

**SPARKS HALL, PYNE ROAD, TOLWORTH, KT6 7BN.**

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**OF**

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
NOVEMBER FAYRE  
SATURDAY 19TH  
NOVEMBER

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
HOLLYFIELD ROAD  
SURBITON. KT5 9AL

14:00 – 16.00

FULL DETAILS INSIDE

**THE**

**BLUE**



**SCOUTS**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1040958

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- Tue 1           GROUP EXECUTIVE. Sparks Hall. 20.00 for 20.15.
- Sun 6           CIRCLE VISIT TO EPSOM PLAYHOUSE.  
The Central Band of the Royal British Legion.  
A Platinum Celebration Concert. Curtain up 15.00.
- Sun 13          REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.  
Surbiton War Memorial, Ewell Road, for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.  
Service starts 10.45.
- Sun 13          ACT OF REMEMBRANCE.  
Polyapes Scout Camp, Blundel Lane, Stoke D'Abernon,  
Cobham KT11 2SL. 15.00. Followed by its AGM. 15.30.
- Thu 17          CIRCLE. Sparks Hall. Bring your lunch 12.45.  
Read That Again!! A look at past OOTBs. 13.30-15.00.
- Sat 19          GROUP NOVEMBER FAYRE.**  
**Royal British Legion, Hollyfield Road, Surbiton KT5 9AL. 14.00.**  
**Parking and Bar. Please support us.**

### DECEMBER

- Tue 6           GROUP EXECUTIVE. Sparks Hall. 20.00 for 20.15.
- Sat 10          REINDEER RACE NIGHT. Sparks Hall. 19.00 for 19.30 start. Ends 22.00.
- Thu 15          CIRCLE Christmas Lunch. Sparks Hall. 13.30-15.00.

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

JANUARY 2023

Tue 3          GROUP EXECUTIVE. Sparks Hall. 20.00 for 20.15

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

**by 11<sup>th</sup> December**

to

**MARTIN SMITH, E-mail: [chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com)**

## ***GSL'S REPORT***

Since the publication of the last OOTB so much has happened.

I would like to take a moment for us all to reflect on the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd and everything she did and stood for.

The Queen was known affectionately as the “Boss” by all Serving and Veteran military personnel. She was also the Patron of The Scout Association for 62 years so our “Boss” as well. She will be deeply missed.

We now have a new King, Charles 3rd. Things will be different, and he will do things differently. As Scouts, we need to show the same loyalty to our new King as we did to the Queen.

It's frightening how fast time flies!  
At the time of writing:  
In 13 days it will be Halloween!  
In 68 days, it will be Christmas Day!  
In 75 days, it will be the first day of a New Year!

1st Tolworth are growing!  
Courtney is doing a great job with the Beaver Colony with the help of Peter each week. There is now at least a 6-month waiting list to join Thames Beavers and it keeps growing! It would be brilliant if we could set up a parent rota to help each Friday. You would be there as an extra pair of hands to help Courtney and Peter run the evening. If they knew there was extra help it would make a world of difference to the activities they could provide.

Megan, our Cub Leader, also needs parental help. As you know, we are all volunteers and we do this because we want to!

Scouting is about Skills for Life, seeing a shy 6 year old join Beavers and go all the way through Scouts, then possibly become a confident Adult Leader and you know that you have had an influence that can't be put into words. So please, if you can spare an evening to help at your child's section, it would make a huge difference.

It is only a few weeks before the November Fayre at Surbiton Royal British Legion in Hollyfield Road. Please tell all your family and friends as we do need the support to raise funds for the Group.

If you could spare some time to help setup on the Saturday morning from 11.00 it would be appreciated or if you could help on one of the stalls. If you can, please email Gayna at [fundraising@1sttolworthscouts.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@1sttolworthscouts.org.uk) and tell her how you can help.

It would be great to see as many Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in smart uniform to help on the stalls as well.

The Fayre will be opened by the Mayor of Kingston at 14.00. It closes at 16.00.

There are books of raffle tickets at Sparks Hall to be sold and the Draw will take place at the Fayre. Please ask your child's section leader for some if you don't have any. The more we can sell the better!

Do we have a dad who is willing to be Father Christmas? We have the costume but unfortunately nobody to wear it. If you can help, please speak/email Gayna.

Our new website!!

The 1st Tolworth website is almost there.

The basis is there and we will be adding more as we go, so keep an eye open!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the November Fayre and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

John Bowman  
Group Scout Leader  
[gsl@1sttolworthscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@1sttolworthscouts.org.uk)

## ***GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT***

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Thank you, your Majesty, for all your years of selfless service to your Country and its people. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Our Queen, Our Patron, has Gone Home. God Bless you. Long Live the King.

