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6th Eastcote Newsletter

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Roy's Group Update

Group Scout Leader Roy Lanning covers: new tents, archery nearly ready, a field work party, and the AGM on 11th July.

Beavers

Jill Lanning looks back on the George and the Dragon sleepover, maypole dancing, space, and the Beavers' 40th birthday.

Monday Cubs

Shem Parry covers Cub scientists, the Home Help Badge, Chinese New Year and Neasden Temple. Plus a special report on camp!

Wednesday Cubs

Rob Slaney reports on a term of badges, shelter building, St George's Day, and the Cubs' 110th birthday at Bury Lake. Plus a special report on camp!

Friday Scouts

Jon Goss reports on the Health Badge, surprisingly popular chores, camp prep, Eva Parker's Gold Award, and Expedition Challenge success.

The Trustee Diaries

Treasurer Janet Fisher on preparing accounts for the AGM, summer term subs, insurance renewals, and fundraising volunteers.

Behind The Scenes

Maciej Anielski introduces scouthut.co.uk — a new app helping Scouts track their progress towards the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Contact maciej.anielski@renscouts.org.uk for Newsletter Feedback and Ideas.

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Roy's Group Update

Supporters | Developments | Parent Help

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A Big Thank You

Sean Summerell has worked with the Middlesex Freemasons to replace missing tents, enabling all sections to plan activities with two- and three-person tents.

Also, thank you Jill for all your tireless work running the clothing shop!

Group Developments

Jon Goss has joined the trustees alongside Sean Summerell.

We are also close to being able to offer **archery** as a regular activity. Safety netting and support poles now in place.

A Call to Parents

The days are getting longer, the sun is shining brighter, and we are excited to host more of our activities outdoors.

But first we need your help!

Our field is in a rough state, with ruts from heavy machinery and debris.

I will be organising a work party to help clear the field and spread topsoil so our field is good as new again.

We would be grateful for your involvement :)

Looking Forward To...

Our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) on the **11th July** is a great opportunity to have your say about how 6th Eastcote is run.

It's also a great opportunity to meet all those involved in providing a quality service for you and your children.

Hearing from parents helps us prioritise what is important to **you**.

There will be a quiz after the formalities!

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BEAVERS

Sleepover | Maypole | 40th Birthday

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Meeting Recap

This year started off with **biscuit decoration.** The Beavers loved creating (and later eating) their tasty works of art!

We followed this with two sessions on **staying safe**: on water as well as when using railways.

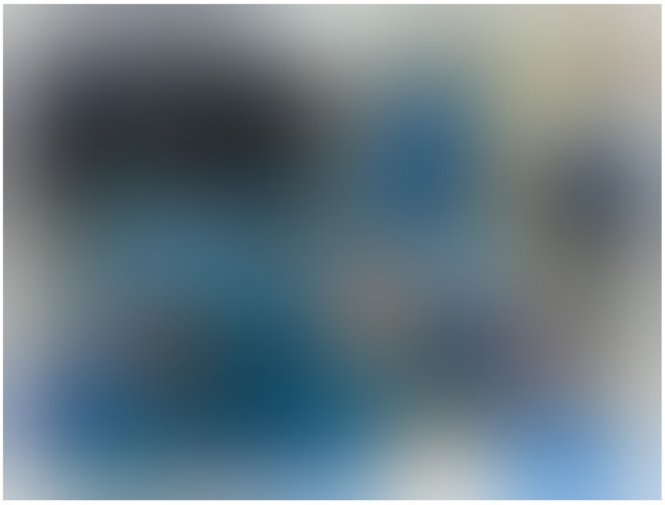
On Founders' Day, we learnt about our founder **Robert Baden-Powell** and then followed with an **Animal Friends** evening which covered both domestic and wild animals. To finish the Spring term, we made E**aster crafts**.

