

THE GRIFF

3rd Chalkwell Bay Sea Scout Troop Newsletter

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From the Editor.....

In this edition we see how well the Troop did in the Regatta. Also a general round up of other news from within the Group and the very popular of which I've been informed of, 'Did you know'.

A very short and sweet intro from me this month!

Enjoy! ASL Peter Jacob 'The Jimmy'

October Birthdays

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

Daniel Mayes – 2nd October

Harry Raffan - 13th October

Uniform

From 1st October – 30th April we are back in full winter uniform. That is jumpers worn all the time, along with the usual cleaned and ironed scarf, cleaned cap, black trousers and black socks and polished shoes.

If you require any new items of uniform please see No.1 on a Friday night. Also the new square rigs will be in stock soon and a notice will be sent out regarding the purchasing of new square rigs.

Dates for Your Diary

Scout Summer Camp Presentation

Evening – 18th October

Church Parade (Harvest Festival) -

20th October

Night Hike and Bonfire Night

Sleepover – 1st-3rd November

Remembrance Sunday Parade – 10th

November

Old Leigh Regatta Scout Pentathlon and Tug of War Competition

Over the Regatta weekend we entered two teams for the Scout Pentathlon and Tug of War events with 12 and under on the Saturday and the over 12's on the Sunday. The pentathlon is run every year at the regatta consisting of five events including the Sudan Chair race, Topaz rig and sail race, the dinghy relay race, the dinghy tug of war and concluded by the marsh race at the end of the tide. 3rd Chalkwell Bay competes against the other Scout troop based in the Old town, 4th/6th Leigh, where a pentathlon trophy is competed for on both days, with separate trophies also being available for the beach tug of war!



The Saturday 12 and under team consisted of Declan Ranguie, Daniel Riely, Ed Middleon, Sam Veitch and Jack Styles. The team got off to a shaky start with the Sudan chair race, where despite



being first over the finishing line, they did not receive the winning point. This was because they decided it was quicker to run without anyone on the Sudan chair, which was kind of presides the point of the race!!!

However after being spoken to, and possible given some tactics by the fully independent and totally unbiased adjudicator (me), the boys were back on form winning the Topaz rig and race with a comfortable lead. Unfortunately 4th/6th Leigh up'd their game for the following events winning both the dinghy relay race and dingy tug of war. They also went on to win the beach tug of war to add a final blow to 3rd CB's morale. However, despite knowing that 4th/6th had now essentially won the pentathlon, the boys still put their all into the Marsh race and showed true fighting spirit which won them the race. It was very closely fought competition, but unfortunately 4th/6th 12's and under team had the edge this year!



The following day, knowing that they had some work to do the over 12's consisting of Tom March, Laurence Dennis, Matt Knight and Sam Hair went into the competition meaning business, comfortably



winning both the Sudan chair race and the Topaz rig and sail race. Feeling sorry for the frustrated 4th/6th team, 3rd CB allowed them one win which was the dinghy relay race, but

then went on to win the remaining three events. After a relaxing drift back down the creek and while still covered in mud the boys shook hands with the deputy major gratefully receiving the Sunday pentathlon and tug of war trophies!

Both teams competed really well, and showed good sportsmanship throughout! All the events were really well supported by the parents, with one of the biggest crowds we have had for years which was nice to see. Thanks to Anne Van't Hoff who took hundreds of photos of the event, available to see on the private 3rd Chalkwell Bay Facebook page.

ASL Chris McHugh 'Sparks'



£250 Donation for Building Project

3rd CB has received a cheque of the sum of £250 to go towards the fundraising of our new building project. The donation was raised by the Leigh on Sea Masonic Lodge No.4708 and was handed over to our GSL, Carol Tissington. A huge 3rd CB thank you goes out to them and their extremely kind donation!



This makes the current total raised so far for our big project, £6,250.

Did You Know.....

That we were in fact the offspring of the 1st Chalkwell Bay Troop based on Crowstone Church in Westcliff and for the first two years of 3rd CB's long history we were actually a Land Scout Group (Tree Scouts) and become a Sea Scout Group in 1935. When we broke away from 1st Chalkwell Bay in 1931, we took nothing except half of their old gold scarf; we added a black half to it, thus establishing the scarf which we have worn to this day.

Regatta Programme Selling

Well done to those Scouts who came down to help sell Regatta programmes over the Regatta weekend and also the weekend before. We had a competition within the Troop on who could sell the most programmes with a prize (a box of chocolate) going to the top two sellers. The winners were;

1st – SPL Laurence Dennis 61 Sold
2nd – Robert Bates 41 Sold

Record Books & Badges

A reminder that boys need to bring their record books every uniform night, if you have lost your record book you can get a new one at a small charge from Master in the Wardroom.

Also any Scouts, who have completed any badges, please bring any evidence of this and show Master who will sign you off if completed, you will then be awarded the badge.

PL & APL Applications

We are now recruiting for new PL's and APL's. If you would like to put yourself forward, please get an application form from myself and complete and return before the 25th October. Any applications received after this date will not be accepted. Interviews may follow depending on how many applications we receive.

SL Ian Johnson 'No.1'

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.

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

