

1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group



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1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group November Newsletter

Welcome to our November newsletter as we start the Winter term. And boy is there a lot going on!

Autumn is swiftly moving into Winter!

As the clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in, this is a timely reminder to request that you take especial care when bringing your child to their evening events; please always ensure that you escort your child into the HQ and sign your child in and out - *are your details correct on OSM?*

Car parking and drop-off in front of the HQ Building

OK, this is a very emotive subject, we know. Please can we ask all parents to act responsibly and do not enter the HQ driveway in their cars to drop children off as the nights are dark and it's an obvious safety hazard (only authorised persons should park there e.g. leaders using equipment, etc. and certainly not when there are significant people-movements such as Scouts evenings with Young Persons in the area). Also, please avoid dropping kids off outside by the gate in your car - please can you park first in an authorised space and escort your kids on foot into the building to be signed in; there are double-yellow lines outside the driveway in a very congested area.

We're a small village we know. Parking isn't optimal we know. Risk assessments are all about preventing accidents, so may we kindly ask you to please act responsibly and do the right thing, even if it's not the easy thing.

Vicky Groves standing down as Beech Beaver Leader

It is with very mixed feelings that we announce that Vicky Groves has stood down as Beech Beaver Leader; her mum in Wales needs a lot of care at present, so it means a lot of travel and she needs to effectively manage her work-life-family balance. We wish her well for the future and we're sure we will continue to see Vicky around the village regularly. Good luck Vicky!

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- Grattan Glendining has stepped in as Interim Beech Beaver Leader; he brings a lot of experience as a former Beaver Leader; please welcome Grattan to this role and give him your full support.

New Uniformed Assistant Leaders

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following new informed Leader appointments:

- **Jacqui Thomson** is promoted to Assistant Leader for Beech Beavers; Jacqui has held an occasional helper role for many years and this promotion allows Jacqui to further develop her Woodbadge* training.
- **Ruth Rigdell** is appointed as Assistant Leader for Beech Beavers. Ruth started as a parent-helper and has supported us with the Beaver evenings, camps and events. We are delighted that Ruth has taken the step to proudly take up the Scouting Uniform and she too will now start her Woodbadge* training.
- **Suzie Gregory** joins 1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group as Assistant Leader to Maple Beavers, having recently moved into the village and reached out to us to continue her Scouting journey and join the Group; she is a very experienced Beaver Leader, who has received her Woodbadge* award and has experience in DofE, Queen Scouts and international scouting experience. Welcome, Suzie, to the 1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group – and also to our village!
- [See our Facebook page for links and photos](#)

If you would like to take the next step to be a uniformed leader, or if you just want to help out more that will also be great! Just contact any of the Scouting Leaders anytime.

- **Wood Badge is a Scouting leadership programme and the related award for adult leaders in the programmes of Scout associations throughout the world. Wood Badge courses aim to make Scouters better leaders by teaching advanced leadership skills and by creating a bond and commitment to the Scout movement. Courses generally have a combined classroom and practical outdoors-based phase followed by a Wood Badge ticket, also known as the project phase. By "working the ticket", participants*

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put their newly gained experience into practice to attain ticket goals aiding the Scouting movement. The first Wood Badge training was organized by Francis "Skipper" Gidney and lectured at by Robert Baden-Powell and others at Gilwell Park (United Kingdom) in September 1919. Wood Badge training has since spread across the world with international variations.

Transitioning up to new groups

Scouting is a Movement and we wish all those transitioning groups well for this term.

The Scout Leadership Team hold regular capacity planning meetings to ensure that we actively plan both new recruits to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their transition up when they reach the defined age (and then onwards through to Explorers). We plan 3-6 months ahead to prepare young persons to transition upwards; our Section Leaders are highly experienced at preparing their young persons in readiness for their move upwards. Good luck to all those moving up a step this term!

- Remember that we have the Scout Shop, open Mondays for new uniforms and kit. In addition, we have a waiting list process, whereby parents can put their children on the Beavers waiting list, just go to the website and fill out the request form.

Forthcoming Events

Remembrance Sunday 11th November

Sunday 11th November marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and you will have already received notices for your child to attend the full village parade and church ceremony. – see our website or your Section Leader for more information if you need.

- Meet at the Holmes Chapel Health Centre Carpark from 0915 and sign your Young Person with their usual Leader. Collection will be at 1115am from the Health Centre Car Park.

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- Keep an eye on the weather forecast and help your kids with the right layers - if raining we have rain jackets that we will provide.

24 November – Holmes Chapel Co-op Celebration Day

We are pleased to be working with the local Co-op on Saturday 24 November 1000-1400, where we shall be running various activities. More information will follow shortly.

Christmas Post, Markets and other celebrations

Watch out for forthcoming information on our fund-raising events as we approach the Christmas festivities.

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