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OF

TWENTY NINE

YEARS OF

FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU

GRAHAM AND MARGARET

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DIARY OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Tue 6 GROUP EXECUTIVE. Sparks Hall. 20.00 for 20.15.
Thu 15 CIRCLE GET-TOGETHER. Visit to Bognor Regis.

OCTOBER

- Tue 4 GROUP EXECUTIVE. Sparks Hall. 20.00 for 20.15.
Thu 20 CIRCLE GET-TOGETHER. Sparks Hall. 13.30-15.00.
 A Presentation of "29 Years of Car Booting" by Graham and Margaret.

NOVEMBER

- Tue 1 GROUP EXECUTIVE. Sparks Hall. 20.00 for 20.15.
Thu 17 CIRCLE GET-TOGETHER. Sparks Hall.
Sat 19 GROUP NOVEMBER FAYRE. Royal British Legion Hall,
 Hollyfield Road, Surbiton KT5 9AL. 14.00.

Other events and any amendments are advised by Leadership Team members and for the Circle by the Chair

All contributions for the **NOVEMBER** issue of **OOTB** to be delivered

by 11TH OCTOBER

to

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GSL'S REPORT

I had an email today from our Group Vice President Graham Warnes. Most of you will remember Graham from doing Jumble Sales, November Fayres, St George's Day and anything to do with fund raising. He has always been helped by Margaret Warry our Group President and his brother Ken and other Group members.

The weekend of 6/7 August saw the end of an era, in fact 29years! I have added an excerpt from Graham's email which tells the story of what he has achieved for 1st Tolworth.

According to my records the first Car Boot was on Sunday 16 May 1993 at Tiffin Boys' School when I was helped by Pat Tomlinson where we raised £58-00.

The third CB was on Monday 31 May at Cobham when Margaret first helped me. There, we raised £95-63. So, Margaret was with me at very nearly the start of selling.

Now, all good things must come to an end. Margaret, Ken and I have now reached the terminus of fund raising for 1st Tolworth. It's been a lot of hard work but in the main we have enjoyed raising funds for our young people.

Now, after 29 years of Car Booting and Outdoor Fairs, what are we going to do with all our spare time??

Graham

Graham, Margaret and the team have raised tens of thousands of pounds for the Group over this time, and as Graham says, "All good things must come to an end"!

This is a HUGE blow to 1T. Although we do have a fund-raising committee it is mainly based around the November Fayre. Graham and the team raised money almost ALL YEAR ROUND. As a Group we will have to look hard at what is spent. Our Treasurer, Terry, has already changed some of our suppliers to save money.

The only guaranteed income is from the subs you pay as parents, also from Gift Aid, which we can claim if you are a taxpayer. As a charity we are not funded in any way although sometimes we can apply for, and occasionally get, grants. The last thing we want is for this to impact on the level of Scouting we provide to our young people.

PLEASE, can you help?

Can you help to fund-raise for the Group? If it helps, I can organise a meeting with the fund-raising team to discuss ways people can join in and help.

With the cost of living going so high now it is not easy for anyone. As a Scout Group we want ALL our young people to enjoy their Scouting experience and want to help families as much as possible. Please let me know if you can help, or even the companies you work for can help? Do you have a trade which could help the Group?

WOW! What a summer! A new all-time high of 40c!!

The Cubs managed a weekend away at Walton Firs with Caroline as the Permit Holder and the Scouts had a great week's camp at Youlbury. Thank you to all the Leaders who made it possible for the young people to have these great nights away and make memories they will keep. We still have a short time left before we return for the autumn term and get back to Scouting. I hope everyone is ready with meetings and activities planned.

Work has continued in the stores with the new storage area now built at the bottom of the stairs, and a huge thanks to the small team who has done it. We now need to rearrange what is stored where. Hopefully, this can be done before we get back in September. If you can help to move stores around and help sort out the equipment, PLEASE let me know as it is hard work for a small group! I can let you know a date when we have one.

We now have the new upgraded parts and ropes for the Climbing Wall, so as soon as we can get the Leaders assessed and get their permits we can start climbing again.

