

# Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts newsletter - Issue 3

WELCOME to a new school year, a new term for all of us at P&H and a new beginning for the troop. You may have heard the wonderful news that we have finally been given planning permission to rebuild the Scout Hut. Now the challenge is on to raise the cash – and you can find lots of ways to play your part in this term’s newsletter. And the new hut can’t come soon enough as we are expanding too, with a proposed new Cub pack, so even more local children can enjoy the camaraderie and excitement Scouting offers. As always, this term promises to be action packed, so let

the newsletter team know what you’re up to, so we can share it with the rest of the troop. Whether you have a finished article, a photo or just a few words you’d like included, please email [pandhnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pandhnewsletter@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you

Warm regards

*Jane & Duncan Hamilton*

Newsletter Editors

## PHOENIX RISING

WE’VE done it! After several years of negotiation, the troop have a super new Scout Hut to look forward to. Richmond Council granted planning permission for the proposed design on August 19, after overwhelming support from local residents.



**The campaign, overseen by Fiona McDaniel, saw 25 comments in support of the development, including:**

*“These new buildings will be a wonderful asset to both the current and to many future generations of Sea Scout groups. The ability to make some sense of the boat storage as well as giving the meeting space more room and light will make meetings and activities even more enjoyable for all involved.”*

*“This is a great new facility for a local Scout group. Their current building is in a sorry state of repair and if they are to continue being part of this local community they need a new building. It has been very thoughtfully designed and would secure the future of the group.”*

*“A rebuild of the Petersham and Ham Sea Scout Hut is something that has long been necessary; the group needs the space and the new facilities, especially since it now has become an extremely large group. Having separate changing rooms and toilets (as well as functional showers) is also something which would greatly benefit the group, as the facilities at the moment are barely functional for such a large group of both genders. Furthermore the additional space would benefit the Kindergarten currently in residence, giving them the space to expand their business, should they want to, or set up larger activities for the children in their care.”*

Fiona said: “It is a huge relief to know that we do not have a fight on our hands, and that we can all move on to the next stages of the project. Thanks to everyone for your support.”

Once underway, the build will see the demolition of existing Scout Hut and boat deck and replacement with stylish new Scout Hut and boat deck in same location.

## NOW WE NEED TO RAISE THE MONEY

THE Phoenix Project maybe rising but now we need to raise the cash to make it happen. The estimated cost of the project is £600,000 and to date we have £100,000 from our own funds and money promised from a local charity.

Ideally we need to raise the remaining half a million pounds within six to nine months, so let's rise to the challenge.

We have a fundraising committee in place consisting of Karin, Carole (Secretary for the Group Executive Committee) and Margit (Parent), who are keen to hear your ideas on how we can raise the cash. If you have any suggestions, please come forward and either tell the committee or your leader.

### *Pushing the Boat Out!*



One of the first fundraisers is already underway. Our Thames Skiffs, Dorney and George Vancouver and the Jolly Boat Phoenix II will be taking part in the Great River Race on **Saturday 27 September** with six P&H Leaders in each. They are asking for sponsorship in aid of the 'New Phoenix' building project. Donations can be made online at <http://www.pandhseascouts.org.uk> *(These pictures were taken by Hazel during practices.)*



And did you know raising money for the new Scout Hut is easy-PC?

**Morgan Jackson**, father of Wednesday Cub (Sea Wolves) Beau, reveals all

### **£140 donated to Sea Scouts for simply by sitting down and going shopping!**

I really did not have to lift a finger – well, just to click on a mouse anyway! This quarter we've raised a fabulous **£127.94** through members and their families using the Easy-Fundraising web shopping portal, with almost **£330** donated in total so far – and I've donated **£140** in total since signing up.

Well what is it and how can you get involved?

It's simple. Just log on to <http://www.easypundraising.org.uk/panel/> and register yourself under the option Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts – you will find that they are listed on the site.

You will receive a number of emails confirming your registration (you will also over the ensuing weeks get a lot of emails with offers from linked retailers – it is easy to switch these off and I have received none since). The most important message to open is the one that asks you to download the Easy Fund Raising Toolbar. This will then appear at the top of your browser window and remind you when you land on a website that supports in Easy Fund Raising and ask you whether or not you want to donate before you go shopping.

