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your designs or even create a logo for you.**

Thank you so much to everyone who has been busy sending in their articles to make this a bumper edition! It's great to see so much activity out there even though the future is still a little uncertain. Please keep them coming.

This edition includes several scout jokes sent in by James Arthur that we have used as fillers. We don't know where he lives so all we can say is, "Thank you" and if you let us have an address we will send you a small gift.

Being the Winter edition we are very pleased to have another dastardly Alan Burnham Christmas Quiz. There's a first prize of £50 so get your thinking caps on. Alan's quiz can be found on pages 9 to 11. We are also very pleased to have had a question and answer session with Max Woosey aka The Boy in the Tent. Max has been sleeping out since March 2020 raising money for North Devon Hospice. You can find more about Max on the next page.

This magazine is mostly edited and put together by young people and now we're getting their contributions also. As well as Max on page 30 you can read about Rose Wiffin and her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award work.

There's a great article on page 23 about jet-propelled cubs and, before that, on page 21 you can read about Ray Mears, one of our favourite woodsmen. He has a tour - We Are Nature - named after his recent book, starting in February that you can read about.

Do you like the cover photo? Prime Minister Boris Johnson invited Max to 10 Downing Street to pitch his tent and have a chat. We think Boris' dog Dilyn was just as excited! ☺

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The Boy in the Tent

Max Woosey is The Boy in the Tent. He started camping out in March 2020 for a year to raise money for North Devon Hospice that looked after his friends Rick and Sue. As we go to press he's still going and is now over 600 nights! We caught up with Max recently and asked a few questions of this remarkable lad.

Why are you camping out?

I am camping because of my neighbour Rick who died of cancer. Before he died he gave me a tent and said "I want you to promise me you will have an adventure" and I said I promise that I will. When we went into the first lockdown in March 2020 I realised that many charities had had their fundraising cut. The North Devon Hospice took such good care of Rick and enabled him to die at home as he wished so I wanted to do something to say thank you. To be able to raise over £600,000 for them is just incredible because I set off to raise £100 but then it went to £600,000 (including Gift Aid).

What have been the biggest challenges?

The biggest challenges have been the wildlife and the weather. Shortly after starting my camp out we had huge thunderstorms which were pretty scary. I was really proud of myself for staying out there. Then in winter we had temperatures of minus four and Storm Bella on Boxing Day with seventy mph winds. My dad slept out with me to weigh the tent down so I wouldn't blow away! The other challenge has been staying out there by myself. Some nights I have had nightmares or been scared so I just talk to myself and imagine what my parents would say. I think I have grown in confidence a lot over the last year and am now far more independent.

Why did you do Max's Big Camp Out, when, to mark one year of your epic challenge, you invited children across the world to join in with their own camp?

I did Max's Big Camp Out because lockdown sucked so I thought it would be fun for other kids to join in. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get involved and do it their way. They could camp out or make a den inside and raise money for their chosen charity. It was really important that children got to choose how they did it and who they raised money for as we are usually told what to do and how to do it. It was the first time JustGiving have created a page like that specifically for children and I'm really proud of it. It was brilliant for hundreds of children to all look back and be proud of what they achieved.

How has being a scout helped you?

Being a scout has helped me with everything in life, it definitely has been something I have enjoyed. It has shown me the importance of team work and also that being kind and helping others is the way I want to live my life. My dad has always taught me KIT - Kindness, Integrity and Try hard and I feel these are in line with the philosophy of the scouts.

What have been the highlights of camping out?

The main highlight of camping out has been the knowledge that I have raised such a lot of money for the North Devon Hospice. It is the only hospice in the South West that has not had to make bed cuts or redundancies during the pandemic.

I have also been really touched by the kindness and support of so many people. An eighty-year-old lady sent me her birthday money to add to my fundraising page. She didn't have my address so addressed it to "Max, The Boy in the Tent, Braunton, Devon" and it reached my house. I was so touched.

I have also been really lucky and got the opportunity to work with Action for Children which is an amazing charity which supports vulnerable children.

Tell us about the zoo

As part of my role with Action for Children I got to promote their Boycott Your Bed campaign by sleeping at London Zoo.