The last two months seem to have just flown past. I'm sure that you have all got back into your normal routines. I know the sections have been busy getting back into the weekly Scouting routine following the summer break. They continue to provide valuable and entertaining programs for our young people. Where would we be without our voluntary unpaid teams of leaders and helpers?

### **Don't forget the November Fayre.**

Saturday 19th November. 14.00 start. Preparations are well under way. As last year's event was so well received, we will again be holding this year's Fayre at the Royal British Legion Hall, Hollyfield Road Surbiton KT5 9AL

The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Councillor Yogan Yoganathan MBE, has kindly agreed to attend and formally open the Fayre.

As you know it is our main yearly fundraiser and if you haven't been to one you should come along. Come and meet the Mayor. It's a great afternoon.

I know there have been requests for help in recent editions of Out Of the Blue. If you can help in any way please inform Gayna. See you there.

Also back by popular demand, we will be holding a **Reindeer Race Night**. If you've never experienced a Reindeer Race Night then this is the perfect opportunity to come along, have some fun and help raise funds for the Scout Group. Children take turns throwing the large dice to make the reindeer run. This is a fun for all the family so children must be accompanied by an adult. Saturday 10th December. Sparks Hall. 19.00 for 19.30. Prompt 22.00 finish. No admission fee. No unaccompanied children.

We have been working on a new website for the Group and hoped it would have been live in time for this edition of OOTB. However, like most things new, we have experienced some further issues which have delayed the go-live date. They will be resolved as soon as possible. We will keep you posted on the new site go-live date.

Courtney, our new Beaver Leader, is doing a great job running the Colony. She and Megan (Cub Leader) are both long term members of 1st Tolworth, both being Beavers, Cubs and Scouts themselves.

As this is the last edition before the end of the year, I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

**Proud to be 1<sup>st</sup>**

Martin Smith Group Chair

[chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com)

## *THAMES BEAVER SCOUT REPORT*

NO REPORT

Courtney Bell  
Beaver Scout Leader  
*Thames Beaver Scout Colony*  
*Boys and Girls age 5 ¾ - 8*  
*Fridays 17.45 – 18.45*  
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## *EVEREST CUB SCOUT REPORT*

NO REPORT

Megan Taylor  
Cub Scout Leader  
*Everest Cub Scout Pack*  
*Boys and Girls age 8 – 10 ½*  
*Wednesdays 18.30 – 20.00*  
[megan.1sttolworthcubs@gmail.com](mailto:megan.1sttolworthcubs@gmail.com)

## *SCOUT TROOP REPORT*

Hi everyone!

This year has been better so far than the previous two. We're getting back to normal after Lockdown, Zoom Meetings and not being allowed to be together. We have missed Alex and Stuart, two of our Assistant Scout Leaders but we seem to have coped. They should be home from Australia soon. Let's hope we have a Happy Christmas this year when we can be with our friends and families as much (or as little!) as we want?!

### **Newcomers**

We have been joined by a little crowd from Everest Pack – Julia, Daisy, Armin, Lucian, Erica and Ida as well as a few more via friends and the website – Lottie, Lina, Emilia and Thomas. We should be adding Xander from 2nd Hook after half-term. Welcome one and all! It makes for a full Hall but all the more fun for that. I hope we will have you all invested and looking “official” very soon.

## **Friday evenings**

We had business to do before the new crowd joined so we had three meetings in September to get ourselves set after the summer break. We had our usual games evening to start but each Patrol chose and ran one game. The excitement of returning made anything the slightest bit quiet. Quite a challenge but it was good to be back together. A little more serious on the second evening, working on navigation and mapping.

On the third week we went out to celebrate Christmas. No, not an early party! It was rather a late one from Christmas 2021! We had always planned to go The Big Apple at Woking to do Laserquest and Bowling, using Shreya's Jack Petchey Award to add to our present from the Group. But Covid made us initially not allowed, then worried, from a Covid point of view, to go out. Then, when we felt safe to go, the minibus was off the road. By the time it was practical to go, the Big Apple was closed for renovation! But luck was on our side because a new Laserquest opened in September at Hook and it was possible to jump in the minibus and cars to get back to Hollywood Bowl at Tolworth! We had a super evening and it was a lovely way to celebrate being back together. Thank you 1st Tolworth! Thank you Shreya!

The following week we welcomed our newcomers. We made badges with our names in an effort to get to know everyone more easily. We played some "ice-breaker" and team games, with everyone joining in. On the next Friday we concentrated on Patrol Challenges – an obstacle course, building towers with spaghetti and marshmallows, tying the patrol together and getting them to do a jigsaw puzzle. We did some acting out the Scout Laws – someone keeping and someone breaking them.

We escaped out to Oxshott Woods and Wide Games at the Dustbowl. Nothing too complicated – Capture the Flag, Lighthouse and a new one when an eminent scientist tries out his own potion which unfortunately turns him completely crazy. Two teams want to capture him – one to give him the antidote so he can keep working, the other to sell his secrets to some foreign power! Jamie made an admirable crazy scientist!

