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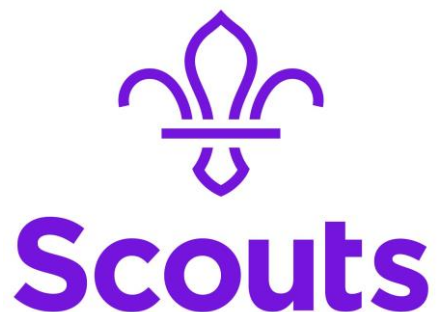
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Diary of Events

November

Tue 5th 20.00 - Board of Trustee Meeting

Sun 10th 10.15 - Remembrance Day Parade - meet at The Royal British Legion, Hollyfield Rd - walk to Surbiton War Memorial
 10.45 - Remembrance Day Service

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

December

Tue 3rd 20.00 - Board of Trustee Meeting

January

Tue 7th 20.00 - Board of Trustee Meeting

All contributions for the January issue of OOTB to be delivered to Gayna
by 15 December 2024

GROUP SECTION LEADER REPORT

It hardly seems possible there are only 8 weeks left before Christmas!

The summer weather was kind to us for a change for Summer Camp, our Scouts were part of 300 Scouts from Sweden, France and the UK at an International Camp at Braggers Wood in the New Forest. It was great fun to be on the organising team for the camp, even if it was a little challenging at times! New friends were made over the week between our Scouts and the visitors. We have also been invited to join the Swedish Scouts at their Swedish Jamboree in 2026.

There has also been some very sad news that during the summer Graham Warnes, our Group Vice President, had a fall at home and was admitted to hospital. It was suspected he had had a stroke which caused this. Although Graham has recovered to some degree, he is still in hospital and is unlikely to come home. I would ask everyone to think of Graham and wish him a speedy recovery.

Our thoughts and love also go to Margaret Warry, our Group President, who is Graham's long term partner, she is finding it hard to cope with and is missing Graham's company deeply.

At the beginning of October, I received a very sad email saying that Julie and Richard Ford will be stepping down from their roles in 1st Tolworth. Julie and Richard have been members of the Group for over 30 years! Julie was Everest Pack Cub Leader for many years helped by Reg Lafevre until he became GSL, but Reg still continued helping with Cubs. Julie and Richard's children Craig and Lianne came through the group and became Young Leaders and the Leaders within the pack. When Julie stepped down as Cub Leader Leanne took on the role and ran the section for some time. It was when Covid hit that the pack closed for a while, but they did try to do online Zoom meetings.

Richard was the Groups Quartermaster looking after our tents and equipment. He would get the equipment from the stores before camps and arrange for any repairs to be done if anything was damaged. Quartermaster is the sort of job no one knows about unless you are a Leader as it is all behind the scenes! Without Richards' help it would have been so much harder to get the equipment ready for camps.

Hopefully you will all know that we will be having our November Fayre soon, please see this message from our fund-raising team;

Dear Parents

On Saturday 16th November we are holding our annual community event. To make it as successful as previous years we really need your help.

Ways you can volunteer:

Run a stall (books, white elephant, cakes) between 2pm- 4pm

Help set up between 11am - 1.30pm

Help clear away after 4pm

If you're able to do any of the above, please email me - 1sttolworthfundraising@gmail.com

You should already have received some raffle tickets to sell. Please remember to return the stubs and money, or any unsold tickets to the leaders by Friday 15th November.

Many thanks in advance

Gayna

Secretary

Board of Trustees

1st Tolworth Scout Group

If you can only spare half an hour or so at the beginning and end to help move tables and chairs that would be brilliant! It would be amazing to see all the young people there at the opening as the ribbon will be cut by the Mayor of Kingston. If they are coming, come with a smart uniform please. Each section will be running a stall so as much help from the YP as possible! People love to give money to smiling Beavers!!

Remember this is the main fund-raising event the Group has each year so what we raise goes towards what we can do for the Young People. Tell everyone about it as the more people who come who are not connected to the group the better.

If you want to be part of the fund-raising team, please speak to Gayna or myself, you do not need to be a trustee to be part of the fundraising team.

Remembrance Sunday is soon, 11th November. If you would like a poppy or just to donate to the RBL, I have put a Poppy collection Box in the kitchen at 1T where you can make a donation for your poppy. On Sunday 10th November we will be marching from the Royal British Legion Surbiton Branch in Hollyfield Road to the War Memorial on Ewell Road outside Surbiton library by the Fire Station.