You will find that an unbelievably huge number of retailers, travel operators, utility companies and even banks come up – almost 3,000 are listed. Operations both small and large, corporate and independent support the cause (this is why it is important to have the toolbar – you just go online as normal and rather than looking up retailers who donate profits, it tells you). I am not a prolific consumer so I myself am amazed that I have raised as much as I have over the course of one year. One thing that may have led to me raising the amount I have is that I run my own business so stationery and other office supplies have contributed. Maybe your employer would be happy to raise money for us via the Easy Fund Raising website?

## Grow Your Own Tenner

Double your money without doing a thing sounds too good to be true – but you can with the Grow Your Tenner campaign.

Launching on **October 14**, charity fundraising group Localgiving will be matching one-time donations pound-for-pound up to £10, and monthly donations up to £10 per month for six months.

Last year over 1,300 charities benefited from £1.5 million – so let's aim to grab our slice of the funding and get New Phoenix to take flight. To sign up, visit <https://localgiving.com/campaign/gyt>



# GROW YOUR TENNER

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

### *No Paint, No Gain!*



The inside of the Scout Hut is looking much brighter thanks to everyone who took part in the Real Challenge Partner Action on **Sunday September 7**. The volunteer action day saw 13 young people and two staff members working to paint the inside of the hut and improve it for all of us who use it. We are most grateful.

### *Teddington River Festival*

Visitors were flowing to our stall on Lock Island and we made a magnificent **£398.45**. Both the tombola and the cakes sold out and bottled water ran out by 3pm, two hours before the end of the event. Even the bundles of rhubarb went, with people taking them home on their way out. A special thank you goes to **Simon** and his son **Maximo** who transported all our goods and equipment to and from the lock.

### *All the Fun of Ham Fair*

Thanks to the effort of our members we raised a fabulous £457 towards our 'New Phoenix' building project. Thank you to all families who manned the stall, donated goods and helped with transport. Comments from parents included: "Ham Fair was fun – the carrot cake was the best seller and I thought we'll donate some cake boxes next time as many people wanted to buy four or five cupcakes to take home. The tombola was also extremely popular."

### *Jump To It!*

**Sarah Elviss writes:** A big thank you to the Beavers who raised an amazing **£128.10** at the BHF Jump Off, of which **£25.62** will be donated to the Scout Hut. Well done to all who took part, and those who raised money will receive certificates in September.

### Setting Sail for Chatham Historic Dockyard

### Ready for Take Off at Brooklands



The Sea Scouts took to the skies on **Saturday May 17** as 18 Beavers gained their Air Activities badge at the District Day at the Brooklands Museum near Weybridge. To win the badge, Beavers were taken around the museum in groups with leaders and museum staff, and had to fill in a booklet on aviation history. All the Beavers also had to produce a poster about an aircraft that they find interesting and show it to their Beaver leader. Well done to everyone who took part.

### Setting Sail for Chatham Historic Dockyard



The Scouts and Beavers made a splash at Chatham Historic Dockyard on **Sunday September 6** with a visit to uncover attractions at the famous maritime museum. Highlights at the former Royal Navy Dockyard, which closed as a working dock in 1984, include three historic warships, a Georgian and Victorian Rope Factory called the Ropery, a recreation of the working life of the dockyard in 1785, a submarine, life boats and a smithery. Luckily as we are Sea Scouts, there were no landlubbers among us and the visit was a great success.

Patriotic P&H Sea Scouts, Beavers and Cubs took part in the annual Richmond upon Thames District St George's Day Parade on **Sunday 27 April**. The St. George's Day parade is held each year on the Sunday nearest to **23 April** and all members are invited to turn up in full smart uniform, as the picture shows!

## WHAT'S COMING UP

**MAKE** sure these dates are in your diary!

### ■ River Race – Saturday September 27



### ■ Jumble Sale Saturday 22 November

Please let us have your jumble! Deliver it to Grey Court on the day or take it to 13 Sandy Lane in the week prior.

### ■ Celebration of Scouting Friday December 5, 6.30pm to 7pm at St Peter's Church

Followed by refreshments and Auction of Promises on our main deck of the Scout Hut immediately afterwards. The theme at the church will be 'P&H Scouts in the 1st World War'.



## **GET ACTIVE!**

**SIGN sign up for these super Scouting activities today!**

**1) Hillwalking trip to the Isle of Arran**

**April 4 to 11** for Scouts aged ten years and older.

**2) Royal Navy Sea Scout Camp on HMS Bristol, Portsmouth**

During the summer half term, dates and cost to be confirmed

**3) International Camp July 25 to August 1 2015 at Phasels Wood Scout Campsite near Hemel Hempstead**

Roll up for an action packed week with lots of outdoor activities and two outings one to a snow centre and the other to a Safari Park. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and Beavers who will be Cubs in 2015 can register. The cost is **£150** for Scouts and Cubs and **£50** for Leaders, plus food and transport. Our friends from Vancouver, Hong Kong and Taiwan have been invited and will be joining the P&H troop. After the camp they will be camping for a time in our field, Douglas House Meadow. Register your interest now by contacting your section leaders.