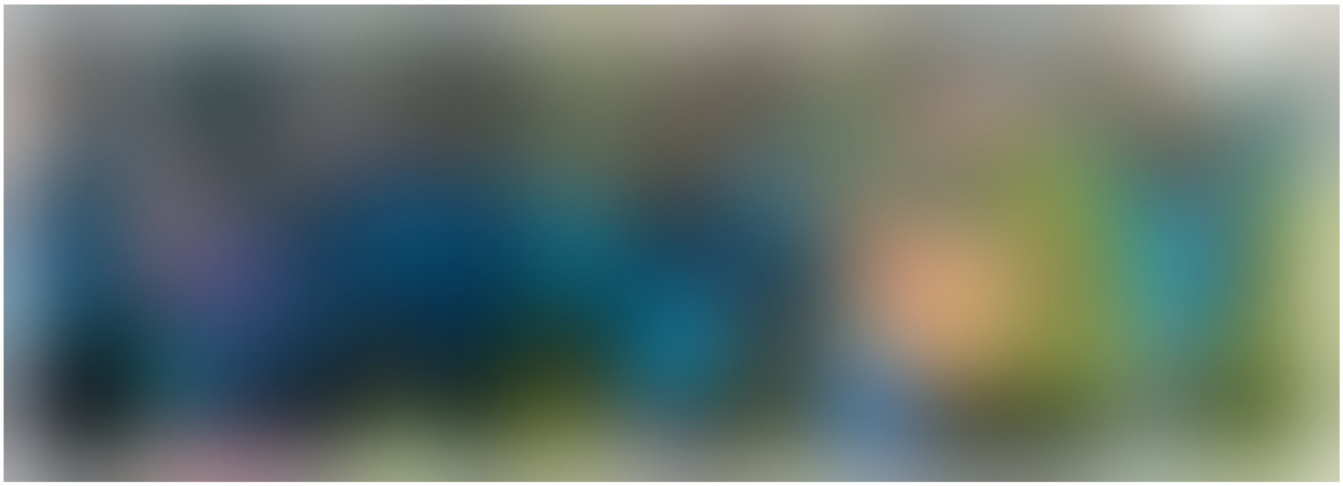
Beaver Sleepover

We then had our second joint **Beaver sleepover**. Our theme was based on George and the Dragon and we all had a super time jousting on hobby horses with paper lances and shields!

We made bunting to go round our home (castle) for the night, and the evening saw the hut filled with dragon-breath lanterns.







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Morris Dancing

Summer term started with a very special visitor: Nick from the Watford Morris Dancers came down to teach the Beavers **Morris dancing**. It was a great success, especially dancing round the maypole.

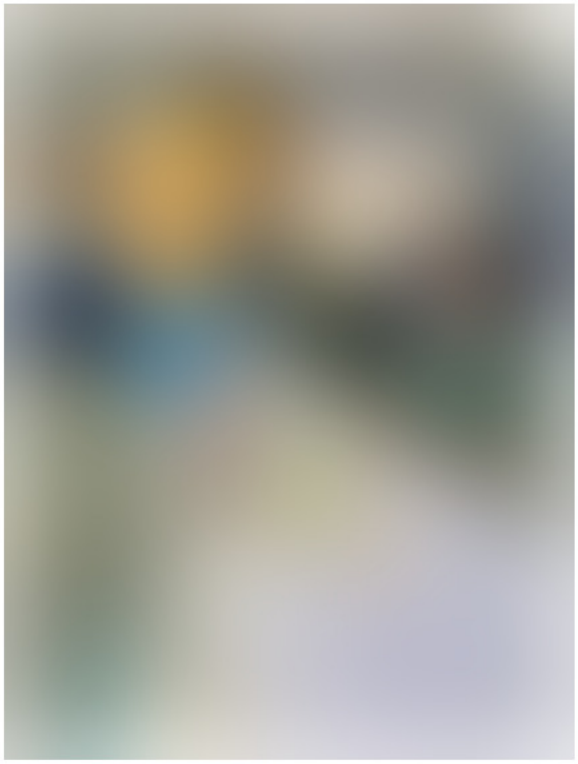


Space

We then journeyed into space with a visit to Ruislip Lido, and worked on the **Air Activities Badge**, where the Beavers were able to watch live footage of the space station.