The Zoo was brilliant; everyone there is just so friendly and I will never forget the time I had there. We had a night tour where we got to see all the animals and got to feed them. It's a kid's dream to be able to camp at a zoo and to be able to be a mini zookeeper for the two days we were there is just incredible. The highlight was giving the lemurs their breakfast as they are my favourite animal. I lay in my tent listening to the lions roar and could hear the gibbons. It was really special.

What about meeting the Prime Minister - Boris Johnson?

I was also lucky enough to meet Boris Johnson. I can now say I spoke to the Prime Minister and got to pitch my tent in the garden of 10 Downing Street! Just amazing! He was lovely; we sat outside my tent and had a chat over a hot chocolate. His dog Dilyn was really funny as he stole my lion teddy and I had to run around the garden after him to get it back.





We also got a tour of 10 Downing Street which was brilliant. Just to be in the Cabinet Office where such important decisions have been made was mind boggling.

How long are you going to camp out for?

I will keep camping out until I stop enjoying it. It was good at first because lockdown spending 24/7 with your parents is a nightmare so to just be able to get a bit of freedom was great. We aren't officially in lockdown now so I have at least been able to go out to school and see my friends again. However, two days ago I tested positive for Covid so we are back in lockdown for ten days. Luckily I'm feeling ok but this was my last week of primary school so I have missed all of the end of term celebrations. It's not quite the ending I had hoped for but I feel lucky that I haven't been ill with it.

What would you like to do for your next adventure?

I have saved my pocket money so that when I am older I hope to go on a great adventure. I would love to go to Australia or Madagascar for a real expedition that takes me further than my back garden.

I feel really lucky that for me the past year with Covid and lockdowns has been a real adventure. I know many others haven't been as lucky and I send my best wishes to anyone who has had a tough time.

Bear Grylls writes: Was so special to be able to give young Max Woosey, the "Spirit of Adventure Award" at The [Daily Mirror] Pride of Britain Awards Ceremony [on 30th October]. Max was given a tent by his terminally ill neighbour and hoped to camp out for a few nights to raise a few hundred pounds. How proud his neighbour would now be to see that, in fact, Max has gone on to spend five hundred and seventy consecutive nights in his tent, raising over £600,000 for charity. Legacy kindness. And a never give up spirit. And no surprise to see a Royal Marines family beside him, always supporting and encouraging. Heroes one and all. Well done Max!

You can sponsor Max at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/max-woosey1>

What do you get when you cross a giraffe with a
scout leader?

Someone that everyone looks up to.

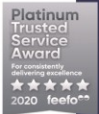
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First prize: £50 cash.

Second prize: Double hammock kindly donated by One Stop Scouting
www.onestopscouting.co.uk.

Third prize: A year's subscription to Scout and Scouting.

1. A strange contest recently pitted two teams against each other. The Queen recruited her father, Lee Child's creation and White Fang's author. The other team consisted of a baseball team, the rowers from a University boat and two sets of dwarves. Who is winning at this stage?

There was some grumbling, so Blyton's group arrived from Kirrin Island and offered to assist both teams. Who was the final winner?

2. Link the following. i.e. link the first to the second, second to third and so on: Samuel T Coleridge, Bampton Cliffs, Marie Curie, the Miners Safety Lamp, the Olympic Games, Barbequed Pigeon, Yankee Doodle.

3. Sort the following into pairs:

Barber, Bliss, Booth, Bush, Church, Cross, Drove, Fox, Goose, Handy, Hatch, Lamb, Low, Maiden, Parson, Pool, Preen, Roe, Round, Stoke, Truckle, Valley.

4. What is the significance of the following words:

Ruletka, kahawa, bacon, alfavito, cacen, tortilla, kottbulle.

5. What has a fictitious piece of land in legal terms got to do with Scouting? Similarly, what has the name of an Isle of Wight royal residence got to do with Scouting?

6. What is the 20th Century connection between the following places?

Cardiff, Stockton, Dwyfor, Bewdley, Oxford, Rievaulx and Kesteven.

7. What were woodbeads (not the ones taken from a necklace) originally made from? And whilst on the subject, why might a woodbead be yellow, or green, or red?

8. a) What have the following towns in common - Hastings, Aberystwyth, Bridgnorth, Babbacombe?

b) What have the following towns in common - Hull and Kettering?

c) What have the following towns in common - Shanklin, Minehead, Fleetwood, Westward Ho!, Ventnor?

d) What have the following towns in common - Rhyl, Buckfastleigh, Cleethorpes, Cornhill on Tweed, Ashley Heath?

e) What have the following towns in common - Manchester, Brighton, Blackpool, Birmingham, London?

