

# 1ST MARKS TEY & COPFORD SCOUT GROUP



## Scouts

# AUTUMN 2019 NEWSLETTER

## GROUP UPDATE

A warm welcome back to all as we commence our Autumn Term of exciting and challenging activities for all of our Young People. We do trust that all of our Young People had a wonderful Summer break and are all raring to go at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

Many thanks to all who attended our Annual General Meeting in July. The turn-out was most impressive and a lot of fun was had (and a lot of food eaten!) by all after the AGM when we retired to the field to enjoy village fete games and a bbq.

Please note that mobile phones are not permitted at Section meetings as they are a distraction and not necessary at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts. If for any reason your child does need to bring a mobile phone along to a meeting it should be handed in to a Leader at the start of the meeting and will be returned at the end of said meeting.

## SUBSCRIPTION FEES

This term's subscription fee of **£38** is now due for payment and we would be grateful if these could be paid promptly during the first two weeks of the term. Please email our Treasurer, Marci, ([treasurer.1stmarkstey@hotmail.com](mailto:treasurer.1stmarkstey@hotmail.com)), if you have paid by BACS so that she can record your payment as we only get a monthly bank statement. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**1<sup>st</sup> Great Tey Scouts**, please note that your subscriptions should be paid directly to your own Group, as per instructions received from 1<sup>st</sup> Great Tey Scout Group.

**NOTE:** The Executive Committee has decided that there needed to be a small increase on last year's termly fees and is a necessary change as we have to incur increases in Group Capitation, badge costs, hall hire, insurance etc. Please be assured that all fees collected are put into the Group solely for the purpose of ensuring quality Scouting is available to all of our members.

## ONLINE SCOUT MANAGER (OSM)

Please be reminded that we operate an online portal to assist in the running of our Scout Group.

Parents can use OSM ([www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk](http://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk)) to:




- view their child's current programme
- view their child's badge records
- update their personal contact details
- update any young person's medical or dietary requirements
- and more... please visit the site and see what is there and **check and validate** your details.

If you cannot access OSM for any reason, please contact Liz Welch, Group Scout Leader, who can assist ([1stmarksteyandcopford@gmail.com](mailto:1stmarksteyandcopford@gmail.com)).

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## AROUND THE SECTIONS

	<p>1st Marks Tey &amp; Copford Scout Group has an Executive Committee who meet every other month for approximately 1.5 hours to review all things to do with the running of our successful Group. The Committee consists of a Group Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, the Group Scout Leader, Section Leaders and Parent Reps from each section.</p> <p>It is with regard to Parent Representation that we need help, as we have a vacancy for a Parent Rep from the Beaver Colony. This is an important and vital role to the successful running of our Group, where we encourage all forms of feedback (positive and negative) to enable us to improve the experiences and opportunities we can give to our young people.</p> <p>If you would like to join our team, feel free to contact the Executive Group Chair or discuss with your child's Beaver Leader, Lynda.</p>
	<p>Our Cub Leader Team are very excited about the coming term as we have a great programme for our Cubs to take part in, they include cooking, hiking, a chip shop survey, DIY and a trip to the Air Ambulance Station at Earls Colne to name but a few.</p> <p>All those Cubs and Scouts who attended Big D – you were all amazing and we had such a great weekend, despite the weather. We hope that you all enjoyed it too and we look forward to hearing all about it when we return on Thursday.</p> <p>If your child has a friend who would like to join Cubs, please ask them to complete the new member registration form at <a href="http://www.1stmarkstey.org">www.1stmarkstey.org</a></p>
	<p>As we prepare for another exciting and challenging term for our Scouts, we must extend a plea for assistance within our Scout Troop. One of our Leaders, Oliver, has just been accepted onto evening classes for him to further his career qualifications. This is a great opportunity for Ollie and we wish him every success and thank him for the dedication he has shown to 1<sup>st</sup> Marks Tey &amp; Copford Scout Group. However, this does leave us a little short on weekly assistance within the Scout Troop. Please do consider if you could help at Scouts each Thursday evening so we can continue to provide the Scouting your young people deserve.</p> <p>If you would like to discuss this opportunity in more detail please contact the Executive Group Chair or Group Scout Leader for more details.</p>

## SITUATIONS VACANT

Whilst our Young People continue to enjoy all of their fun and exciting challenges, we must extend a plea to the people of Marks Tey and Copford for adult assistance. We urgently need to grow our Leader Teams across all of our sections to enable us to continue to offer all of our Scouting services in Marks Tey and Copford.

Could you inspire and encourage young people to develop their skills, enjoy adventures and have lots of fun? If yes, then why not contact us for more details. We offer flexible volunteering, so if you feel you cannot commit to attending regular meetings, maybe talk to us about this too.

For more details, please contact Liz Welch (Group Scout Leader) at [1stmarksteyandcopford@gmail.com](mailto:1stmarksteyandcopford@gmail.com) or 07748 840949.



We also encourage 14 to 18 year olds to become Young Leaders within our Sections. There is a great training scheme available run by experienced adult volunteers and is a great step for those showing an interest in becoming a Leader when they turn 18. We currently have vacancies in all Sections, so if you would like more details, please contact the Group Scout Leader or the Executive Group Chair.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

During this Autumn Term we have some very important dates, for which your support would be appreciated:

### District Cub Camp – 20<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019

Another fantastic District Cub Camp to be held at Hallowtree Camp Site at Nacton, near Ipswich. These weekend camps are a great way to gain in confidence, earn badges and generally have lots of fun meeting new people and making new friends. This camp is now fully subscribed so should be a fantastic event.

### Indoor Sleepover (Cubs & Scouts) – 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

We are organising an Indoor Sleepover at Thorrington Scout Camp for our Cubs and Scouts. It will be a weekend of learning skills, taking part in some site activities and cooking their own meals. Paperwork will be coming out shortly, so please watch out for our email and reserve your child's space. More information to follow.

### Church Parade – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

We have been invited to join a Christingle Service at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Copford. This service runs from 11 a.m. 'til Noon and is open to all Members and their families. Do come along and support the Group as well as the local Church. More details to be provided in due course.

### Christmas Float – 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Our annual charity Christmas Float will again be parading around the Marks Tey Estate collecting for group funds and a local charity that will be decided by The Executive Committee in due course. More details to be provided in due course.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term	12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019 to 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019 inc. (except 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2019).
Cub District Camp	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019 to 22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2019 Hallowtree Camp Site, Nacton.
Cub & Scout Camp	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2019 Thorrington Scout Camp
Church Parade	1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2019 St. Michael & All Angels Church, Copford.
Christmas Float	19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019 Marks Tey Estate.

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