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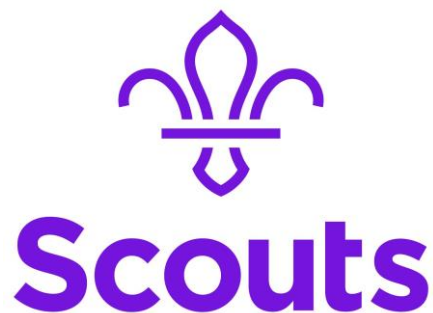
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Diary of Events

September

Tue 10th 20.00 for 20.15 - Group Trustee Board meeting - Sparks Hall

October

Tue 1st 20.00 for 20.15 - Group Trustee Board meeting - Sparks Hall

November

Sat 2 – Sun 3 County Cooking Competition (to be confirmed).

Tue 5th 20.00 for 20.15 - Group Trustee Board meeting - Sparks Hall

Sat 16th 14.00 till 16.00 - November Fayre, The Royal British Legion

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GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

Hi all.

I hope everyone has had a great summer break and enjoyed the weather!

As you are all aware the Group Subs increase from the 1st September from £10 per month to £12.50. I have sent out two emails reminding those who have not set up the payments on OSM, if you are still to do it, PLEASE do it now! We will be using OSM for all future payments, I will be notified when payments are set up and can see who has still to do it. If you have just joined the group subs do not need to be paid until after your child has been invested.

When it is done remember to cancel the standing order with your bank for the original sub's payments, if you don't you will be charged twice! I have sent a link with each email for the payment's portal on OSM if you needed it, if you are still having problems, please let me know!

Hopefully see you all soon

Best wishes

John Bowman
Group Scout Leader
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GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT

Some of you may be aware that Graham Warnes our Group Vice President suffered a stroke in July. Graham is currently being cared for in Kingston hospital. Margaret has reported that, although slowly, he is doing well. We all wish Graham a speedy and full recovery.

When you read this the summer holidays will be over and we will be starting another year of Scouting. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and managed to recharge your batteries and made the most of the good weather we had this summer.

Not everyone however has been just relaxing and taking it easy over the summer break. Our Scout Troop have been on their yearly summer camp, Cubs have been at camp also, only made possible by our leaders giving up their time to do this. Well done and thank you to Scout Troop Leader Caroline, assistant Scout Troop Leaders and all the young leaders that helped make the camps possible.

Caroline as you may know is also running the Cub meetings at the moment, so a big thank you to her.

November Fayre:

Although it's only September the group November Fayre which is the group's main fundraiser for the year is only two months away and will be upon us in no time.

The November Fayre this year will be on Saturday 16th November [2pm Start] and again will be held in the British Legion Hall. 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 do come along and support the Group at this event.

Hope to see you at the Fayre...

My usual September 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.

Please look at the Volunteering paragraph at the end of page 10.

That's it for this month.

**Proud to be 1st
Martin Smith
Group Chair**

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THAMES BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

No Report.

Michelle
Beaver Scout Leader
Thames Beaver Scout Colony
Boys and Girls age 5 ¾ - 8
Fridays 17.45 – 18.45

EVEREST CUB SCOUT REPORT

Comings & Goings:

I am pleased to say that Darshan, Jooan and Hugo have all been invested as Cub Scouts. Welcome!

Arthur completed his Chief Scouts Silver Award. No mean feat and a lot of work. Congratulations to Arthur (and Mum & Dad)!

Both Arthur and Oliver have got to the age when they leave us for Scout Troops. We will miss them both. They have been good Sixers!

Arthur is going up to our own Troop and Oliver is joining 1st.Hook Troop, as his sister is already in our next-door Group. We wish them all the best and happy Scouting!

Looks like we will need some new Sixers & Seconders!

Wednesday evenings

We only had three more meetings after our last edition of Out of the Blue before the end of Term.

I had it easy because our Young Leaders ran a meeting each!

Matthew ran a Brainteaser Meeting, with lots of puzzling problems to keep little grey cells busy before they went to sleep for the holidays. Some of them made me think too!

Oliver S ran a meeting thinking about the Countryside Code, and how we can put “Respect – Protect – Enjoy” into practise. The results were some amusing (sometimes hilarious!) scenes, with the Cubs acting out what to do, and not to do, when out and about!

Oliver E ran a Games Evening, with the Cubs trying to remember all the games we have played and noting their favourites, then playing them, of course! All good fun!

Pack Camp at Polyapes:

It was brilliant to get the Pack back into camp at last.

We pitched the tents on Friday night but it was dark before we got to bed, with the camp (almost) organised. Everyone went to sleep alright but nearly all the Cubs were up rather early. Not long after 4am, actually. Some of the leaders gave up and stayed awake then, others wisely stayed put.

The Cubs weren't out of the tents, just making plenty of noise. Good thing that no-one else was camping down our end of Polyapes!

When breakfast time came at last, it was all go, with a hike to the Dustbowl in Oxshott Woods, lots of games over there and our packed lunch before hiking back. We then kept the Cubs busy with exploring Polyapes and building a shelter. After our evening meal, we had a Campfire and some S'mores!

Everyone slept for longer that night. Wonder why? Exhaustion?

On Sunday morning, we had a fire going again to cook our lunch in the embers of the fire – toasties then bananas with chocolate in the middle!

After that, we had to do our packing and take the tents down, ready to go home. Luckily, the weather was dry, so no problems with wet canvas!

Lots of Thank-yous; To Peter, who sorted out the food, to Dan and both Olivers, who helped with everything, and John who was there during the day. To Adam, who transported the camping equipment for us in his work van and anyone else who helped in any way..

