

Leader news

Sadly, at the end of this term we are losing 2 long standing stalwarts of our leadership team.

After many, many, years of exemplary service **Chris Brown** and **Rosie Wysome**, from Birch Beavers (Thursday), are both retiring in July, so won't be continuing in September.

Chris has been a volunteer with the 29th for over 40 years (yes, she was still in school!). And Beaver Scout Leader for the last 30 years. She has made an amazing contribution to scouting and to the 29th. To recognise this she was awarded the Silver Acorn by the Chief Scout 3 years ago.

Rosie started out as a volunteer with the 29th Beavers when her 2 sons joined Beavers 30 years ago. She has given incredible service to the group as Beaver Scout Leader, Assistant Leader and to the 29th Group as a whole.

We send them our deepest thanks for their dedication and commitment to hundreds of young people and adults. They will be sorely missed. We wish them all the best in their scouting retirement and years of joy with their grandchildren.

In addition, two other leaders are finishing this term, so we would like to thank **Dan Parker** and **Jenni Swettenham** (from the Kestrel and Maple sections) for the excellent contribution they have made to the 29th over the last few years.

National Scouting Leader Recruitment Campaign #GOOD FOR YOU has recently been launched.

In the last year Scouts UK has lost 10 thousand leaders. You might have seen it in local and national media. Many young people wish to join Scouting but there often just aren't enough spaces and not enough scout groups available.

The 29th need to recruit leaders as well, particularly in the beaver sections. Beaver parents will have received letters in the post asking for support. If you feel able to volunteer in any section - please get in touch with you section leader. And Yes - it is **GOOD FOR YOU!**

Fund raising

The Group Council are keen to hold an event so parents and children from the different sections can get together again.

So if WAG regulations allow it, we would like to hold a:

Family Baseball & Barbeque event

So a date for your diary is Saturday evening 10th July

The evening would commence at 6 - 6.15pm with a baseball game of children vs. parents. At approx 7pm there is a barbecue of burger & sausage. Bring your own drinks. Cost approx £3 a head.

Then at 8pm to round it off we will have a novelty Bingo session

As numbers will be limited, bookings will be in advance, and the decision to go ahead will be taken at the next Group Council meeting on 24th June - more details after that date

Section news

This term we have been able to carry out face to face meetings both outdoors and in some cases indoors

Beavers and Cubs - It has been marvelous to welcome our young people and leaders back to Face to Face Meetings at Scoutbase! We've enjoyed lots of fun and games and Scouting activities. These all count to a variety of badges for the youngsters to achieve. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Scouts - We have been able to meet outdoors each week and have done tent pitching, firelighting, axemanship, pioneering and played wide games. 15 scouts participated in a 2 day kayak training course for the paddle sport level 2 badge

Explorers - 15 of the unit and 10 older scouts carried out a service activity, on a very wet day at Jubilee fields campsite. Despite the weather, the scouts were able to fell & trim some large trees, clear blocked drainage ditches, rebuild a stream culvert, clear overgrown footpaths, & remove winter debris. The Area commissioner was very pleased with their efforts

They also had a somewhat eventful session at Caerphilly mountain MTB park!