



1st St Albans Scout Group

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Summer Newsletter 2019

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St Albans Gang Show 2020.

A good number of our Scout, Cubs and Beavers attended this year Gang Show at the Alban Arena, and thoroughly enjoyed it, indeed our Beavers managed to combine it with a superb sleep-over at the Wadley Hut. (Our thanks go to Marlborough school for providing a mini bus to get them to and back from the show.) **So how about joining the cast next year?** If you are an active member of St Albans Scout District or St Albans Guide Division, and are between 11-25 years old (and in School Year 7 or above) then why not attend the auditions which will be on the **15th September 2019**. Full details are on the Gang Show website. **It would be fantastic to see the 1st represented on stage!**

Access Improvements—update

Good news—we have now agreed with a contractor that the area between the compound gate and the Hut Entrance will be block paved during the Summer Break. This should improve access for All. Unfortunately the external car park outside our compound is owned / maintained by St Albans District Council, so we can only request / suggest improvements etc

I'm a Scout, get me out of here!

Our scouts have entered a good number of District organised competitions and here is a short report on one, written by Dylan Rach.

"I remember when I was entering through the gates I looked outside and it was lashing down with rain. I was feeling excited, but nervous of the activities and wondered if it would ever stop raining. We checked in, and my bag was checked for any contraband items such as sweets or food. The Leader legitimately emptied everything out of my rucksack, and it was a mess! Then we drove up to our site and it carried on raining, so we waited in the car. Just as we were about to put on a movie, it stopped raining, so we went out and put up the tent. We were helped by 2 other scouts called Owen & Callan from a different pack. Once we put up the tent, we got our bags out of the car and put them inside. Ozan, Liam, Owen, Callan and I took our shoes off (which wasn't a good idea because we had to run outside right after that our adventure had begun !)

Over the next few days we did many fun challenges including slip and slide, space hoppers, dam busters and nuclear rods. Overall my favourite activity was slip and slide, because it was really fun sliding down it! Through the weekend I found cooking the most difficult, making sure that everyone had enough and an equal share of everything! Overall, I had a great time and would definitely do it again next year!

Group Camp 2019

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

Huge thanks to our leaders and a number of parents, who helped over the weekend. The weather was good, and our young people had a marvellous time, taking part in Rifle Shooting, Zip Wire, Archery, climbing, backwoods cooking, crate stacking as well as a Joint Bonfire with 4th St Albans who happened to be camping there as well, with the singing led by our GSL—Terry Cavender.

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.

Scout Association Re-branding

You may have noticed that the Scout Association has launched its new Logo / Branding earlier this year, and the group used this opportunity to install roadside signs on the Watford Road, as not everybody knows where we are! At same time we have updated the large sign on the side of the building to comply with the branding requirements

County owned campsites

Did you know that Herts Scouts owns and runs 4 campsites in Hertfordshire—Phasels Wood, near Kings Langley, Tolmers, near Cuffley, Well End, near Borehamwood, and our "back to basics" site at HarmerGreen Wood, plus we own and run a site in Scotland at Lochearnhead. They offer a range of wonderful facilities / experiences. Check out their website for more information.

Have a good summer break!

PS, - **Our I'm a Scout get me out of here! Team** came 8th out of 15 teams—and obviously enjoyed the competition!

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