Beavers Turn 40!

As it's the Beavers' 40th birthday, we decided to do tie-dyeing — the results are going to form the bunting you will see up around our entrance gazebo.



Thank You!

With all the hard work carried out by the Beavers, Arnav Narayan received his **Bronze Award** before going up to Cubs. **Well done, Arnav!**

Finally, I would like to say that Tuesday Beavers could not put on such a varied programme without the help of Pat, Chloe, and Talulah.

And Monday would not happen without Merlin Otter, Margaret, and Eleanor.

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cubs Monday

Science | Chores | Diversity | Camp!

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Science

The Cubs created chemical reactions through slime making, grew tomato plants from seeds, and made universal indicators from scratch to test whether liquids were acidic or alkaline. Lots of fun, which counts towards the **Science Badge**.

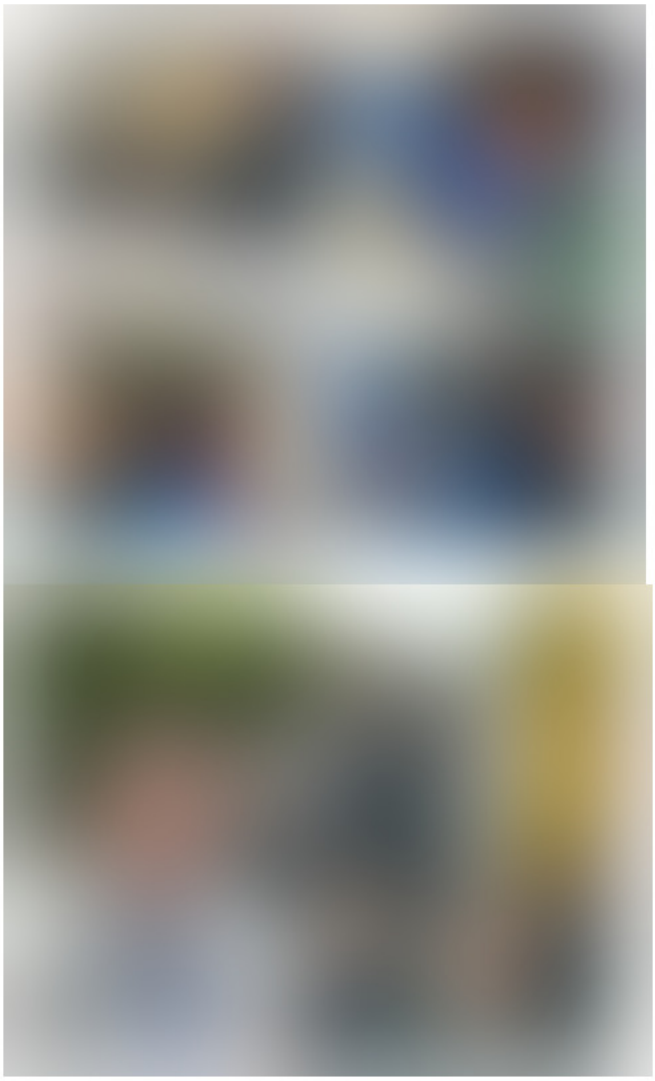
Home Help

A favourite with parents! The Cubs learned **valuable life skills** such as cooking a meal, changing bedsheets and ironing their scarves. Hopefully these new skills are being put to good use at home!

Chinese New Year

To celebrate, the Cubs made a simple traditional meal, played chopstick games and learned about the animals of the zodiac, which all count towards their **International Badge**.Neasden Temple Visit

Cubs value diversity, and this year we visited Neasden Temple to learn about Hinduism and even watch a ceremony take place. The **Cubs represented the Pack brilliantly**, showing great respect for their surroundings and the community.



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cubs Wednesday

Science | First Aid | St George's Day | Canoes

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Science and Skills

For our **Scientist Badge** we looked at heart rate and exercise, and grew cress under different conditions. The **Skills Challenge Badge** covered home skills: ironing and rolling your scarf, changing a light bulb, and cleaning a window.

