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3rd Chalkwell Bay Sea Scout Troop Newsletter

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From the Editor.....

Well summer 2013 is almost over and I have to say it has been one of the busiest the Troop has seen in a very long time!

I hope those who went away over the school holidays had a nice time; sadly after camp it was straight back to work for myself (world's smallest violin comes to mind!). However camp was good fun this year even if we did experience all types of weather excluding fog and snow, you can read more about this year's Summer Camp and other events that happened over the summer in this edition.

Enjoy! ASL Peter Jacob 'The Jimmy'

September Birthdays

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

Adam Bishop - 5th September

Josh Beuvink - 6th September

James Wheeler (Wee Man) - 15th September

Harry Beaver - 16th September

Ed Middleton - 27th September



Summer Camp 2013 – Euston Hall, Suffolk

Summer Camp 2013 was a success for the whole group and no less for the scout section. Yet again the troop programme was full of activities across the whole week which was enjoyed by all. As usual the highly competitive sporting contests were held with Football, Volleyball, Rounders and Tug-o-War providing heated battles between each of the eight patrols demonstrating their teamwork and determination. For some the highlight of the week would have been the obstacle course (created by the Explorer Unit) which even included its own zip wire and swing rope which provided another



battle ground for the patrols to show their athleticism. In addition to the physical competitions there were also many creative challenges. One of these was the Catapult competition. Here, each

patrol were given bamboo canes and broom handles and had to build a catapult which would fire a tennis ball the furthest. A Cooking Competition was also held where the patrols had to cook the tastiest sponge pudding. The scouts also learned a lot across the week in the form of badge work, those on the Survivalist badge created nettle soup, the Camp Cooks learned of the importance of hygiene when cooking at camp and the Naturalists caught fish in a local stream and identified them successfully. The creative peak of the week was also to be seen at Theme Day, where the patrols dressed as London Tube Stations. A lot of effort was put into the costumes to depict Wimbledon, Bank and Liverpool Street, to name a few. One of the more impressive sights of the week was to see a number of the Leader Team to



don their outfits as Seven Sisters. A lot more fun was also had across the week in the form of a trip to go swimming, a water fight, the incident hike, orienteering challenge and the much loved campfire. In all this year's Summer Camp was another fantastic week for the Scout Troop.

Young Leader Dom Herriott

(More photos can be found on the closed Facebook page)



British Rowing Affiliated Training Centre

3rd CB is now an affiliated training centre with the British Rowing Association, the national governing body for Rowing in the UK and enabling us to offer the Explore Rowing 'Learn to Row' scheme.

The Explore Rowing 'Learn to Row Scheme' aims to provide a structured route into the sport for everyone and provide confidence to those wishing to get involved in rowing, whether it be inland or coastal. With this we are now able to run the stage 1 & 2 courses which are national recognised qualifications, just like the RYA courses we already run within the Group.



The Stage 1 and 2 have been designed to allow participants to develop their skills over the course of time and allows us to award the Scout Pulling badge. There is a great opportunity for members of the Group to develop their rowing skills and also being apart of the RYA, this grows the group's training abilities even further and allows children to partake in more activities than they would be able to anywhere else.

We will hopefully be starting courses shortly once everything has been arranged internally in the Group.

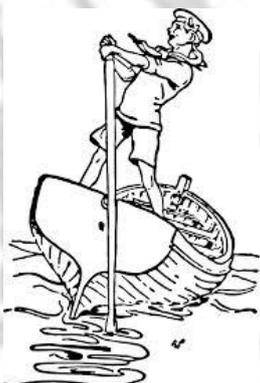
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Did You Know.....

that in 1958 the local scout hierarchy decided to remove our title of 3rd Chalkwell Bay? They felt that as we bore the name of a Central Division Group (Southend District), but were now operating in the West Division (Leigh District), that we should become the umpteerith Leigh. As you have already guessed, we value our 3rd CB name highly,

and the atmosphere and language around the Den became very heated to say the least. Luckily we had some hardnosed types who were past masters at YE VERBALS. In the end and like all good stories the Goodies (us) triumphed, and to this day we are the only Leigh Group with a non-Leigh title. You must admit that the prospect of the title of 14th Leigh fair takes yer breath away!

(Taken from the History of 3rd CB Book by our late President Frank Bentley)



Uniform

We are still wearing summer rig, which at present consists of polo shirts (until new square rigs get delivered), scarf, black trousers and cap. Jumpers still need to be brought down on Fridays, in case it is cold. We will be back into winter rig as of 1st October.

Scouts need to make sure their uniform is correct and smart for inspections, with caps cleaned, scarfs ironed, discovery knots properly tied and shoes polished. Badges also need to be in the correct positions, for more information for where badges go, please see the diagram in the record book or follow the link below.

[Badge Positions](#)

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.

Old Leigh Regatta Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been issued to all members now, monies made from us selling the tickets goes straight to our share of the total made at the Regatta and is a good fund raiser for us. If you have sold any tickets please return the stubs and money to us before the 19th September, if you don't get round to selling all the tickets please return them back as they need to be logged.

Riddle of the Month

Give me food, and I will live; give me water, and I will die. What am I?

(Answer on the next page)

Dates for Your Diary

Old Leigh Regatta - 21st-22nd September

Church Parade - 20th October

Remembrance Sunday Parade - 10th November

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.

Riddle Answer

Did you get it? If you said 'Fire' you were spot on!

Next Issue – October 2013

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

Right Royal Event

Back in July boys in the Troop along with some Explorers and Rangers helped out on the grand opening ceremony of the new inshore lifeboat station and Royal Pavilion at Southend Pier which was opened by HRH Prince Edward, The Duke of Kent. The boys in full smart uniform and polished shoes helped sell programmes at the event which was on one of the hottest days of the year and many even spoke to the Duke of Kent. Those who represented the Troop there, well done on your work, as there were plenty of comments from members of the public on how smart and polite you were.



Old Leigh Regatta 21st & 22nd September

Over the past couple of weeks you would have seen the emails being sent regarding help for the Regatta, we would like to say thank you now to those who have helped so far or have volunteered for a role over the weekend, as without your help over these two days it would almost be impossible to run. Over the weekend the boys in the Troop are required to sell Programmes, the more programmes we sell the more money we make and the Regatta is one of our biggest fund raisers. Each Patrol will be given a time during the day where they must come down in uniform and sell programmes, each Patrol only has to do an hour an email will be out shortly regarding this. Also Chris McHugh will be looking for boys to take part in the Scout Pentathlon, this is where we compete against 4th/6th Leigh



Sea Scouts in various competitions such as dinghy tug of war and Sudan Chair racing, we are the current reigning champions of both the under 12 and over 12 cups, so

let's make this another year where we thrash 4th/6th! If you would like to do this please see Chris McHugh.