We will meet outside the Legion by 10:15 to march off at 10:30. Please be in full smart uniform, Scout trousers, black or navy-blue trousers and black (school) shoes or dark trainers, scarves neatly ironed. Let us show everyone how smart 1T Scouts are! If it is not raining, please do not wear a coat but your parents, carry one if they want to, If it is a little cold wear an extra layer under your Scout top. We should be back at the Legion by about 11:30 (ish) refreshments will be available from the bar. The legion also provides hot sausages and roast potatoes free of charge! And they taste amazing!

Please help 1st Tolworth support the Royal British Legion as they do a wonderful job supporting serving and veteran members of the armed services.

As I said at the beginning, Christmas is only 4 weeks away so I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year, I know there will be some people I will see but there will be some I won't.

John Bowman
Group Scout Leader
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GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT

As with most years the two Months following the summer break seem to just fly past. I'm sure that you have returned to your normal routines; the sections have been busy getting back into the weekly Scouting routine and I'm looking forward to reading the section reports. The leaders continue to provide valuable and entertaining programs for our young people. Where would we be without our voluntary unpaid teams of leaders and helpers?

Speaking of volunteers and volunteering, how the Scouts do this is changing, in the past you may have been put off volunteering to help with the running of the group. Not wanting to be on the Committee and having safety and financial responsibility for the group. Now you can become a volunteer without those responsibilities. The group still needs hall maintenance; help with fundraising, assisting the Sections. The new way will have teams each with a team leader working with the Group Scout Leader. If this looks like it could be for you please contact John Bowman for more information.

I'm looking forward to Remembrance Sunday; it always makes me feel proud of our group when I see all the Leaders and youngsters on parade in uniform.

Don't forget the November Fayre.

Saturday 16th November [2pm Start] we will again be holding this year's Fayre at the British Legion Hall. Hollyfield Road Surbiton KT5 9AL

This year the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames: Councillor Liz Green has kindly agreed to attend and formally open the Fayre. The November Fayre as you know 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.

Raffle Tickets: Only £5 a book of tickets, less than a decent coffee, please return the money and Stubs, or any unsold tickets to the leaders by Friday 15th November.

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...

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 1st

Martin Smith

Group Chair

chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com

THAMES BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

Beavers have been hard at work since being back his term. They have achieved the experiment badge, where they took part in some fun, interesting and tasty experiments! I think the most fun was making milk turn into ice cream by giving it a good shake! Yummy and easy to try and do at home again too! They also learnt about magnets and what things can be magnetic, and watched how skittles can make a really lovely pattern!

The beavers are also working on badges at home, some have earned sports badges like cycling and swimming, and we have even had some skiers!

This term each beaver has set themselves a personal challenge, this is towards their challenge badge, and as part of next term Peter and I will be setting them a leaders challenge, I wonder what we could get them doing?

Thank you to all the parents who have dropped in bits and pieces for the November Fayre, including the sweets, we are still collecting these if you haven't already been able to drop some in. Please also try and sell the raffle tickets which have been given out and return the stubs and money to us by the time of the Fayre! After half term we will be having another mufti evening in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tomobola! For now though, have a fantastic half term, and take a look at some of the photos from the evenings so far this term!



Michelle
Beaver Scout Leader
Thames Beaver Scout Colony
Boys and Girls age 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ - 8
Fridays 17.45 – 18.45

EVEREST CUB SCOUT REPORT

Comings & Goings:

We have welcomed several new members since the summer break. Fedor has been invested and is wearing his uniform. Tom & Ian should be invested very soon. We are pleased to have you all with us.

Since Arthur & Oliver left us for Scouts, our new Sixers for Purple and Green Six are Sofia and Oscar. We have appointed Gabriel & William as their Seconders. They are all doing well in their new roles.

Wednesday evenings:

We have been busy during the first half of term, mainly with various badges. We started the term with a games evening, in an effort to try some new ones. We seem to have been introducing the Cubs to some Scout Games! At least they should be experts when they reach the Troop ...

One went out walking around our bit of Tolworth in preparation for drawing maps of the area around Sparks Hall. This is part of Stage One Navigator Badge, which those who had been to camp completed.