Thank you to Peter and Millie who have done a great job at running the 1st Tolworth Air Rifle Shooting Club. This will also restart in September. If you would like to come along and shoot, please check the dates and time which are on the notice board in the hall. This is for Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts. If parents would like to shoot, please let me know as I will need to add you to the Group as an Occasional Helper. This is not a uniformed role but means you have a DBS check and will come under Scouting Insurance.

I would like to finish with a great piece of news!

Thames Colony has a new Beaver Leader!

Courtney Bell has agreed to take on the role as Beaver Leader which will start in September. Courtney has been with the Group since being a Beaver through to Explorers and was a Young Leader with Beavers for some time with Faye. I am certain Courtney will be a wonderful Leader as she has a lot of experience working with young people of this age.

If it wasn't for Peter Keen being Assistant Beaver Leader, we would have been in real trouble. Peter deserves a HUGE THANK YOU along with his Leaders and Young Leaders for keeping the Colony going. I wish you the best of luck for the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

John Bowman
Group Scout Leader
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GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT

When you read this the summer holidays will be over and we will be starting another year of Scouting. Summer Camps are a distant memory and the year ahead something to look forward to. I am looking forward to hearing about the Summer Camps. I hope you all enjoyed the break and managed to recharge your batteries and made the most of the really hot weather we had.

As the reports are required two weeks before publication, I am writing this report in the middle of August during the latest heat wave. I hope you all managed to cope with the extreme temperatures we experienced.

During the summer break our Hall maintenance team have installed some much needed storage racking, enabling us to better manage the storage of all the equipment and paraphernalia that a thriving Scout Group need to operate efficiently.

The yearly Fire Extinguisher maintenance and safety checks have been carried out. This is another expense that many are probably not aware of.

As you may recall the last Group Jumble Sale was held in March 2020.

We did then thank Graham, Margaret, Ken and the team of leaflet deliverers, collectors, sorters and sellers for all the hard work they had put in and the funds raised for the Group.

However, the Jumble Sales were not the only fundraising done by this magnificent team. Car Boot sales and Outdoor Fairs were also regularly attended.

So after 29 years of fundraising for 1st Tolworth, Graham, Margaret and Ken have decided to call it a day. So on behalf of 1st Tolworth I would, again, like to thank Graham, Margaret, Ken and their team of eager supporters.

However, a thank you doesn't really cover the gratitude the Group owe to Graham, Margaret, Ken and the team.

In total, Graham and his team have raised in those 29 years a staggering £105,820 This is made up of many sales, too many to list individually. Below is a breakdown:

390 Car Boot sales	Total £34,886.00	Average £89.45
179 Outdoor Fayres	Total £35,130.00	Average £196.26
75 Jumble Sales	Total £25,751.00	Average £343.35

In addition to the above, further funds were raised with

Tuck Shop, Webb Ivory, sale of clothes extra to Jumble Sales, sale of Jewellery, sale of Ferrous & Non Ferrous Metal and items sold at Gilwell Park Scout HQ, totalling £10,053.00.

As can be seen, these funds have subsidised greatly the expenses involved in running the Group. The average income per year would work out to £3,648.97. However, this figure would be less in the early years and increase year on year due to rising costs etc.

Please see John's report regarding ways you may be able to help raise funds for the Group.

As reported in my AGM report the costs of keeping the Group running for a year is approximately £8,500.

At this moment our subs income is £500 a month which is £6000 year. So we are not even breaking even.

November Fayre

Although it's only September the Group November Fayre which is now the only Group's fundraiser for the year, is only three months away and will be upon us in no time.

The November Fayre this year will be on 19th November, 2pm start, and again held in the Royal British Legion, Hollyfield Road, Surbiton KT5 9AL.

We hope to have the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames attending to officially open the Fayre.

Please put this date in your diary, come along, have some fun and this year, more than ever, we need your support for the Group at this event.

Hope to see you at the Fayre.

Just A Reminder

I'm sure you are all aware of this. However, please bear in mind our neighbours when you drop off or collect your children.