First Aid and Safety

In **First Aid** we learned it's even possible to give first aid with a broken arm — isn't it, Edwin! The **Digital Citizen and Digital Maker** badges covered password and internet safety, and for the **Communicator** Badge we learned codes and semaphore.

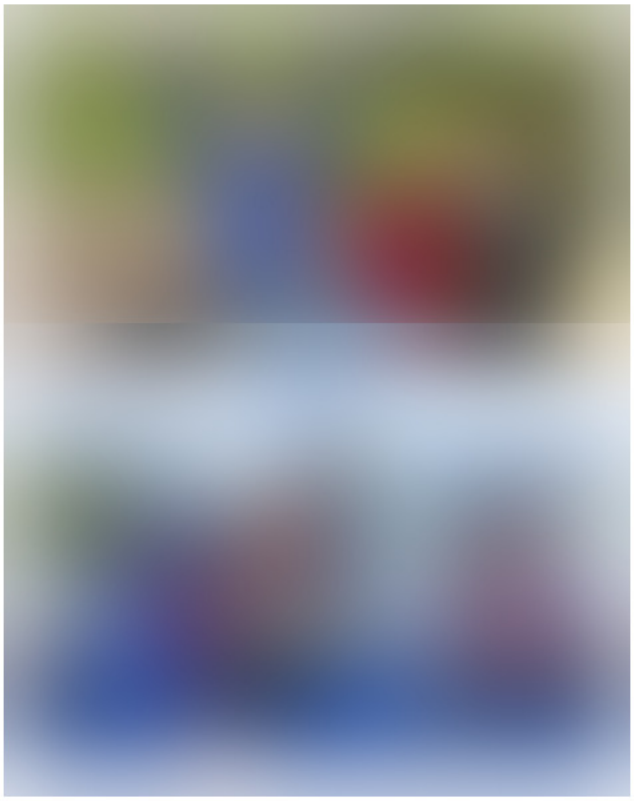
For the **Outdoors Challenge Badge** the Cubs headed to Ruislip Woods to build shelters — with comfortable results!

St George's Day

We had a wonderful turnout at St George's Day Parade. Thank you all who attended. Special well done to **Jack Davies** for achieving his **Chief Scout's Silver Award!**

Cubs Turn 110!

We celebrated Cubs' 110th birthday with a BBQ and a morning of water activities at Bury Lake. Cubs tried paddleboarding, canoeing and katakanuing, earning their **Time on the Water and Nautical Skills** badges, plus part of their **Adventure Challenge**. Some even stayed dry — but all went home tired!



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cubs Camp!

Desert Island Survival

Endurance and Quest Cubs took on a desert island-themed camp at Phasels Wood, split into four tribes: Parrot Patrol, Crab Crew, Gecko Gang, and Turtle Tribe. For many, it was their first ever camp!.

