similarly, if you have an idea/the ability to help us raise funds to continue and develop what we are doing, please get in touch. The survival of our Group depends on volunteers and we'd love you to be one of them!

Our Heroes

We know that people don't do good turns to receive praise but we still like to say "thank you". If you think anyone deserves a mention, please let us know!

Thank you to:

- ♥ Gavin Miles for donating the £50 he won on a charity golf day "nearest the pin" competition to 3BW
- ♥ Mr. Morris for donating the £50 prize he won at the same golf day as Gavin Miles
- ♥ Thrift Green Trotters running club for donating £100 to 3BW after borrowing some equipment

Scouting Trivia

- David Bowie's first public musical performance was at a Scout camp on the Isle of Wight in 1958
- 11 of the 12 people to have walked on the moon were Scouts as were Barack Obama, David Beckham, Andy Murray, Sebastian Coe and Sir David Attenborough
- In 1914 Scouts could earn the Blacksmith Badge which required them to know how to make and fit a horseshoe
- There are 450,000 young people in Scouting in the UK
- Scout Leaders contribute the equivalent of 37 million hours of voluntary work every year
- In the past decade, 43,000 girls and young women have joined Scouts, Cubs and Beavers
- In the past 100 years, over half a billion men and women have taken the Scout Promise



50/50 Club

You might not know that we run a monthly draw called the 50/50 Club. It's a way of raising funds for the Scout Group whilst giving those participating the chance to win a few quid too.

Each month a random draw takes place and a first and second prize awarded. How much you win depends upon the number of tickets sold. Winners are notified and results published here and on the 3BW Facebook page.

Ticket costs £1 each with 50p from each ticket sale going into the prize fund and 50p donated to the Scout Group.

If you'd like to join the 50/50 Club, there is a convenient application form on the back page of this newsletter. See, we've thought of it all!

50/50 Club Draw

August 2016 Draw

1st Prize: Scott Griffiths won £17.10

2nd Prize: Gareth Williams won £11.40

£28.50 from the draw was donated to 3BW funds.

September 2016 Draw

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Who? What? Where? When?

Here are a few dates for your diary. For those of you reading this whose youngster isn't part of 3BW, don't feel embarrassed! They can be! Either email the Group Scout Leader, Alistair Baxter (al.baxter@me.com), the appropriate leader listed below or pop along to the Scout hut at King Georges Playing Fields at the start of the appropriate evening for a chat (during School term times only, mind you!).



For: Boys and girls age 6 to 8

When: Tuesday evenings between 5.00pm and 6.15pm

Who: Breda Bower, Beaver Colony Leader (breda.bower@btinternet.com)

Dates for your diary:

- 1 Oct: Sleepover with 1st Ingrave Beavers for older Beavers (fully booked)
- 8 Oct: Campfire and BBQ at Thriftwood Scout Campsite - book via Beaver Leader
- 3 Dec: Brentwood District Beaver's visit to Jack & the Beanstalk at Chelmsford Civic Theatre- book via Beaver Leader
- 8 Dec: Carol Singing at Shenfield Station. 5.00pm until 8.00pm



For: Boys and girls age 8 to 10½

When: Tuesday evenings between 6.30pm and 8.00pm

Who: Liz Hill, Akela (Cub Pack Leader) (ahill777@hotmail.co.uk)

Dates for your diary:

- 22 October: Brentwood District Cub Fun Day on 22nd October at Kingston Ridge, Basildon - book via Cub Leader
- 8 Dec: Carol Singing at Shenfield Station. 5.00pm until 8.00pm



For: Boys and girls age 10½ to 14

When: Thursday evenings between 7.30pm and 9.30pm

Who: Gareth Williams, Scout Leader (garethelwyn.williams@orange.net)

Dates for your diary:

- 25-27 Nov: Expedition Weekend, Castle Hedingham. Indoor accommodation. Details to follow
- 8 Dec: Carol Singing at Shenfield Station. 5.00pm until 8.00pm
- Jan/Feb 2017: Activity Camp, New Forest. Indoor accommodation. Details to follow
- 29 July - 6 August 2017: Summer Camp, Cornell Scout Campsite, North Wales. Details to follow



SAVE THE DATE!

We are running a Quiz Night from 7.30pm-10.30pm on Saturday 19 November to raise funds for the Group. More details to follow.



A Growing Colony!

Following the summer break we had the pleasure of welcoming six potential new members to the 3rd Brentwood Beaver Colony! If, after a four weeks trial period, they all decide to be invested as Beaver Scouts, our colony will be a damn busting twenty four beavers!



Busy Busy Beavers!

Prior to the summer break, an early Easter resulted in a longer summer term with lots of good weather and sunny evenings to enjoy being outdoors at every opportunity. Eight Beavers joined the District Camp at Thriftwood for the day on April 15th where they explored, visited the Tented Village to see inside the tents where our Cubs and Scouts were sleeping, and took part in a variety of activities including racing pedal cars and scaling and descending then climbing and abseil wall.



