
1st Tolworth (St Matthew's) Scout Group

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Diary of Events

July

Fri 11th 6:30pm. Parents Meeting – Sparks Hall

Tue 15th 8.15pm. Group Trustee Board Meeting- Sparks Hall

September

Tue 2nd 8.15pm. Group Trustee Board Meeting- Sparks Hall

All contributions for the issue of OOTB to be delivered to Gayna
by 25th September 2025

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT

I would like to thank the section leaders and supporters who attended the group Annual General Meeting.

With a special thank you to Stewart Nash, Lead Volunteer Royal Kingston District:

Apologies From

Mr. Bob Bushell: District President and Mrs Susan Bushell

Mr. Trevor Strong: District Vice President and Mrs. Heather Strong

Mrs. Marilyn Jennings, Mr. Ian Marsden, Mrs Lyn Stone, Mrs Jackie Paden,

Mr. Reg Lefevre, Mrs. Tina Lefevre and Mr. Richard Ford

I opened the meeting with the normal safety messages.

The meeting continued with a look at the group constitution, which details how we run and operate 1st Tolworth (St. Matthew's) Scout Group, the constitution "1T Group Constitution 2024" was re adopted and approved by all those present.

Following the approval of the Constitution I delivered a brief roundup of the last years achievements of the Trustee Board thanking them all for their dedication to the Group.

Caroline and Michelle delivered a roundup of how the Sections have performed over the last year.

The meeting also reviewed the May 2025 Edition of Out of the Blue which is as you are aware the group's annual report.

Terry gave a detailed report on the health of the group's finances.

I went on to explain that although I said the last year would be my last I was asked by the board members to stay on as Chair, which I agreed.

Following the approval of the annual report and accounts the meeting continued as per agenda, with the approval of the following

Chair: Martin Smith 3Years

Treasurer: Terry Goodall 3 Years

Board Member: Ted Hodges 3Years

And we welcomed a new Board Member Mr Matt Higham who was also appointed and approved for a 3 year term.

Mr Trevor Strong was appointed as the Group Auditor

Re-appointment of Margaret Warrey as Group President.

Due to the ill health of Graham Warnes; the Group Vice President role was left vacant at the moment.

I went on to say thank you to Julie Usher who in the absence of Gayna had volunteered to take the minutes of the AGM meeting. I also thanked Julie and Richard Ford for all their years of hard work and dedication to the group, Julie and Richard had stood down from there rolls with the group during the last year due to other commitments, I did hope to present Julie and Richard with a personal token of my appreciation, however due to timing I did not

have the plaque I had ordered, so I will ask them to attend the September Board Meeting. Stewart Nash (District Lead Volunteer) congratulated me for chairing the meeting and said 1st Tolworth runs an amazing range of activities and it is only because of the commitment of the leaders. And it is nice to see so many young leaders involved in supporting the group. However he said there is at the moment an issue with the lack of a Group Lead Volunteer. The Group cannot continue to function without a GLV and as such Stewart said he would like to have a Parent Mandatory meeting to explain the situation and hopefully secure some volunteers. Date of the meeting is in the diary of events, and Parents, Guardians, Carers should have received the invitation via e-mail.

Margaret Warry; Group President also congratulated the Group, particularly the leaders in their continued efforts in keeping the sections active and exciting for our young members. Margaret concluded by urging 1st Tolworth to keep going and wished us every success in the future.

Viv Smith and Carol Goodall were thanked for preparing the refreshments which were served following the meeting, this gave those present the time to chat and we all enjoyed a relaxing evening.

So we have survived our 116th year, the last one presenting more of a challenge than most, and we are still here.

So here we go, entering our 117th year of scouting I'm sure that whatever the future holds and no matter what changes are planned for the way Scouting is delivered, we will, in true 1st Tolworth family tradition, rise to and overcome the challenges that present themselves and we will continue to do what we do best - provide great times, life skills and excellent Scouting for the youngsters in the area.

Well that's it for this month; sorry it's a short report. The summer holidays are nearly upon us and I'm sure we all need a break and have time to recharge our batteries, so let's hope we continue to have some summer weather.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer and enjoy whatever you do.

Next edition will be the September Issue See you then...

**Proud to be 1st
Martin Smith
Group Chair
chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com**

THAMES BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

As usual Beavers have been busy over the last couple of months. We have seen some swim up to Cubs, two of whom were awarded their chief scout bronze for completing all their challenge badges as well as other activity badges!! They worked really hard to gain this before heading on, so well done Alfie and Jude!! I hope they and our other beavers who swam up are having a great time at cubs!

Meanwhile the rest of the colony has been re-building, we have had two new members join us, numbers aren't quite as high as we would like, but hopefully come September we will have a couple more join us and we can keep building the colony.

We have had some great games nights, we recently had Ame from explorers come and help for an evening and taught the beavers the fun game of Pictionary, the beavers are very talented at drawing, and guessing!! Thank you Ame, and well done beavers!

The beavers have also started to work towards their air activities badge, which is one they can increase their knowledge and skill of even when they move onto cubs and scouts! They created their own paper planes, then did some test flights to see how far they travelled, how long they stayed in the air and if they could hit a target! By the end they could tell which was more aerodynamic and flew the best! Well done all!!

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

EVEREST CUB SCOUT REPORT

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

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

Caroline Marsden
Lead Volunteer, Scout Troop
Boys and Girls age 10 ½ - 14
Fridays 19.30 – 21.30
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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

A variety of charities accept stamps from the United Kingdom and International stamps. They request that they are cut from envelopes, leaving about 1cm/1/4" of paper around each stamp. We will leave a box in the kitchen at Sparks Hall to collect them and once full we will see which charity to send them to.

Many thanks.

Brenda Pawley
Group Trustee