Hard Work

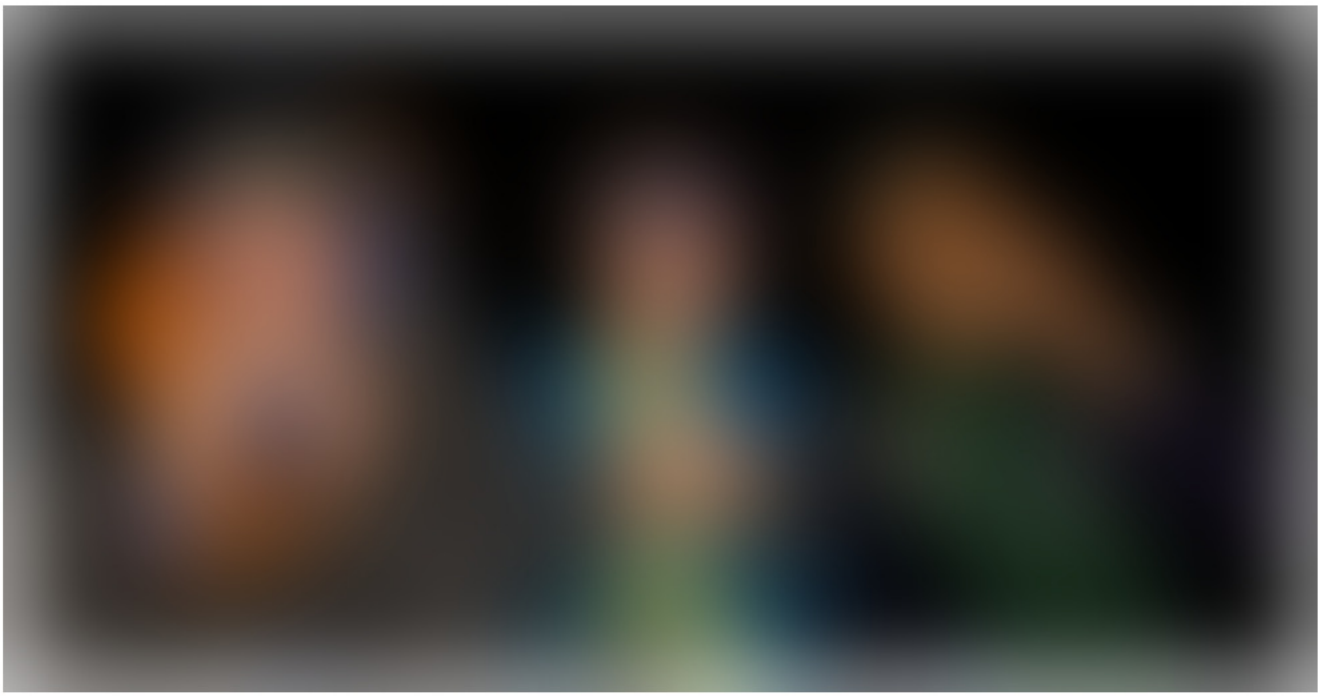
Despite heavy rain on Saturday, the Cubs powered through a packed programme including rifle shooting, archery, climbing, and the cresta run. Alongside the activities, they took on real responsibility — washing up, tidying communal areas, and passing Otter's room inspections.

Memories for Life

Evenings brought campfires, singing, performances, and s'mores, rounding off each day with laughter and memories.

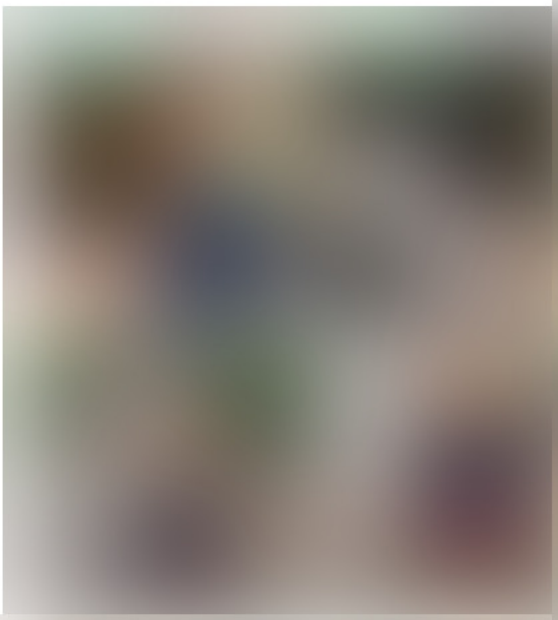
Throughout the weekend, tribes earned "treasure" for their efforts. Congratulations to Gecko Gang, crowned overall winners — their names are now on the giant camp peg in the hut.

We're incredibly proud of every Cub for their resilience, teamwork, and courage. Roll on the next adventure!

