



3rd Alton Tiger Cub Pack June 2021-May 2022

Another busy year, where once again we mixed the essential badgework needed to achieve the Cubs highest honour of Silver Chief Scout Award by ensuring all seven Challenge badges are covered **and** having a lot of fun!

We have 23 Cubs, four leaders and a young leader.

Summer Term (June-July) 2021 The end of this term included learning the **Countryside Code**, plus pitch and strike tents - crucially with *care*. Fathers of our Cubs received cards, bespoke coasters and keyrings this year. On one of our hikes (**Hike Badge**) the Cubs learnt how to put into practice the use of a map and a compass (part of **Navigator Badge**). A just for fun evening was celebrating 'World Chocolate Day' by Q&A session (who knew the Dairy Milk recipe was from 1905?), chocolate bingo (using smarties), designing a chocolate bar wrapper, and a bag of choccies to take home. 😊

Q6. Fry's also made the first chocolate Easter egg, when?
1847 1867 **1873** 1900
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A walk around town was illuminating, even Altonian parent helpers learnt from our wonderful tour guide for the **Local Knowledge badge**. Our last night of term was 'Wet games'...it started with water shooters then turned into buckets of water over heads, the message learnt was don't dare Shere Khan! **All** soaked, & **all** happy on a very hot day 😊. We also shared an activity day with Lion Pack @ The Den. Another Cub moved up to Scouts with his Silver Chief Scout Award.

Autumn Term 2021

We welcomed two special visitors in September. The first was Jean who kindly talked to us about caring for bees & the environmental impact they have. Sadly the bees were sleepy, but she did bring the 'smoker', and different types of local honey to try (different flowers, different tastes). The second was Makaton teacher Michelle. The Cubs learnt some of the basics of signing – e.g "hello", their names, and how to display emotions.



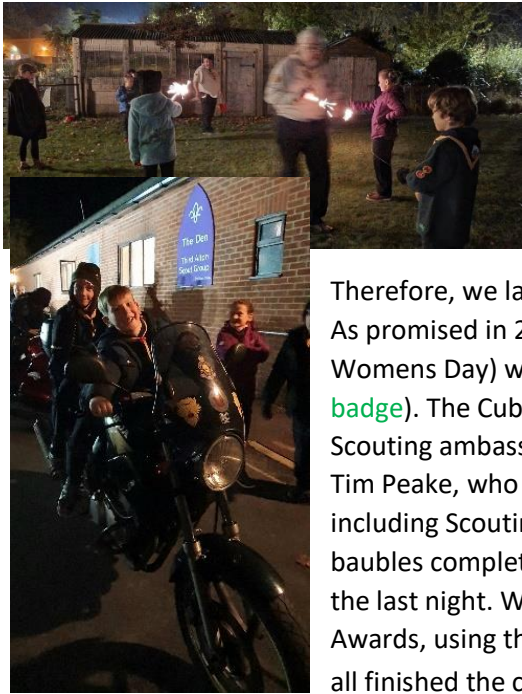
At Alpine Snowsports the Cubs had fun learning the **Snowsports level 1 badge**, a first for 3rd Alton Cubs section.

A visit to Waterstones was entertaining and informative. Cubs were given specific book details and they searched through the store using the basic system of genre, author & title. They learnt about the shop's layout, how the company chooses books to sell, what happens to unsold ones, how they promote merchandise, and much more.



Tiger & Lion Pack formed teams for the Cub Football tournament, they did us proud. 🙌





We had a 'Halloween evening' (2nd Nov!) just for fun. Fancy dress, played games, and the Pack enjoyed a treat from us – sparklers. **Fire safety** was practised. Our wonderful friends from the Royal British Legion visited again with their interesting talks and fabulous bikes. Regretably, once again the Remembrance Day Parade was cancelled for Scouts in our District.



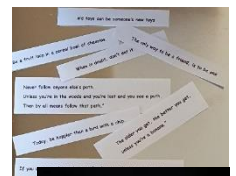
Therefore, we laid our own wreath at the Cairn on behalf of our Pack. As promised in 2020 when we learnt about IWD (International Womens Day) we covered IMD (International Mens Day) in 2021. (Part of the **Global Issues badge**). The Cubs learnt amongst other subjects, about good role models -such as the Scouting ambassadors. How most of them were Cubs themselves and now, such as with Tim Peake, who went from Apache pilot to astronaut and supporter of many charities including Scouting. The last two evenings in December accomplished 'Santa signs', tree baubles complete with fake snow, cards, games and generous amounts of chips (& 'fizz') on the last night. We said goodbye to three wonderful Cubs, all with their Silver Chief Scout Awards, using the 'swimming-up' ceremony with Scouting Leaders Wolfie & Skip. **After** we all finished the chips of course 😊