We will be back to Cubs on Wednesday 11th September.

**Caroline Marsden
Scout Leader.
Everest Cub Scout Pack
Boys and Girls age 8 – 10 ½
Wednesdays 18.30 – 20.00**

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

Hi everyone !

Comings & Goings :

I am glad to say that Jayden, Teddy and Layla were all invested before we finished before the holidays. We are pleased to have them with us!

Friday Evenings :

Jamie and co. ran an evening talking about the dangers of smoking, vaping, alcohol & drugs. Perhaps we can test you on what you remembered next term?

We were able to take advantage of drier weather in July to get out to Alexandra Rec. on a couple of occasions. We did a Mini-Olympics and I am sure we did as well as Team GB did in Paris.

We also tried to do Compass pictures using pegs and string. This proved trickier than Caroline thought. Some of the problem was using the compass!

Summer Camp:

Our Summer Camp this year was to join others from across the County for Camp Auk at Braggers Wood. 9 of our Scouts and nearly all our Troop Leaders were there. Tia led the Tolworth Village which included Scouts and Leaders from 1st.Coulsdon and Tomalilla, in Sweden.

In all, there were nearly 200 on site – 70 from Sweden, 20 from France, the rest from GLSW – mainly Croydon District. It was a different sort of camp, but enjoyable.



We were kept busy all week with Cycling in the New Forest, an Incident Hike, Water Activities including Raft-Building, Paddle-Boarding, Canoeing and High & High Ropes Courses plus the Tree-Top Trail then a visit to Brownsea Island.

Evenings involved Campfires, Wide Games, Arts & Crafts

We had an International Morning on Friday, which mainly seemed to involve delights such as Cream Teas, Strawberries and Cream plus a Badge-Swapping Table.

In the afternoon, there was an “It’s a Knock Out Olympics”. We were able to compete in Archery, Tomahawks, Welly Wanging, Javelin (with a Scout Stave) and Discus (with a Frisbee). Then there was an Assault Course, a Water-carrying Race and we finished with a Tug Of War!

We couldn’t hope to beat the Explorers, who were bigger and stronger than us, but we won the Scout Village Trophy! Well done!!!

We need to thank the Steering Committee, who have spent so much time over the past few years sorting the camp out and were busy all week. John, Jamie, Stuart & me were all part of that group. Our leaders also got roped in to help with activities during the camp: Alex & Stuart ran Tomahawks, Tia helped John with Archery and Peter landed up driving casualties to and from A&E, as well as some Fire-starting. Stuart drove the Minibus and Adam drove a van for all the equipment.

Thanks to you all...

We have been invited to the Swedish National Jamboree in 2026. Who's up for that ???

Autumn Plans:

County Cooking Competition

24 Hour Challenge Camp – likely date Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 November (to be confirmed).

Caroline Marsden
Scout Leader, Scout Troop
Boys and Girls age 10 ½ - 14
Fridays 19.30 – 21.30
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CIRCLE REPORT

Unfortunately due to Graham's health problem the planned outings for July and August were postponed.

Circle meetings have currently been suspended.

Graham Warnes
Circle Treasurer and Secretary

FUNDRAISING

Many of you will have met Graham Warnes our Vice Group President, editor of the Out of the Blue and up Until recently the main fundraiser running jumbles sales and boot fair stalls. Graham is currently recovering from a stroke in Kingston hospital. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Graham a speedy recovery.

Future Fundraising:

Giveasyoulive:

If you shop online you could be raising funds for 1st Tolworth at the same time. Sign up to Give as you live, choose 1st Tolworth As your chosen charity. Next time you shop online access the site through 'giveasyoulive' and the company will give 1st Tolworth as % based on your shop. It costs you nothing.

Follow the link below to get started.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/1st-tolworth-st-matthews-scout-group>

Ebay:

If you have items that could sell on Ebay you could choose to donate a % to 1st Tolworth (St Matthew's) Scout Group. When you list an item you can search for a charity and choose what % you want to give. It's very easy and Ebay doesn't charge fees on the Charities %.

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November Fayre - 16th November - Save the Date

This years annual Fayre is on the 16th November at the Royal British Legion from 2pm - 4pm. We will be sending raffle tickets home with the Beavers, Cubs and Scout and ask that you try and sell them for us. We have some great prizes already including a £60 voucher for Wagamama, Photo Session and a White Spider Taster session to name just 3. Please ask your leader if you would like more tickets and return Stubs, money or unsold tickets to them too.

We are now collecting donations for the bottle, sweet and gift tombola's, good condition toys, books and items for the white elephant stall. If you can bring them to the hall clearly marked for the Nov Fayre that would be great.

Don't forget to keep the day free and tell your friends and family about it too. It really is a great community event as well as a vital fundraising activity.

Gayna Brice
Trustee Board Member
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VOLUNTEERING

At our July Board of Trustee meeting we discussed a variety of things that keep the Group safe, compliant and generally running smoothly. A couple of these were our need to recruit a new Cub Pack Leadership Team and our need to complete a full Asset Register of the equipment and items in our Hall. We are very lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteers on our Trustee Board and Group Scout and Beaver leaders who often take on a lot of activities in the background on top of these roles.

We discussed ways to encourage current parents to help us including putting a requirement on all parents and guardians to help with at least one event or activity per year. This would really help support the current volunteer team. Please let me know what your thoughts are on this idea.

Gayna Brice
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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 at Sparks Hall. Thank you.

We also accept donations of unwanted uniforms.

**Brenda Pawley
Group Trustee**

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**