Please do not park in such a way that our immediate neighbours have no room to reverse in or out of their driveway. Pyne Road is quite narrow and there is not much room for turning. Please also remember that Picton Place is a private access road and should not be used for parking. Thanking you for your continued support.

And lastly

Do you have a particular skill or hobby that you could pass on? Maybe you could give a demonstration at one of the section meetings?

Or perhaps you can offer some time but not on a regular basis. If so, please let us know.

If you would like any further information, please contact either John or myself.

Contact details are on page two.

A phone call for enquiries will not be seen as a binding obligation.

That's it for this month. Sorry it's a short report.

Proud to be 1st

Martin Smith Group Chair

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THAMES BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

NO REPORT THIS MONTH

Thames Beaver Scout Colony

Boys and Girls age 5 ¾ - 8

Fridays 17.45 – 18.45

EVEREST CUB SCOUT REPORT

Back in June the Cubs took part in a Robot Wars team challenge. This involved arming their remote-control cars with whatever they thought might give them an advantage during battle - cardboard armour, wooden spikes, forks as battering rams etc. After building their robots each team went head to head in battle. The aim was to push the other team's robot outside of the circle. This got very competitive indeed and was excellent fun!

As part of our Air Activities badge, we spent an evening learning about the phonetic alphabet via a coded scavenger hunt, and also learnt about the Countryside Code ahead of our weekend camp at Walton Firs Activity Centre.

The Cubs arrived at Walton Firs on Friday evening and as the weather was so nice we decided to have a water fight. We also played other wide games including capture the flag and an old favourite 'the peg game'.

On Saturday morning the Cubs learnt some simple knots and lashings by building kites, were introduced to basic map skills through orienteering, played tug of war and other team games, conquered their fears on the high ropes course and explored the underground caves.

On Sunday they practiced teamwork, leadership and communication by tackling the Nightline, a blindfolded obstacle course - this was incredibly funny to watch. They played more games and then took on the adventure course, also known as the mud challenge!

Kids are so often told that they must not get their clothes dirty, so it took them a while to believe we were serious when we encouraged them to quite literally crawl through and roll around in the mud, which we had wetted down with a hose pipe and buckets of water. Once they realised that we were in fact serious there were smiles and laughter all around. One Cub picked up a handful of mud and smeared it across his face, another jumped straight into a puddle and began rolling in it. After the mud challenge we headed over to the shower block for a much-needed wash before their parents arrived to collect them!

I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to our fantastic Leadership team without whom none of this would be possible! There is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make these experiences happen for the young people.

We are currently in need of additional adult volunteers to help at our weekly meetings. If you are interested in becoming a Leader or parent helper please do get in touch at megan.1sttolworthcubs@gmail.com

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Everest Cub Scout Pack
Boys and Girls age 8 – 10 ½
Wednesdays 18.30 – 20.00
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SCOUT TROOP REPORT

Hi everyone!

I am writing this during the second heatwave of the summer. Whilst I enjoy a bit of sunshine as much as anyone, this is just a trifle warm for me. Okay if we were under canvas, but going to work is another matter!

Newcomers

We were joined by Jonah from the end of June.

We managed to get Sindy invested before the summer break and we invested Jonah during Summer Camp. We will have to invest Finley as soon as we are back.

We are anticipating lots of new members from September. A whole gang from Everest Pack plus a few others joining us from outside the Movement, mostly friends & family of current members. It'll be crowded, but fun!

Friday evenings

Not many Fridays since the last edition but we have been working on CPR and using the new Training Defibrillator and continuing Navigator Badge. We had an enjoyable evening playing Rounders & Football at Alexandra Rec.

Summer Camp

We spent an enjoyable week in the leafy campsite of Youlbury, near Oxford. Eight 1st Tolworth Scouts plus four from 4th Tolworth with John & myself, Peter & Holly plus Tia from 4th all on one site with Keira, Marcelina & Lex plus 5 Atlas Explorers on another site, with an almost empty site between us.



We were lucky with the weather, but now we are going into a hosepipe ban, you won't be surprised to know that we had hardly any rain. Not that we didn't get wet, I hasten to add, but that was a choice...