## **Expedition**

We have just done an overnight Expedition, joined by friends from 4thTolworth. We walked from Witley Station to Garners Field Scout Campsite, camped that night and walked back to just under the A3 at Compton.

I'm not going to tell you the stories as one of the Scouts will do a write-up when they have recovered. Suffice to say that the weather was a little wet but we were very lucky!

Wait for our next edition!

## **Cooking Competition**

We are hoping to have three teams entering the GLSW County Competition.

The theme is "A meal fit for a new King".

Teams of 4 Scouts cook a three-course meal in two hours on 2 gas rings but no other electrical equipment. It is always good fun. Last year we won the Royal Kingston Trophy, although not the County Competition. I wonder how things will go this time?

## **Coming soon**

County Cooking Competition. Artist, Hobbies and working on Local Knowledge Badge.

Warhammer. November Fayre, Remembrance Day Parade and Christmas!!!

Hopefully, Stuart and Alex will be back soon.

Caroline Marsden  
Scout Leader  
Scout Troop  
*Boys and Girls age 101/2-14*  
*Fridays 19.30 – 21.30*  
Contact: Mrs Caroline Marsden – 07889 192 765  
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## ***CIRCLE REPORT***

Six members went to the North Star, Chessington on Thursday 18 August and enjoyed our personal choice from the main menu of Pub classics which was followed by some great desserts.

Thursday 22 September was third time lucky that we actually got to Bognor Regis for our day at the seaside. Five went by car and were met by Brenda and Michael at the Waverley pub's restaurant for coffee. It was an easy-going pleasant day with sunny weather, an excellent lunch of very fresh fish and chips, ice cream on the esplanade, some played the 2p slot machines on the pier and most went window shopping in the pedestrianized town centre.

Thanks to Brenda and Michael for looking after us.

Graham Warnes. Treasurer/Secretary

## **REINDEER RACE NIGHT**

We have had requests to run one of our old favourite fundraising events.

If you've never experienced a Reindeer Race Night then this is the perfect opportunity to come along, have some fun and help raise funds for the Scout Group.

Children take turns throwing the large dice to make the reindeer run.

This is a fun night for all the family so children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Sparks Hall. 19.00 for 19.30. Prompt 22.00 finish.

No admission fee. Betting in units of 20p. You can also bid to own a reindeer.

Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. No unaccompanied children. See you there!



# November Fayre



Come along to our Group's Fayre

- Meet the leaders and Exec members
- Play some table top games and tombola's
- Browse our stalls
- Take your chance on the raffle or lucky envelope game

Saturday 19th November 2022

2pm - 4pm

The Royal British Legion,  
Surbiton



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charity No. 1040958

## **NOVEMBER FAYRE**

**Saturday 19th November. 14.00 – 16.00.**

**The Royal British Legion, Hollyfield Road, Surbiton KT5 9AL**

I would really like to encourage you to come along, especially those of you who are new to the Group. It really is good fun and you will be helping to raise funds for your child's Scout Group. It will also be your chance to meet and get to know the wonderful volunteers that make 1st Tolworth Scout Group such a great experience for your child in a relaxed environment.

### **Raffle**

Your child should have brought home some raffle tickets to sell. Please do try and sell them and remember to return the stubs and money to the leaders or bring them on the day of the Fayre. If you could sell more please let your child's leader know.

### **Donations**

If you have any of the following please send them with your child to their meeting and leave them with the leaders:

- new/good condition toys and games
- gifts that we could use for raffle or tombola prizes
- good condition books
- bottles of drink
- sweets or chocolates

Look out for information about upcoming mufti evenings where we will be asking for donations in exchange for a non-uniform meeting.

### **Volunteers**

If you would be willing and able to help please get in touch  
[1stTolworthfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:1stTolworthfundraising@gmail.com)

We will need a few people to help on the morning to set up and during the event to staff the stalls.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Gayna  
Brenda, Fiona and Terry  
November Fayre Committee

## ***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.

## ***UNIFORMS – HELPING WITH THE COST OF LIVING***

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 uniforms.

Brenda Pawley

## ***ROYAL MAIL CURRENT POSTAGE STAMPS – USE BY 31 JANUARY 2023***

From 1st February 2023 regular familiar stamps will no longer be valid. They are now being replaced by barcoded stamps.

Special issue stamps with pictures on and previous Christmas stamps without a barcode continue to be valid.

The ideal time to use non-barcoded stamps will be during December for your Christmas cards and parcels.

You can swap non-barcoded stamps for new but not at a Post Office. NVI stamps are Non Value Indicator such as 1st and 2nd class with the profile of HM the Queen.

Full details are on [royalmail.com/barcodedstamps](https://royalmail.com/barcodedstamps)

Graham Warnes