Finally, what one town could fit into all of the above five lists?

9. What was the first decimal coin introduced in the UK? And whilst we are talking coinage, which English monetary denomination never actually had a coin produced for it?

10. British food - identify...

a) Layered potato, onion and cheese.

b) A pasty or pastry roll with meat and veg at one end and fruit or jam at the other.

c) A fried potato cake containing onion, bacon and egg.

d) A bread flavoured with tea, dried fruit and spices.

e) A medium hard confectionery with a grainy texture-made from sugar, milk, butter and condensed milk.

f) A knobbly treat invented by a Frenchman in Bermondsey.

11. Identify the groups...

a) A savoury meatball, a pen, a Roman poet, a hero of Khartoum and another of the Antarctic.

b) A reggae musician, a Bassett Hound, a Greek nymph, Nintendo's snooty goat, not a clue!

12. What's in common?

a) NGL, KYA, ML, SNGL and GBN.

b) Sly Go, Doubling, Caulk, Cove and Kill Arnie.

c) Berney Arms, Denton, The Lakes, Altnabreac.

13. Picture the scene. A hole with shirt and trousers in it, nearby four third molars. Cuddles dad reclines in a beach lounger, causing some breathing difficulties and a verdant patella. A musical ensemble provides entertainment, a pullet is elevated whilst a large airliner leaves trails in the sky.

What?

14. An Explorer expedition to visit some of Britain's delights. They need to camp overnight near each. Find the nearest Scout campsite to each.

Find Kit's Lepus hideout, Joseph's thorn, a devilish cave, a vegetarian hunt, a bang at 1300, the top of this place beloved by special forces, a tribute to a wood and graphite notation implement, take a break and be grateful for it, an Welsh-Italian village.

15. How far in total?

The Proclaimers, Mike Oldfield, Edwin Starr, Pretenders, Fleetwood Mac, Rolling Stones.

16. a) Who is Edward Michael in Scouting?

b) A coincidental link between Scouting and a 19th century PM.

c) Two instances of Countryfile meeting Scouting.

d) A US presidential Scout leader and a royal presidential link.

e) The Happy Man and the Cubbington Pear have a link to Scouting. What?

17. 8,11,15,5,4,14,9,1,7,6,16. What are the next five numbers in the sequence?

18. I bought a car for £500, a little later I sold it for £600. Regretting selling it, I bought it back for £700. Finally I sold it again for £800. Did I make, lose or break even?

19. UK 3, Canada 2, US 2, Japan 2, The Netherlands 2, Several countries 1 but one particular country 0. Explain.

20. a) Made from flour, butter and milk heated and stirred.

b) Add grated cheese.

c) Take away milk and cheese, substitute light stock.

d) Add cream to thicken.

e) Take away the flour and stock, add parmesan and garlic.

Identify in each case.

What did Oliver Twist say when he was sitting round
the campfire?

Please sir, can I have s'more?

Sent in by **James Arthur**



GAMES

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

My name is Tibor and I am the cub leader for the 44th Croydon Air Scouts. I have had the privilege again this summer to have been involved with the Paralympics. It has been a hard time for everyone over the past two years and touch and go that this great sporting event in Tokyo would even happen. So to experience the joy, pride and positive nature of these super athletes that they could represent their countries and take part in the Games that they have worked so hard for was an unbelievable experience.

I have been involved with these Games since 2012 and made some great friends with the athletes. It was fantastic to see them again and to make some new friends too. This year was more special personally for me for two reasons. These Games proved that even though the world had gone through such a hard time and all of the athletes had to overcome even tougher hardships than normal and to overcome recent personal tragedy with the added event of the pandemic they never gave up. It is very inspiring. I met many new athletes that had overcome tragic accidents or had been disabled from birth who told me their stories of how they had persevered and not let their disability stop them achieving their goals. This one stuck with me the most: Justin at the age of eighteen was an up-and-coming high school athletic star; unfortunately he was shot and his spine was damaged. This left him paralysed from below the waist. Five months after leaving hospital he decided to call his local adaptive sports federation to enquire about wheelchair sports. He then tried various sports and eventually took on the Javelin as an event. His sheer determination combined with great coaching and help from his fellow athletes saw him representing his country just six years later. He was such a positive person who never gave up. He was so proud, excited and grateful to be at these Games. It was humbling and a privilege to meet him and all of the other athletes.