**Deposits of £30 needed.**

## **GET INVOLVED!**

**SCOUTING is all about volunteering and doing your best – so can you help out?**

**We need volunteers for the following:**

**1) New Cub pack on a Thursday** - We now have four Beaver Colonies and only three Cub Packs, so to create places for Beavers who are old enough to move up to Cubs at the age of eight we are proposing to open a new Cub Pack on a Thursday evening. However, to enable this we need to find four Leaders for a team to run the Pack. No previous experience is needed and full support will be given.

**2) Ebay Expert Needed** – Are you a whizz on the internet auction site? We are looking for a parent to sell items donated for the jumble sales online, to help raise funds for the troop.

**3) Organiser for Auction of Promises to be held on Friday December 5** – Be quick, this job will be going going, gone! The role involves collecting promises from parents, being the auctioneer on the night and keeping a record of the proceedings. We want to thank **Emma and Martin Gibbons** who have done it for the last two years. They have been accepted onto PTA of the Russell School which will take up their time, and wished to give somebody else a chance to take on the auctioneer's job.

**4) KISH Liaison** – We are searching for a parent to liaise between Scouts and KISH, the Kindergarten who use the premises during term daytime. It involves keeping a happy relationship between the two parties, sorting out breakages and complaints.

**5) Jumble Sale Saturday 22 November** - Thursday Beavers have been asked to volunteer for this fund raising event but anybody else will be more than welcome to help sort and sell on the day between 9am and 4.30pm.

**6) Celebration of Scouting Friday December 5, 6.30pm to 7 pm at St Peter's Church** – We want to train a band of handbell ringers to play at the service. Can you volunteer to be the Leader of the Band?

Interested in any of the roles? Please contact [karinnoble@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:karinnoble@blueyonder.co.uk) for more information.



## A BIG THANK YOU!

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

A big thank you to all our parents who let us have their vouchers. We raised enough for a Vango 3 Man Tent, whistles and stop watches which will benefit the whole troop.

## SELLING LIKE HOT CAKES – CAN YOU HELP?

*By Spencer, (Oscar Hall's dad)*

DID you know that Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts / Erik the Red Explorers will be represented by three Scouts at next summer's International Jamboree in Japan?! It's a fantastic achievement in itself that **Frankie Woolf, Alex Kirk-up and Oscar Hall** have been selected. Now the hard work starts. They need to raise the funds to be able to go. The majority of their fundraising is a collective Richmond Scout District wide effort with other successful Scouts going to Japan in 2015. **Frankie, Alex and Oscar** have, however, been set a fundraising target of £500 each. To raise this money our three Scouts have conducted individual fundraising as well as worked together such as selling noodles at Ham Fair.

The next 'together' event is selling 'teas', including coffees, homemade cakes and soft drinks, during the Great River Race on **Saturday September 27** from the Scout Hut driveway leading down to the river. The Scout Hut is well situated to capitalize on the large amount of passing trade that the event will cause.

From previous experience homemade cake sells like 'hot cakes', so I'm hoping either parents or fellow Scouts might like to contribute some home baking? Any cake will do from fruitcake, Victoria sponge to apple strudel. The cake will be sold alongside the teas.

I will shortly be circulating an email asking for volunteers to bake. The Scouts will arrange collection.

As we approached the jamboree I hope to be able to give you further updates on what is for our Scouts 'a once in a lifetime' opportunity.

Thank you for your support in advance.

## AUF WIEDERSEHEN FROM THOMAS AND DANNY, MONDAY CUBS

*Dear Friends*

*Unfortunately, we have to leave England and have to move back to Germany, therefore, we hereby have to cancel Thomas' and Danny's membership with the Petersham Sea Scouts.*

*The Scout activities of this last past year were such a great and meaningful experience for my boys and I really, really would like to thank you all for your amazing work!!*

*You are really wonderful people there and we have learnt so much - not only the kids, but even we as parents learnt from your great examples....!!*

*Thanks really, really a lot,*

*Thomas, Danny, Marc and Anja Karabasch*