

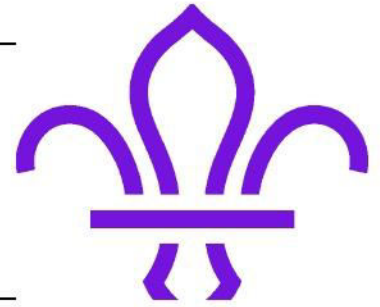


1st St Albans Scout Group

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Winter Newsletter 2018 / 2019

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Winning Start to the new term

The 1st have recorded two amazing successes already this year (2018/2019) firstly with our Impeesa Cub Football team winning the **Annual St Albans District Cub Football 6-a-side tournament**, See the group website for full match reports. Go to "Groups" then " Cubs " & Football Reports & Tables. Both Cub packs run teams in the St Albans District Cub Football League. Then our Scouts came joint first in the **St Albans District Derek Turner Trophy**, and for a full report see this newsletter page 2—written by George Beasley. Its not a competition we have done well in historically so **VERY** well done to our team.

Cub Football

Good news, following our appeal for help, Steve Brandon stepped forward to run the Impeesa team, this season with Daniel Seeby moving to the Impala team. Thanks to them both.

Access Improvements

Currently we have a small sub committee looking into improving the access across our rather bumpy compound from the gate to the path / ramp, and at the same time improve the drainage of this area, which floods whenever we have a lot of rain. The car park outside our compound is owned / maintained by St Albans District Council, so we can only request / suggest improvements etc

Scout Association Re-branding

You may have noticed that the Scout Association has launched its new Logo / Branding earlier this year, and the group intent to use this opportunity to install a roadside sign on the Watford Road, as not everybody knows where we are ! At same time we

will be updating the large sign on the side of the building to comply with the new branding guidelines.

.St Albans Scout & Guide Gang Show 2019.

We have recently received our tickets for the Gang Show taking place at the St Albans Arena between Wednesday 13th—Saturday 16th February 2019. Section leaders will shortly be in touch re this. It's a wonderful show put on by St Albans Scouts and Guides, don't miss it !

Remembrance Service

Many thanks to everybody who came along to the St Stephens Parish War Memorial on Sunday 11th November for the Annual Service. Wreaths were laid by our Beavers, Cubs and the Scouts, along with many other groups / organisations. A wonderful turn out .

Group Camp 2019

Next years Annual Group Camp will take place between **Friday 28th June and Sunday 30th June, at Gilwell Park**, the world famous home to the Scout Movement.

Please put the date in your family diaries, and more details will be sent to you by your section leaders in due course

Pre-loved Uniforms

The group have a small selection of second hand uniforms, including a good number of Beaver / Cub / Scout / explorer trousers, which we are happy to pass on and see them back in use. Contact your section leader or Steve on 07775 544344 if

you are interested

Marquee / Equipment hire

The group are more than happy to hire out Marquees / Mess tents etc, and in fact are already taking bookings for 2019. We have a number of regular users including a number other Scout & Guide groups, and local event organisers. There are some pictures of the marquees on our web-site under "**For Hire**". We even erect / dismantle them for you! So if you need one, and would like to discuss options / prices , ring or email Steve Lindsay on 07775 544344

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St Albans Half Marathon

In June this year a number of Scouts / Leaders manned a water station along Bedmond Lane, to help the organisers of the Half Marathon. We were awarded £300.00 along with a number of other supporters. We have passed our chq onto the St Albans District 2019 World Scout Jamboree fund raisers, to help send our party to the jamboree in America.

Christmas

We would like to wish all our young people and their families a lovely Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

From the leaders, the exec and all our supporters.

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Derek Turner Trophy - The Crystal Maze - St Albans District Scout Competition (December 2019)

On December 1st James, Rohan, Freddie and I (George) set off at 6.20pm, into the pitch black from our base at St Luke's school. Using navigation skills obtained from previous meetings, we expertly flew round the course, doing exceptionally well at the bases, picking up 6 out of the 8 crystals on offer for the final challenge. Each base had a challenge based on the crystal maze for example crossing over a muddy field with only 2 bricks and a plank and trying to hook keys with a rope! Nearing the end, on track for completing within the allotted time-frame, without warning the rain began to lash down and we all soaked to the skin. With visibility reducing we began relying on our compass which thankfully got us safely to the finish on time. After completing the final challenge - grabbing as many gold strips as we could in the crystal maze blizzard, the team settled down to a well-earned midnight feast of bread and hobnobs. James left us after this as he had a piano exam the next morning.

On Sunday morning we woke up to find half of our pegs had come out during the night and the tent was threatening to collapse on us. Fortunately, no damage was caused and we packed away our stuff, ate breakfast and waited for the presentation to begin. The tension mounted as we found out there was a tie for second place, meaning there were also joint winners. We were amazed when the 1st were called out in joint first place with the 4th St Albans 'A' team. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I would definitely recommend all Scouts take part next year.

George Beasley

1ST St Albans Scouts December
2018.

The Derek Turner final scores were :-

4th St Albans A team 1383

1st St Albans 1383

18th Aquila B team 1381

London Colney B team 1381

18th Aquila A team 1287

3rd Tubbecke A team 1248 etc A total of 21 teams took part

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FINAL SCORES

| OVERALL FINAL | POSN | COMPET - ING? | C/NC FINAL | POSN | TEAM NAME | TEAM NUMBER |
|---------------|------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | = | C | 1 | = | 4th Thursday A | 4 |
| 1 | = | C | 1 | = | 1st St Albans | 15 |
| 33 | = | C | 3 | = | 18th Aquila B | 18 |
| 5 | = | C | 3 | = | L Colney B | 21 |
| 6 | C | 5 | | | 18th Aquila | 8 |
| | C | 6 | | | 3rd Tubbecke A | 6 |
| 7 | | | | | | |
| | C | 7 | Redbourn Priory A | 10 | 1177 | |
| 8 | | | | | | |
| | C | 8 | Sandridge Panthers | 11 | 1176 | |
| 9 | C | 9 | 16th St Albans 7 A | | 1169 | |
| 10 | C | 10 | L Colney A | 9 | 1114 | |
| 11 | = | C | 11 | = | 4th Thursday B | 19 |
| 11 | = | C | 11 | = | 16th St Albans 22 B | |
| 13 | C | 13 | 17th St Albans | 12 | 791 | |
| 14 | C | 14 | 5/13th St Albans | 5 | 782 | |
| 15 | C | 15 | 3rd Tubbecke B | 17 | 725 | |
| 16 | C | 16 | Markyate | 16 | 708 | |
| 17 | C | 17 | Redbourn Ver 20 | | 697 | |
| 18 | C | 18 | 2nd St Albans | 13 | 609 | |
| NC | 1 | 3rd Stockdale A | 3 | 1174 | | |
| NC | 2 | 3rd Stockdale B | 14 | 1172 | | |
| NC | 3 | 4th Friday A (Training) | 1 | 1004 | | |