Gravity defying Beavers!

In May the Beavers teamed up with Doddingtonhurst Beavers for a one night sleepover in indoor accommodation at Thriftwood. They enjoyed a fun packed time including camp fire on the Saturday night and archery and the *cresta run* on the Sunday. A few weeks later and they were back at Thriftwood cooking sausages on a fire.

In June, the Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers organised a trip to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford where four 3BW Beavers joined a coach full of very excited children. It was a beautiful sunny day and they were lucky to see lots of planes taking off and landing while they ate their picnic.



A fantastic day out at Duxford

In July, the Beavers were guests at the Brentwood Theatre for a backstage tour. Mark and David from the theatre showed them how everything is organised to put on a show and the Beavers had the chance to play with lots of different coloured spotlights and used the sound system to create background noises including birdsong, a storm and trains. July also saw a few "goodbyes" including to one of the leaders, Eagle, who is moving away and two Beavers who have moved up to cubs! A lot of Beavers were also presented with badges they had worked hard to achieve and we were proud to see one Beaver presented with his Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Phew! What a busy bunch!



A meal fit for a Beaver!

Once or twice a year the Beavers under the guidance of Breda "Mary Berry" Bower, have the opportunity to make cakes and sell tea and coffee after the 9:30 am Mass at the Cathedral. At the end of July they raised just under £50 which paid for an evening of fishing at Thriftwood's fishing lake. Like real Beavers, 3BW's Beavers were naturals at catching fish.

Over the coming weeks and months, the Beavers will continue to work towards their 'My Outdoor Challenge' Award where Beavers can earn a badge that focusses on nature and the great outdoors. They will be making bird feeders, learning campfire songs, creating Wonderful Woodland Art in King Georges Park with leaves, sticks and other woodland materials and learning campfire songs. With the Gruffalo partnering the Beavers in their 'My Outdoor Challenge Award' there is also a Gruffalo song to learn! Never a dull moment at Beavers!

Birthday Beavers!

This year the Beavers are celebrating their 30th Birthday and, wow, do they have a lot going on! There is a 30 theme running through a lot of their activities with more information to follow about that in the next newsletter!! Happy Birthday Beavers!



What To Do? More Like “When Do We Do It?!?”

When planning to keep 25 young people aged between 8 and 10½ interested and entertained each week, it's less a case of “what to do” and more a case of “when shall we do it?”. With fun, excitement and adventure at the heart of the Cubs section, it is often a challenge trying to work out how to fit so much in to 1½ hours a week!

What Did We Do? Oh yes!

Over the last few months 3BW's cubs have been so, so busy! In fact, they've done so much that it is hard to keep track of it all!

There was certainly kayaking, climbing, abseiling, laser tag, den building, fire lighting (under close supervision, obviously!), and go-karting, and that was just at Thriftwood! For some of the cubs it was their first time doing many of these activities and, despite the occasional wobble (quite literally in the case of the kayaking), it never ceases to surprise how daring the cubs can be!



Great Britain's 2028 Olympic synchronized kayaking team at an early training session

3BW's cubs also spent a few evenings with Hutton All Saints playing cricket and rounders' and ended the summer term with a slap up summer bbq.*

What Are We Going To Do? Oh Yes!

With the night's drawing in, autumn upon us and Jack-Frost poised, there tends to be a bit more of an 'in-doors' feel over the coming months. A few weeks ago parents and grandparents popped along to help the cubs with their Athletics Badge and the cubs are also working on their Disability Awareness Badge. As well as being a great place for young people to have fun and adventure, Cubs is also somewhere that young people can learn and develop in a fun and rewarding way. Badges are a way of rewarding and encouraging cubs to learn new skills and things and gives parents a chance to brush up on their sewing skills too!

Now, just because it's getting a bit chilly, it doesn't mean that the Cubs are stuck in doors all the time! No siree! Take the district Cub Fun Day on 22nd October at Kingston Ridge, near Basildon. That is bound to be fun (and quite possibly muddy!)

Happy Birthday To Us!

With 2016 being the 100th Anniversary of Cub Scouts, there is a rather celebratory mood at the 3BW hut! Over the coming months, the Cubs will be working towards completing their Centenary Challenge Badge and to do this they will be doing a whole raft of fun (and slightly unusual) things including eating mini eggs in jelly and making interesting carvings out of fruit and veg. The Cubs will even be going back to 1916! The mind boggles



No idea what this is called but it looks rather scary and very hard!

*Note from the Editor: I should imagine they needed it after all that activity!



Not Just Knots!