He and all the other athletes from around the world showed greater strength and determination. The pandemic was not going to stop them achieving their goals and to show the world how we can unite through

hope, determination and the joy of sport. To me it also embodied the values of scouting we all follow - integrity, respect, care and belief - that all the athletes from all around the world showed in these Games.

Secondly it gave the world this year a further message. "We The 15" is sport's biggest ever human-rights movement to end discrimination. Its aim is to transform the lives of the world's 1.2 billion people with disabilities who represent fifteen percent of our global population and to make the world aware that discrimination is still there towards those with disabilities. It's a campaign to build a greater knowledge of the barriers and the discrimination that people with disabilities face on a daily basis at all levels of society. Furthermore that we need to break down these barriers so all people with disabilities can fulfil their full potential and be respected as vital members of our society. As a cub leader I am proud both individually and as a member of the scouting movement that does not discriminate against those with disabilities and in fact embraces and encourages those individuals to join and grow and play a vital role in making scouting fun and rewarding for all.

Through our help and encouragement maybe one day we will see one or more of our ex beavers, cubs or scouts in the future standing on the podium receiving their medal.

Tibor, Cub Leader, 44th Croydon Air Scouts



ACTIVITIES

Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre

How COVID has affected scouting from a campsite's viewpoint

Beaudesert Scout Activity Centre in Staffordshire, like all scout campsites, has had a tough eighteen months as we closed our gates back in March 2020. We were really pleased to reopen our gates again on 1st May this year. After a steady stream of day visits we gradually got back to seeing tents up again as restrictions allowed. After a tense first few weeks where we were keeping everyone and everything apart. Our risk assessment was reviewed monthly in line with all the Government guidelines and gradually became shorter. It's fantastic to see beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers, network and some leaders-only camps going on now. Leaders have been a mixed bunch. Some have been really flexible and just glad to be back camping, some have been very nervous and needing some extra help, and there have been some more challenging ones who have expected us to be able to deliver everything as though nothing has happened. Whichever category they are in we have been really pleased to welcome them back and help them with their visit. We've pretty much got everything open as normal now; a couple of activities aren't running due more to instructor training for the season than COVID. There is a bit more hand washing going on and plenty of hand sanitiser being used before and after activities, but other than that we are now mostly open as normal.

During the lockdowns we still manned the 'phones and ensured that any cancelled booking was either pushed forward, sometimes several times, or refunded in full so that no scout group lost out. The campsites and woodland enjoyed being able to go back to nature with deer roaming the centre, a couple of resident buzzards, a wide variety of species of birds that we'd not seen so much of before and all the usual squirrels, foxes and badgers. The bluebells were amazing; it was such a shame people were not here to see them.

Before we could reopen we had plenty to do. With the site standing empty for so long the grass was tall, all the buildings had to be checked and alarms etc. tested for safety. Water had to be flushed through and there was lots and lots of cleaning where the spiders had moved in and made their webs.

We had to make some incredibly tough decisions around staffing. We reluctantly made most of our paid team redundant in the summer last year. This meant that coming into the 2021 summer season we ran with just three regular staff plus a bunch of freelancers for activities. With loads of buildings to clean and maintain, reception to run seven days a week and the site to mow and

make safe we have had an incredibly tough season but as we start to slow down as we write this in November we are really proud of what we have achieved for all of our customers.

It has significantly affected us as a scout campsite as all of our cash reserves were used up. This was because things still needed to go on even though we were closed. We reduced our outgoings as much as possible and just made it through. Financially it's not over yet as we have had a significantly reduced income this summer just gone and we still have the loss-making winter to survive yet. We are feeling positive though and if all goes to plan we should just make it through to May when bookings increase and we begin to bring in more money. We are also beginning to look at fundraising and where else we can find new grants. After that we predict it will take us five years to build our reserves back up again. This means that new developments will be on hold until this time.