The only real First Aid incident was Tia tripping over a guyline, landing on her outstretched hand and fracturing her arm. Whoops! Pity it was her dominant hand! She was saved by spending most of the rest of the camp in Peter's "Moon Chair", which supported her, awake or asleep, and she did not have to lie down to wake up each time she moved.

As to activities, we were busy as usual but the Explorers didn't necessarily do the same as the Scouts, or did the same but not at the same time. On-site we tried out Crate-stacking, Tomahawk throwing, the Zip Wire, Fencing, Ariel Trek (like "Go Ape"), Archery, High All Aboard which involved climbing a pole and standing on a small board with another member of the team, a long way up in the air.



We found a few other things to try by venturing off site. We went to Oxford Wet'n'Wild to try out the Water Assault Course – a bit like “Wipeout”! Still on a Watersports theme, we went to Hardwick Parks and to try Ringos, when you are towed round a lake by a speedboat while you are sitting in a large rubber ring.

An awful lot of screaming went on. Afterwards, we invested Jonah with him, John & me standing in the boat, fortunately when it WASN'T moving! We then went into Oxford for a swim at the Lido. At least I tried to bring them home clean ...

The Scouts tried Footgolf. A regular golf course but with larger holes, completed by kicking a football instead of a golf ball and club. We had great fun even though we failed to complete the 18 holes, even though aided by John, who managed to borrow a Golf Buggy to follow us around!

The Explorers went off into Oxford and nearly failed to get out of an Escape Room in an hour.



In addition to that we had Space Hopper Races & Space Hopper Football as well as the more traditional Campfires & Wide Games. We cooked on fires and on stoves, did a bit of badge-work and had plenty of fun. Maybe learned a bit too.



Some of the Leaders slept in hammocks ...

But Jonah just slept under the stars



Thanks are due to all the Leaders, without whom we could not have left the Royal Borough, Holly & Peter for organising the menu and catering, Tia for the First Aid (when she had two working hands), John for driving the Minibus, Keira, Marcelina & Lex for sorting out the Explorers and the Explorers themselves for helping the Scouts out where needed.

Particularly an enormous “Thank you” to Julie, who organised hiring and driving a Luton Van to get all our camping equipment to and from camp. Thanks to the parents who drove their Scouts, and other young people, between Tolworth & Youlbury and to those who came and helped us pack before we went and/or put stuff away a couple of days after we returned.

Now ... where shall we go next Summer?

Coming soon

Christmas treat. Couldn't sort this out before the break. It is a job for September!

Overnight Hike for our older members this autumn.

What else? We shall see!

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Boys and Girls age 10 ½ - 14
Fridays 19.30 – 21.30
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CIRCLE REPORT

For our **MAY** get-together, a visit to Brooklands was arranged and Margaret, Pat Tomlinson, Iain and myself had a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

The best attraction was the 25 minutes Concorde Experience where we received a pre-flight briefing, a short film on the restoration project, sat in an actual Concorde passenger seat and took off for our virtual Concorde flight. In real life the return flight from London to New York was at 1350mph and in the 1990's the fare was £6500!!

The London Bus Museum is also on site which displayed about 35 buses and coaches.

In **JUNE** we honoured the Queen's 70 years on the throne by having our own Platinum Afternoon Tea in our back garden. Ten members enjoyed a good chat and a choice of sandwiches including cucumber, slices of fruit loaf, scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream and a celebration cake and, of course, cups of tea. We toasted the Queen.

Continuing with the Jubilee theme, 9 members went to the Epsom Playhouse for “Happy and Glorious”. There was a cast of three singing well known songs from the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s. We were at the annual Remembrance Service at the Royal Albert Hall, complete with uniformed personnel and falling poppies. This was followed by Vera Lynn songs and lots of flag waving and singing from the audience. A really good show for our age group.

Thursday 21st **JULY** I had pre-booked a lunch table for seven at The Marquis of Granby, Esher. There was another group of 12 seated and the clock was ticking. After one hour and 10 minutes for this group, they still hadn’t been served one morsel of food! So I cancelled our booking and we hot footed it to the Monkey Puzzle at Chessington.

