

THE GRIFF

3rd Chalkwell Bay Scout Troop Newsletter

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From the Editor.....

For the past 6 months the new system of emailing out letters and keeping parents and Scouts up to date with all the current news has been a huge success and we've had a huge response from yourselves on how it has saved the fridge door from copious amounts of letters!

Each month for the past 6 months I've been sending out a monthly news email, mentioning the activities the Troops been up to including other notices; back in 2005 the old Troop newsletter 'The Griff' came out of circulation, now updated and changed this email/online copy of 'The Griff' will be replacing the monthly news email, this is so we can include photos and other articles which would not be possible to do so on just an email message.

Once we get going members of the Troop will get the chance to submit articles so the news is coming from the Scouts themselves and can go towards numerous badges, if any parent would like to put in an article into the newsletter you can, just email me your article to theden3cb@btinternet.com and it will be featured in the next issue.

Enjoy! ASL Peter Jacob 'The Jimmy'

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this month in The Troop, have a great day!

Daniel H	15 th June
Adam H	15 th June
Matthew K	26 th June
Peter J	26 th June
Alex S	30 th June

Group Summer Camp – 27th July – 3rd Aug – Euston Hall, Suffolk

Summer camp has always been seen as the highlight of the year and this year's camp will be no different, 2013 is a Group camp, which will consist of the Cub Pack, Scout Troop, Sea Ranger Crew & Explorer Unit. It will be held at Euston Hall in Suffolk from Saturday 27th July to Saturday 3rd August.



Throughout the week the Patrols sleep under canvas, cook and work together under the supervision of the Patrol Leader and the Leader team. Cooking is done over open fires in a back to basics style and everyone sleeps under canvas. There will be a number of activities, games and competitions such as the well fought after Football Trophy and Camp Inspection, as well as a day or two off site to the local town and swimming pool.

If your son would like to attend please return the reply slip and money before the end of this month as we need to know numbers for planning and catering. If you have misplaced the letter and you would like another please let me know and I shall send you a new copy.

Summer Church Parade – Sunday 16th June



This Sunday 16th June is the Group's annual Summer Church Parade at The Den at 10:30. All troop members are required to attend, and we would also like to extend an invitation to family and friends to join us. After the service there will be refreshments

served and a chance to meet the Leaders and parents of your children's friends for a chat. This year the Sea Ranger Crew will be holding a fundraising homemade cake sale, with all profits being donated to the RNLI towards their new boat house appeal.



Lifeboats

Group Open Day Enjoyed by All!

The Group had its annual open day and BBQ for family & friends to come down and get a chance to enjoy the boats which



all the kids get to use most weekends. Unlike previous years where we get drenched on shore rather than on the water, we had

the sun beating down on us without a cloud in sight! We managed to get the whole fleet of Topazs and a couple of the Wanderers out onto the water, along with the RIBS for rides. Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves and a huge thanks to the parents who helped with the BBQ and the leaders who took out the boats, but a big thank you goes to Leigh Sailing Club who came to our rescue and lent us their BBQ when ours decided to have a sulk and not work! Photos of the day can be found on Group's Facebook page.

Did you Know.....

about the Troop's great contribution to the film industry? Well in the 1956 we were invited to take part in the making of a film for children's Saturday morning cinema and in fact became heroes of the silver screen. The film was called 'Raiders of the



River', and was finally screened in America and the U.K. The short story is that some villains headed by an even

more villainous bearded character stole some bullion (gold bars) from a London bank. They were seen by some Scouts who chased them around the East End Docks. The crooks finally escaped in an old motor boat and headed down the Thames with a view to escaping to the Continent. Of course they had not heard of the 3rd C.B. who had been tipped off by the London Scouts. Our heroes, without more ado, sailed off into the Estuary to head off the villains. When it was all over we were the recipients of a handsome donation from the film company and in due course received free tickets to see the film locally, and the result of their handiwork. *(Taken from the History of 3rd CB Book by our late President Frank Bentley)*

Next Issue – July 2013

If you would like to put an article in for the July issue of The Griff please send to theden3cb@btinternet.com before the end of June.

Uniform

During the summer months (1 May – 30 September) uniform is usually white square rig instead of jumpers, however as the new square rigs still haven't been delivered from the Navy yet, boys are to wear their Group polo shirts in the mean time until we can hand out the new square rigs, still bring jumper incase its cold. Smart trousers, shoes and a cap are still required as above.

Boating Down The Den

The Den is open most weekends for Open Boating, Open Boating is for those boys who aren't taking part on courses and would like to come down to practice their sailing and rowing or just to have a fun out on the water. You don't need to ask to come down or to sign up, just turn up when The Den is open which is shown on the weekend programme or notified at the end of a Troop meeting and turn up before the briefing.

Want to be Up to Date?

For up to date news and information please visit the group website, www.3rdCB.org.uk or join us on the closed group Facebook page '3rd Chalkwell Bay Group' for photos and up to date info on if The Den is open or closed for boating /activities on weekends.

Amendments to the Troop Programme

Friday 14th June - This evening has been changed from the scheduled first aid night and is now the final fitness challenge badge evening. Scouts are to come in PE kits to do psychical activities in, once you have completed this evening and attended the previous fitness night you will be awarded with your Fitness Challenge which go towards gain your Chief Scouts Gold Award!

Friday 21st June – As most of the Troop will be at Troop camp this evening, there is no Scouts at The Den.