We are very much looking forward to 2022 when we hope to have a full team of staff back again and we are able to offer our full range of activities. If you are looking for a summer camp venue for 2022 please give us a call or drop us an email. We are located in Staffordshire, just off the M6, close to Alton Towers, Drayton Manor and the National Arboretum. With one hundred and twenty-five acres of woodland and parkland there is a campsite to suit every kind of group. We've got a few fairly unique activities as well such as a Via Ferrata in our quarry, abseiling on natural rock and coracling on our pond, as well as all the usual target sports and high ropes. We'd love to have a chat and see how we can help make your first summer camp after lockdown an amazing experience. You'll also be helping our recovery if you visit our campsite.

We hope you've found our campsite's perspective of the lockdown interesting. Please visit our website if you'd like to find out more about us.
www.beautesert.org

Beautesert Outdoor Activity Centre

What's round and slimy and bobs on the sea?

A buoy scout.

Sent in by **James Arthur**



OUT & ABOUT

York Scouts help to protect the planet

Millions of scouts worldwide, including scout groups in York, have made a Promise to the Planet as part of a global campaign to inspire young people to take action for the environment. In the run-up to COP26 (the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties) in Glasgow this November just passed, local scouts took part in York Environment Week (18th to 26th September) and other environmental activities earlier this year.

Copmanthorpe Scouts in particular have been taking action all year to help the environment. Dave Webster, 1st Copmanthorpe Scouts' leader said, "Rather than talking about it and waiting for politicians to change policies I wanted us to actually do something and to involve the community too."

Led by Dave, 1st Copmanthorpe Scouts have been doing just that! They have set up extra recycling facilities in the village, recycled Christmas trees, created a Hedgehog Highway, litter picked with the Village Wombles and at Askham Bog (thirty-five bags of litter picked) sown wild flower seeds, and beach cleaned at Fraisthorpe to name but a few.

Other scout groups in the area have been doing their bit too and will continue to do so in the future. Dringhouses, Elvington, Bishopthorpe and Acomb scout groups took part in North Yorkshire Scouts' "Tidy up the County Day," litter picking in their local areas.

From Dringhouses Scout Group, Beaver Melissa said, "Picking up the litter is good for our planet. But I don't like people leaving dirt around." Fellow Beaver Dorian said, "It's important to clean Earth because trees would get sick and we need trees."

1st Copmanthorpe have put together this list of ideas that other groups could adopt. Have fun!

David Attenborough: A Life On Our Planet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8hhAfSPBq8>

Prince William: A Planet For Us All

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxS5HRabnBI>

<https://earthtribe.scout.org>



3 badges you can earn: Tide Turner Plastic Challenge, Champions for Nature Challenge, Scouts Go Solar Challenge.

- Talk about COP26 Glasgow in November 2021 and what your group think leaders should do
- Learn about recycling, what can/cannot be recycled, local recycling centres, get extra recycling facilities for your hut
- Think about how to save water and energy at home
- Learn about renewable energy (water/wind/solar) - visit somewhere local
- Design posters to put up around your area/in school/village newsletters
- Promote Hedgehog Highways in your area and get a speaker from a local rescue centre
- Litter pick with local groups or take part in Trash the Trash Day (first May bank holiday)
- Work with your local council to sow wild flower seeds on grass verges or in cemeteries
- Beach clean with the Marine Conservation Society
- Make mini water butts from old bottles, mini and giant bug hotels, bird boxes, Christmas tree recycling
- Do a blindfold taste test - vegan/pork sausages, dairy vs. oat milk etc.
- Write articles to go in your village/school/parish newsletters
- Have a neighbourhood recycling day, where on a specific date, everyone puts items they no longer want at the end of their drive
- Have a neighbourhood clothes swish to swap unwanted clothes/footwear
- Engage with your local dance/drama group - they could do a routine about the environment
- Tree planting at a local community project
- Think about how to make your own events sustainable - transport, food, litter etc.
- For younger children - Blue Peter Green Badge.

As our founder Lord Baden-Powell said, "Leave the world a little better than you found it."

Jo Wedgwood

EVENTS

Ray Mears' Tour

Ray Mears, thought of by many as "the father of British bushcraft", is set to embark on a 40-date nationwide theatre tour in 2022 - simply titled WE ARE NATURE - AN INVITATION TO RECONNECT WITH THE NATURAL WORLD. The tour, which starts on 22nd February 2022 at the Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury, will see Ray take the audience on a journey that will explain how to get the most out of our surroundings by developing and more fully using our extraordinary natural senses of sight, sound, smell and taste, at the same time as raising awareness of the vast richness of the natural world.