I was greeted with “Good Afternoon” and replied with “Do you have a table for 7 please?” With a gesture of a hand the waitress indicated a round table to my right which was already laid. After ordering, our food arrived in a reasonable time and was very tasty.

Graham Warnes. Treasurer/Secretary

A REFLECTION OF THE PAST

Back in 1993 our new Sparks Hall had been built and about £20,000 loaned to 1st Tolworth to pay the bills. This had to be repaid.

CAR BOOT SALES. It soon became apparent that we needed to continue fund raising and that’s how I, as Assistant Group Scout Leader, offered to go to a few Car Boot sales with help. The first one was on Sunday 16 May 1993 at Tiffin Boys’ School. Pat Tomlinson, a Circle member, helped and we made £58. The third sale was at Cobham on Bank Holiday Monday 31 May when Margaret Warry helped me sell £96 worth of goods.

Our last Car Boot sale was on Sunday 7 August at Hook Road Arena with £53 of goods being sold. Margaret was still with me, chatting up customers over 29 years!!

From my records I have discovered that visits were made to 20 different sites. The best ones were Shepperton, Hook Road Arena, Priest Hill, Apps Court and Dorking Rail station. 390 Car Boots were attended. The highest income was on Easter Monday 2015 at Hook Road Arena where the record of £236 still stands.

OUTDOOR FAIRS. The first was the Kingston May Merrie on Monday 3 May 1993 where I was helped by Carol Goodall, Brenda Pawley, Alan Barnett and Akela Alan Lee. We made £91. 1st Tolworth supported 179 fairs and in the early years I was helped by Circle members, Terry Goodall and family and several individuals.

We went to 21 different fairs. The jewel in the crown was the Richmond May Fair which Margaret and I first visited on 8 May 1999 and raised £96. At the previous week’s Kingston May Merrie an adjoining stallholder asked me if we were going to the Richmond May Fair that Saturday. She gave me a telephone number and, hey presto, thanks to our guardian angel, we’ve never looked back! Richmond was always a treasure chest – full of money! Income increased year on year. The highest income for the one day event was on 14 May 2016 when we raised £1012 from goods unloaded from two cars. Margaret, Ken Warnes, Pat Tomlinson, Linda Twort, Brenda and Michael Pawley slaved away selling.

In 2019, a new organiser took over and made the Fair a two days event. On the Saturday £620 was raised and on the Sunday it was £590, a total of £1210.

Margaret and I have made lots of friends at our events which have got us out into the fresh air. We have answered the same questions time and time again - "Will you be here next week?" Customers who looked at my Unigate milkman's cash satchel asked "Were you a milkman?" "No!!" After buying goods which would require a carrier bag the customer was asked "Would you like a carrier bag?" 99% of people answered "If you have one!!!!!!!!!!!"

Finally, my sincere thanks first goes to dear Margaret for supporting me wholeheartedly and for putting up with her car port being an overflow stores since 2019. To my twin brother Ken for helping us out when required at 112 Car Boots and 35 Outdoor Fairs. To Ted Hodges who delivered a steady stream of donations from his customers and to everyone in 1st Tolworth who have donated goods. We did this fund raising for our young people and adult Leaders who are definitely a good cause and worth their weight in £££££'s.

Now, Margaret, what shall we do with our spare time? I wonder.

Graham Warnes
Vice President

POSTAGE STAMPS

The Charity Dog A.I.D. (Assistance in Disability) is collecting Great Britain and International stamps. They request that they are cut from envelopes, leaving about 1cm/1/4" of paper around each stamp. Thanks for doing this.

Please leave them in the box in the kitchen at Sparks Hall.

Margaret Warry
Group President

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We have in stock various items of uniform for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Please speak to your child's Leader as the stock is kept in Sparks Hall. Thank you.

We also accept donations of unwanted uniform.

Brenda Pawley

NOVEMBER FAYRE

Saturday 19 November. 14.00.

Royal British Legion Hall, Hollyfield Road, Surbiton KT5 9AL.

Parking and Bar available.

PLEASE SUPPORT.