Spring Term 2022

More team games, and **Backwoods** cooking to start the year. **Home Help** proved once again the importance of skills. Learning how to sew on badges, cook a meal, clean up after yourself and help others (especially parents with chores) are vital skills for life and they all



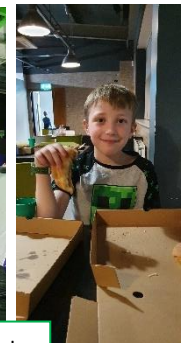
achieved this well. In February we celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Tiger, with our usual bespoke Chinese horoscope made to each Cub's DOB. A fun Q&A involving racing to a, b, or c in The Den for points and prizes; and homemade fortune cookies, containing *homemade* fortunes – well done Rikki Tikki Tavi! Who also decorated Oreo biscuits into Tiger biscuits.



A visit to Winchester Science Centre Planetarium for the **Astronomy badge** (final part with an astronomer in Autumn) was 'dazzling'. The Cubs all loved the show and came home with another badge for their camp blanket. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday by the Cubs making pancakes from scratch (yes, actual flour, baking powder etc) and every Cub 'flipped their pancake', before devouring! We also made healthy fruit kebabs using the "I don't like that" type of fruits, for example, kiwi. **Everyone** tried every fruit, and all liked them – success. The **Book Reader badge** was finished with the help of our 'resident expert' (from The British Library). Lion & Tiger



Packs shared an adventure by visiting Flip Out (Portsmouth) for a "sleepover". Sadly, Lion Akela, couldn't see his plan through due to Covid, but the Cubs had a wonderful time. After five meetings over two terms, we also finished the **Money Skills badge**. Cubs made their own money, using 'invisible ink' (& blacklight), tin foil etc, and then made counterfeit money. They also learnt how adverts effect their



Flip Out



daily lives. How different countries have different monies with different exchange rates. (Some of their work is on the wall in The Den).





Tiger Pack Cubs made Bath Bombs (**Science badge**) for Mothers Day, again from scratch. The kitchen, Cubs and especially Shere Khan, were covered in clouds of baking powder, cornflour etc! The bath bombs were made, put into moulds and sent home with handmade cards and blackboard hearts. We ended the term with the Cubs building and lighting a campfire, resulting in a **lot** of toast and marshmallows being eaten.



Summer Term 2022

Cubs made, amongst other things, 'Reaction rockets' (**Science badge**). Many thanks to our honorary 'Kaa' for his scientific knowledge, who helped make it even more fun.



Bentley Church



Pax Hill – 2022 or 1930s?



Remains of the tennis court @ Pax Hill

Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT) saw sixteen of our Cubs join with other members of 3rd Alton to hike different routes around Bentley on 14th May. This was a special event, especially with the knowledge thousands of Scouts around the world would also be hiking on that day. Tiger Pack's route took us to Pax Hill (once home to Scoutings founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell from 1919 to 1939). Now a care home,



they kindly granted us permission to visit. We have started the **Gardener badge**, which saw the Cubs plant seeds of parsley in environmentally friendly, biodegradable pots, and design plant labels. Now at home, most apparently have sprouted and seem to still be 'alive' - at time of writing! Celebrating our Scouting's Patron's Platinum Jubilee, our Pack made bunting for their Money Skills board in The Den, and enjoyed Rikki's cupcakes with edible wafers. Fathers Day gifts were



also produced, which of course is hush-hush, but **will** be **very** popular with the Dads. Finally we pitched tents and trained five for their Investitures next week on our Hike. We are looking forward to our Seaside sleepover with the RNLI, and kayaking at the end of the term.



Badges: - During this year we have achieved four Silver Chief Scout Awards; Night's Away/Joining In/Backwoods Cooking/Hike/Artist/Book Reader/Scientist/Local Knowledge/Money Skills/Animal Carer/International/Snowsports Level 1. Which contributed to five Challenge Awards, and all seven for 3 Cubs. Additionally, some Cubs completed Entertainer & Sports Enthusiast. Four other badges are to be completed in the Autumn Term.

Lastly: - Thank you to our Cubs, your behaviour has been great and you have achieved a lot this year – well done. To the Parents, we do appreciate you - thank you for your support. To Baloo, Rikki & Shere Khan – I am still very grateful for all that you do; and welcome to our wonderful Young Leader Charlie, and our parent helper Richard – thanks for joining us.

Akela