If you ask the uninformed what they think happens at a weekly Scout meeting, they are likely to mention the old Scouting stereotype activities of tying knots, lighting campfires, hiking and camping. Whilst these more 'traditional' Scouting activities certainly do still play an important part, Scouting in the 21st century has evolved. At a 3rd Brentwood Scout meeting on a Thursday evenings you are just as likely to find young people learning about health and fitness, sculpture, design or DIY as you likely to find them trying to master tying a clove hitch!

Oh What Fun We Had!

Prior to the summer break, 3BWs Scouts enjoyed a fun packed programme of old and new scouting activities run by the tireless "Skips". As well as melting the scout hut carpet (cooking), an evening exploring the difficulties faced when you lose one of your senses, exploring science, backwoods cooking and geocaching, the Scouts also got creative by creating their own Marvel cartoons, made clay gargoyles and built the award winning camp gate for Brentwood District's campsite at the Essex International Jamboree.

As if all that wasn't enough, the good weather meant there was also ample opportunity to canoe, climb and abseil at Thriftwood and invite parents along to experience an evening at Scouts...with the young leaders helping out the Skips by organising and running their own versions of classic wide games, it would seem that everyone went home having had a fun evening.



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that went to the Jamboree will tell you what an incredible week it was! Roll on EIJ2020!

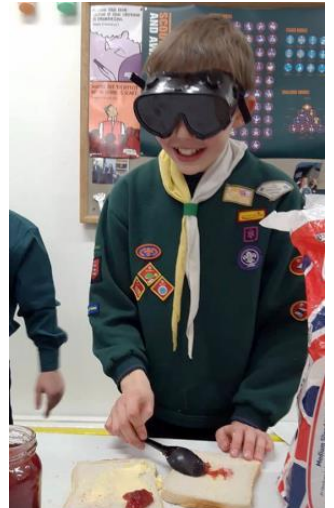
In a state of post-Jamboree blues the Skips decided that they and the Scouts needed something to look forward to. That is why the 3BW Summer Camp 2017 is now booked! Check out "Who? What? Where? When?" on page 3 for dates!

Method In The Madness!

Despite the eclectic nature of the Scout programme and a strong emphasis on fun, there is a rhyme and reason to what the Scouts do each week. In fact, over the coming months this rhyme and reason will become obvious as 100 (Yes ONE HUNDRED!) badges are awarded to our Scouts! These are badges the Scouts have earned through talking part and are a way of rewarding and recognising what they have achieved and learnt. A big round of applause please!

Coming Up!

The Scout section wants to grow and is delighted to welcome nine new faces this term. Over the coming weeks and months the Scouts will be taking part in a retro-gameshow and making guys for Guy Fawkes Night. It is also hoped that Scouts will be writing articles for the next edition of News of the 3B World so, quite literally "watch this space!". Just because it's the winter term it doesn't mean the Scouts will be stuck indoors! Oh no! They will also be orienteering at Thriftwood, chasing Pokémon, fire lighting and escaping a zombie invasion. The mind boggles!



Everything is harder when your senses are deprived, including making jam sarnies

The Essex International Jamboree in August was a truly amazing camp! They may have only been 10 miles from Brentwood but the 10 members of 3rd Brentwood Scouts and the Skips had a fantastic time as part of the Brentwood District contingent. There was good food, fine weather and an incredible variety of activities including a few surprises such as clay pigeon shooting, parkour (look it up! It is great fun!), the "Leap of faith" and live entertainment on a festival scale! Couple all of this with the opportunity to live for a week alongside several thousand Scouts and Guides from all over the World and you'll start to see why anyone that you speak to



This is one small step for...aaaargh!

A Short Commercial Break

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Application to join the 3rd Brentwood Scout Group 50/50 Club

The 3rd Brentwood Scout Groups 50/50 Club is run to raise funds to buy new equipment and facilities for the Group. To join is simple. Complete this form and return it to your son's/daughter's section Leader, who will then make sure you are included in the next month's draw. Remember every month half of your donation is given out as prizes with

the other half being used to buy new tents and other camping equipment.

Rules

1. Each entry into the draw will cost £1.00 (There is no restriction on the number of entries per person).
2. Payment must be made by Standing Order.
3. Results will be posted in the Scout Hut, on the Group's Facebook page and in the Group's newsletter.
4. There will be twelve draws per annum. Fifty percent of the total subscriptions will be paid out in prize money. The number and value of the prizes will be dictated by the number of members.

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I wish to subscribe to the 3rd Brentwood Scout Group's 50/50 Club until further notice and request you allocateentry(ies) into the draw to be effective from

A standing order mandate crediting the Group's 50/50 Club bank account with HSBC Bank has been completed. I understand that if my subscription is not received on or before the last day of the month I will be excluded from that month's draw. I undertake to give notice to the Scout Group prior to canceling the standing order.

Signed Date

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