

THE ANTLER

CUDHAM SHAWS OUTDOOR CENTRE



WELCOME

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of 2023.

We hope you've had a good summer term and that any camps went / go well.

If you aren't meeting in August enjoy the break and we hope to see you in 2023/24.

BOOKINGS 2023/24

We're looking at implementing a new booking system from September onwards which will hopefully be easier for everyone to use.

Full details on page 8.

WIN A FREE NIGHT

Please see page 7 for details of a competition to name the 2 new accommodation buses at Cudham Shaws.

The winner will win a free night for their group on the double decker bus.



ONLINE SHOP

Our online shop is now LIVE on the website and from there you are now able to order:

Hoodies

Polo Shirts

The new site badge

Paracord bracelets

www.cudhamshaws.site/shop

The Antler Needs You!!

If you (or your youth members) have any articles for the next edition of The Antler please forward these to cudhamcrew@bexleyscouts.org.uk by 31 August.

Please also post photos of your group at Cudham Shaws onto our social media - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram links below.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023/24

SUMMER BBQ & DANCE **27 AUGUST 2023**

HALLOWEEN **27 – 29 OCTOBER**

ST GEORGES DAY **26 – 28 APRIL 2024**



Cudham Shaws
Outdoor Centre



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OFFICIAL OPENING

With the 99-year lease signed, the site was 'officially' on Sunday 23 April although of course we have been running for a year now and continue to develop the site.

Thank you to Mayor of Bexley, Deputy Mayor of Bromley, Louie French MP, Councillors from both Bexley and Bromley and everyone else who joined us on a very soggy morning to mark the occasion.

Also a huge thank you to West Kent Freemasons and the Provincial Grand Master for "launching" the new site vehicle they have sponsored.

Here is to the next 99 years!!!



If you are able to help with any of the following please let us know via cudhamcrew@bexleyscouts.org.uk

- Working parties for site maintenance on Mondays, Tuesdays and weekends
- Team members to help run the Centre when campers are on site - meeting arrivals, accessing activities, etc. and being available on site to assist our guests.
- Grass cutting.
- Companies carrying out charity work days at Cudham Shaws
- Specialist trades workers willing to donate time and / or materials
- Activity instructors for archery, tomahawk throwing & air rifles
- Any other area that you feel you would be able to assist

CUDHAM SHAWS



NEEDS YOU!!

BALFOUR BEATTY VOLUNTEER DAY

A huge thank you to the brilliant team from Balfour Beatty Rail who recently came on site to help us out on a volunteer day!

The team did an amazing job fixing up and painting one of our field shelters Ash Grove, which we hope to now convert with solar lighting and put a small kitchen in.

If you work for a company looking for a volunteer day Please e-mail us - cudhamshaws@bexleyscouts.org.uk for more info. We can also provide free tea, coffee and cake!



BE PREPARED



Be Prepared Resilience Event



Over 2 days at the start of April, almost 300 Guides and Scouts took part in the Be Prepared Resilience Event where Units were split into 'family' groups.

The families competed against each other on various bases, all of which were about surviving the aftermath of an earthquake.

The Guides and Scouts that took part learnt / revised their first aid skills and also how to rescue casualties, pioneer devices to put out fires, build a water pipeline, build rafts and much more.

This was the first time that the event had been held at Cudham Shaws but we hope to welcome the Be Prepared organising team back again in 2024.

NEW ACTIVITIES



We have recently taken delivery of some new activities at Cudham Shaws which are particularly suitable for the younger age groups:

We now have both soft archery and soft tomahawks available to book as self-led activities.

The Zip Wire is unfortunately currently out of action but we hope that this will be available again soon once its had a little bit of TLC and its annual safety inspection.

Later this year we'll also have a 9 hole Disc Golf (also known as frisbee golf) course opening - they have been down for a couple of site visits and mapped out a 9 hole course that is largely in the wooded area between the upper and lower fields and are now making the signage and baskets.

Branded discs / frisbees will also be available for sale in the shop later this year.

ST GEORGES DAY WEEKEND

Nearly 500 young people and adults, came together at Cudham Shaws for our first St Georges Day Activity Day and Camp.

Everyone seemed to have an absolute blast and the 2024 dates are already in the diary as noted on page 2.



ACCOMMODATION BUSES

The work to convert the double-decker accommodation bus is now largely complete and it has been moved to its new home on the lower field (site 11).



This sleeps 14 in bunk beds on the upper deck and 3 leaders on the lower deck with seating also on the upper and lower deck too.

We will also be looking at organising with the other 2 sites an M25 Bus Challenge badge for those who spend a night on an accommodation bus at all 3 sites around the M25 that have an accommodation bus.





Work continues on the single decker bus which has been moved to site 2 and will sleep 6 to 8 people making it ideal for DofE groups who are camping with leaders / staff who would like a bed rather than a tent or for groups who have a couple of members who are unable to camp.

NAME THAT BUS

With the double decker bus now available and the single decker bus soon to be finished, we'd like some suggestions from you and especially your youth members for names for the 2 buses.

If you have any ideas, please e-mail these to viv.baxter@bexleyscouts.org.uk by the end of July.

The winning pair of names will be announced over the summer and the winner's group will win a free night on the double decker bus.




NEW BOOKING SYSTEM

The Bookings Team are currently working on a new booking system which will hopefully be up and running for September 2023 bookings onwards.

We hope that this will make things easier for everyone (including non-users of OSM) to see what accommodation, camp sites and activities are available or already booked and also to be able to book more easily online than with the current system.

As with the current system, you will receive a provisional booking with a request for a deposit and if this is not paid then the system will continue to automatically cancel as at present.


If you are already booked with us from September onwards please don't be alarmed or concerned if you receive a booking from the new system as we switch over - however please do check the details carefully and let bookings@bexleyscouts.org.uk know ASAP if you have any questions or spot any anomalies.


HOME HOW TO FIND US CAMP SITE MAP BOOKINGS PRICES ACCOMMODATION FIELD KITCHENS SHELTERS CAMP SITES MORE...

September 2023
October 2023

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Badgers - Overnight																																	
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Silver Birches - Overnight																																	
Double Decker Bus																																	
Single Decker Bus																																	

Available
Unavailable
Must check out
Previous guest checking out



Badgers - Overnight

Badgers is located on the Upper Field and sleeps a maximum of 31 people. 1 x 24, 1 x 4, 1 x 2 and 1 x 1. Also contains a kitchen, dining area and toilets.

Details
Make reservation

