



1st St Albans Scout Group

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Winter Newsletter 2021/22

Covid 19 et al—WELCOME BACK !

Well what can you say that's not already been said, its been a massive disruption to all our lives and we believe that our young people have suffered greatly, through disrupted schooling, restricted social activities etc.

We believe Scouting can be hugely important in re-building their lives / confidence etc

All our sections (Beavers ,Cubs,Scouts & Explorers are back meeting face to face at their pre-covid days / times, whilst observing Covid safety precautions. We owe **a huge vote of thanks to our leaders** who kept the flame of scouting alive during the lockdowns. So, sincere thanks to them all and let's support them going forward.

However, we need more adults to join us and help us run the group. There are many ways you could help; not just help running the sections, although that would be great, but with admin, maintenance, fund raising—(erecting marquees—it's a good earner) running cub football at weekends etc. Please talk to our leaders or give me a ring to chat about how you might help. Steve L

Leadership changes

There have been a number of leaders moving on, Rebecca & Tein Do returned to Australia having made huge contributions whilst they lived in St Albans. Not forgetting Sally Mitchell whom we shared with the Park Street group, who has moved to Northamptonshire—both families will be missed

Wadley Hut Improvements/ equipment additions

During the pandemic we upgraded the building electrics, with a detailed safety check, installation of new fuse box, as well as upgrading the audible & visual fire alarms

We also will be changing to LED lighting on a rolling basis.

We have also purchased a new (to us) marquee, as the existing ones are reaching the end of their useful lives, having given us over 30 years service !

Our thanks also to the grounds maintenance team, as the grass / trees kept growing !

Wadley Hut lettings

Our groups finances are underpinned by letting out the hall / facilities to many different groups, classes, organisations etc The pandemic led to a number of these ceasing to use us, but new users have emerged, whom we welcome to the Wadley Hut, including Strava Drama, Tennis Camps, Pixie Studios, Hartbeeps as well as the NHS !

The St Albans District Council use us to host a polling station as and when required. In addition we are happy to host young childrens parties, (aged 10 or under)

Group Camp 2022

Next years Annual Group Camp will take place between **Friday 17th June and Sunday 19th June, at the Phaselswood Scout Activity Centre**. All sections will be involved, so 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 2022 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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County owned campsites

Did you know that Herts Scouts owns and runs 4 campsites in Hertfordshire—Phasels Wood, near Kings Langley, the site of next years group camp, 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 websites for more information.

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