Since then, we have been working on a Fire Safety Badge. We have been learning about what Firemen, and Firewomen, do. We knew about putting out fires and the jokes about getting kittens out of trees. We found out about them giving advice on Smoke Detectors and fitting them for people. We talked about Safety around Bonfires & Campfires, as well as Fireworks. We drew plans of our houses and talked about how we would get out, if there was a fire in the middle of the night. We also had a Fire Drill and were out on Pyne Road again, having a practise, just in case the worst happened to our Sparks Hall.

More than half of the Cubs have finished their Badge but we will have to do a little recap, for those that missed parts. So important that we all know what to do in an emergency!

We were going to celebrate Diwali last week but, unfortunately, John & I were ill, so we will celebrate, just a few days late, when we are back after Half-Term.

Thanks so much to Dan and our Young Leaders, Oliver & Olly, for all their help, plus all the other parents who have helped for an evening. Couldn't do it without you!

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

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

Hi everyone!

Comings & Goings:

Raghav, Emmie and Jayden have unfortunately decided to leave us following the summer break. We will miss them all!

Welcome to Arthur from Everest Pack, Ray, Ben, Noah & Jacob from 2nd Hook & Noah from 2nd Tolworth. Izzy is just on her way from 2nd Hook as well.

We dropped a Patrol earlier in the term, with Josh moving to Senior Patrol (Kestrel). Only a few people had to change Patrol but with so many newbies arriving from across the District, I am wondering whether we will be resurrecting Kingfisher Patrol again very soon. We shall see!

Friday evenings:

We started the term usual fashion with a Games evening. We then considered and updated our Troop Code of Conduct.

We have been going “back to basics” with food preparation skills. We had one evening learning how to chop onions, peel carrots, break, separate & beat eggs and do the washing up correctly.

In an effort not to waste too much food, Peter cooked the beaten eggs up and created some rather tasty cheese omelettes! All in a good cause.

Several weeks later, we progressed to cooking. Jamie chose 4 different recipes for the Scouts to cook. They produced Vegan Doughnuts, Fried Chicken with Blue Cheese, Vegetarian Singapore Fried Noodles and Camp Doughnuts. All turned out really well. Congratulations to Jamie and to all the Scouts for the standard of the cooking. Everything tasted brilliant! Super preparation for the County Cooking Competition!!!

We have also been working on Circus Skills Badge. We spent an evening watching Videos on the history of Circus, what it is like to live and work in a Circus as well as some clown, (controversial) animal & trapeze acts. We had another evening practising Acrobatics – forward rolls, backward rolls, cartwheels. We also tackled clown make-up and by the end of the evening, it was hard to recognise many of the Scouts!

Hopefully, the rest of the Troop will catch up by trying out the Clown make-up or learning Juggling after Half-Term and complete the badge.



Autumn Plans:

24 Hour Challenge Camp early in November – Can we manage to stay awake all night?

County Cooking Competition the same weekend as the Fayre – Can our teams cook a meal “to make us laugh”?

Future Camps:

We have asked the parents which 2 of 4 possible weekends would be best to organise Troop Camps. If you haven't answered, please help us by replying to our Poll on WhatsApp.

In addition to that we have several other events that we are waiting for others to confirm dates.

Full list of Camp Dates for 2025 will be out as soon as we have sufficient answers to our Poll !

In addition to that, we are seriously considering the Swedish National Jamboree in 2026.

Keeps me busy ...

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

We continue to pray for Graham.

Brenda
Circle Member

November Fayre - Saturday 16th November

The Surbiton Royal British Legion, 2pm - 4pm.

The Mayor has confirmed that she will be available to open the Fayre and the Leaders are all preparing for their stalls. We hope you have been able to sell the raffle tickets that should have come home with your child. If so please remember to send in the money and stubbs or any unsold tickets.

Thank you to the two parents who have volunteered to help on the day to set up and help on a stall. If we don't have more volunteers we will not be able to have some of the stall we normally run which in turn will mean less profit. If you can help on the day please email me at 1sttolworthfundraising@gmail.com

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.

Gayna Brice
Trustee Board Member
1sttolworthfundraising@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING

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

Ebay:

We often have items donated to the group that would sell on Ebay. Could you help us by selling them for us? 1st Tolworth (St Matthew's) Scout Group is set up as a charity with Ebay. You can sell items through your own account but choose to donate the value to us. 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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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