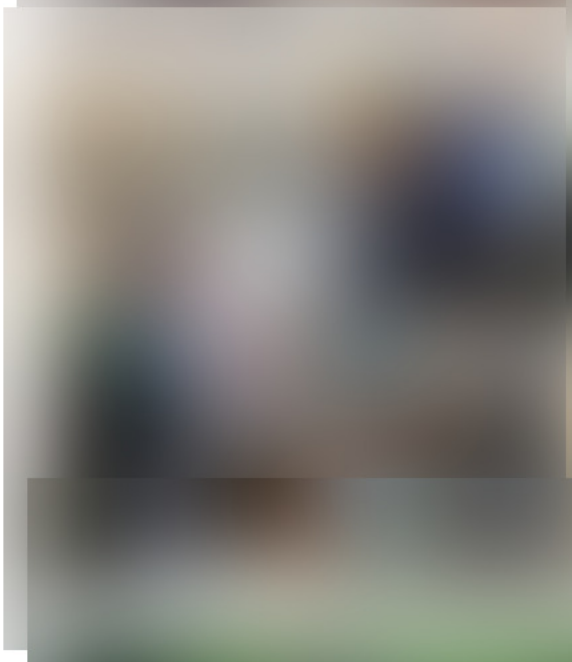


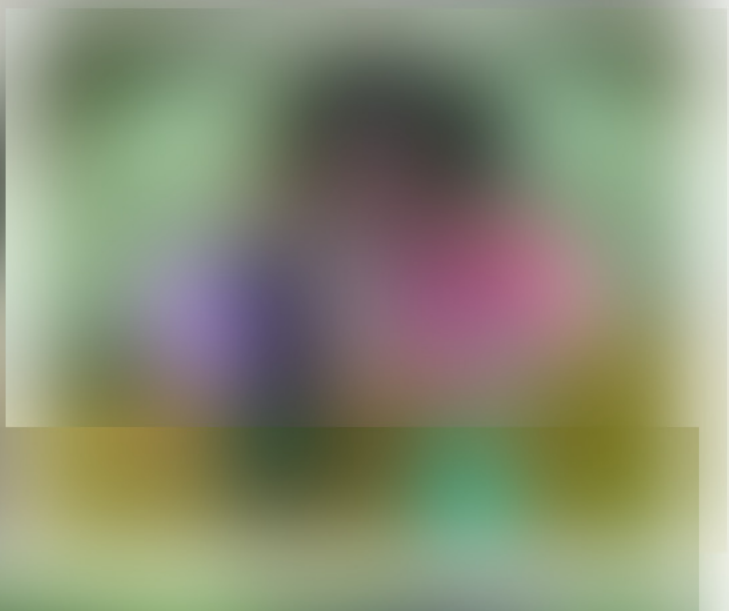
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Scouts Friday

Skills | Gold Award | Expedition Challenge

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Staying Healthy

The Scouts performed spirited and informative sketches teaching the value of healthy eating and exercise.

Do It Yourself

Next time the Scouts complain about doing chores at home, remind them how excited they all were to clean a toilet covered in Nutella. They also learnt how to fix a bike chain, sew and iron.

Thanks to **Oscar Ford, who did** a great job organising and running the meeting!

Preparing for Camp

We've jumped at the opportunity to make the most out of the nice weather and teach the Scouts firelighting as well as the safe use of knives, axes and saws.

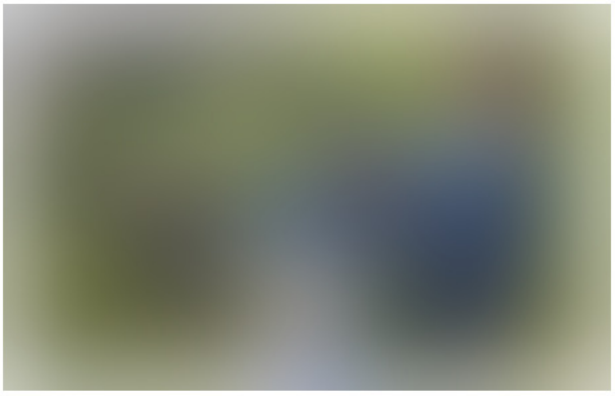
Scouts Gold Award

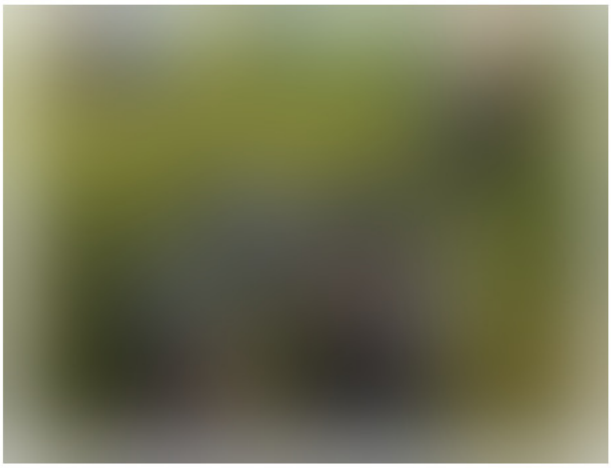
This term we introduced our Scouts to a new app we have developed to help them achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award, which can be found at scouthut.co.uk.

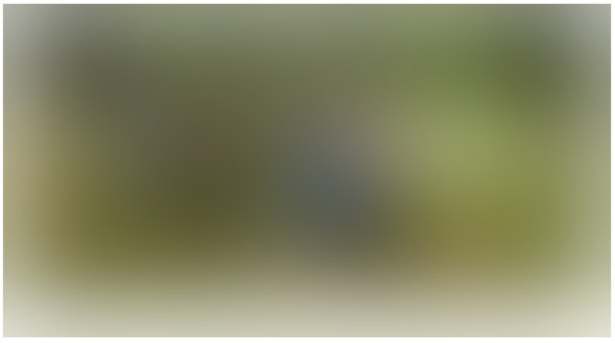
Speaking of... Congratulations to **Eva Parker** for achieving the highest award a Scout can get!

Expedition Challenge

Well done **Abi, Isaac, Cass and Hannah** for all passing your expedition challenge!







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The Trustee Diaries

AGM | Term Subs | Fundraising

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Last issue I wrote about how the group is funded. This time of year, the work behind the scenes is all about making sure everything is in order. Here is a glimpse of what June looks like for your Treasurer and Administrator.

Prep for the AGM

I am busy processing the annual accounts for the year 2025/26, working alongside our scrutineer, in readiness for the Annual General Meeting and for submission to both the District and the Charities Commission.

As a registered charity, this is how we show that every pound the group receives, whether that's your subscriptions or our fundraising, is properly looked after. **Do come along to the AGM** to see the results for yourself!

Summer Term Subs

I am **very grateful to those parents who have paid** the summer term subscriptions promptly — it makes a real difference. If you have not yet paid, expect to hear from me soon: I will be chasing!

Insurance Renewals

It is also the time of year for the renewal of all our insurances. This covers non-Scouting members at functions and camps, as well as the major insurance cover for our headquarters and all of our equipment.

It's not the glamorous side of Scouting, but it's what keeps every sleepover, camp and family event protected. And it all has to be funded too!

Help Us Fundraise

Fundraising will continue throughout the year, and we will be looking for volunteers to help in whatever way they can.

Whatever your skills and however much time you can spare, there is a way you can help. After the recent purchase of new tentage (see Roy's update), every bit of fundraising goes straight back into activities and equipment for your children.

Contact

If you can help with fundraising, or have any questions about subs or the accounts, **please contact me by email.**

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Behind The Scenes

Scouts Gold App Development

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Our Aspiration

We believe all our Scouts are capable of achieving the highest award in Scouting. It's our job to give them the tools and the knowledge to push that dream forward.

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Our young people are increasingly tech-savvy and thrive in a world of slick, interactive interfaces.

That's why we have developed an app to help our Scouts see their progress towards the award and break down each badge into easy steps that they can tackle at meetings as well as at home.

You can find it at scouthut.co.uk. No login details are required and it works on all computers as well as smartphones.

Scouts should speak to their leaders before or after weekly meetings to show that they have met requirements for their badges.

The leader section of the app will also help us tailor our meetings so that they are laser-focused on pushing our Scouts to learn, grow and make the most out of their time with us.

If you encounter any issues using the app, please let me know and I will fix as soon as possible :)