By utilising both demonstration and audience participation, Ray will share knowledge that has, until now, only been accessible to students on his Woodlore courses - which many of whom have described as "life-changing" and "as though the blinkers of modern life have been removed," enabling them to experience the natural world in all its beauty for the very first time.

In a relaxed, accessible style, Ray will entertain audiences with a fascinating, inspirational and educational show. He will teach them to understand what it means to see with their ears and to hear with their eyes. He will also discuss the methods and equipment he uses when tracking rare wildlife for television. He will talk about the future, taking the audience on a fascinating exploration of the advanced technology of night vision and its future benefits - is it truly possible to see in the dark?

With input from Rural Wildlife Crime specialists, Ray will highlight ways that we can all use these extraordinary skills to help protect the wildlife we cherish. Increased sensory awareness can do more than just improve our connection to the natural world, it can also raise our situational awareness and help to keep us safe.

As Ray says, "Recently we have learned to value our green spaces more than ever. We need the wilderness as much as the wilderness needs us; it is time to cease being frustrated at wanton crimes against nature and to act to prevent them. Enhanced powers of observation can make a huge difference, protecting the lives of wild creatures that are unable to speak for themselves."

Over the years Ray has become a bestselling author, photographer, programme maker, broadcaster, and founder of Woodlore, Britain's oldest established school of Wilderness bushcraft and tracking. Recognised throughout the world as a leading authority on bushcraft and survival, Ray has spent his life travelling the world, communing with nature, observing animal behaviour, and researching primitive life skills.

Ray Mears is a man who walks more than he talks, he has presented and featured in countless TV programmes and series - in 2005 he survived a helicopter crash while filming in the mountains of Wyoming and in 2010 assisted the Northumbria police, tracking a murderer during Britain's largest manhunt. His television series include Wild China, Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears, Tracks, World of Survival, and Money Can't Buy with Ewan McGregor, and The Real Heroes of Telemark, all of which have inspired generations from children to their grandparents.

Reflecting Ray Mears' most recent book We Are Nature, - WE ARE NATURE - AN INVITATION TO RECONNECT WITH THE NATURAL WORLD, is a show that will appeal to all all-age groups. It would be a great scout outing!

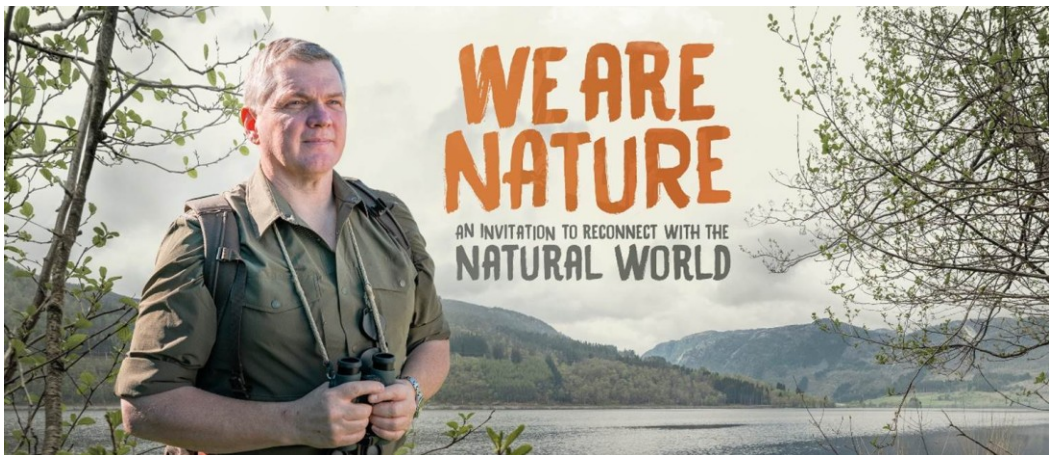
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ACTIVITIES

Jet-propelled Cubs - A fantastic day of Kart Racing

The red lights started flashing with the warning siren as the carts gently roll up to the starting line. The yellow lights flash, the grip tightens on the push handles, and the driver's hands squeeze the rope ready for the horn to sound and the green light. Like a shot the karts rocket off the line, the parents roar in support of their team's kart. Round the first corner and the inside team build a gap on the other team. Through to the next straight and into the next corner as then the gap narrows as the team are now in the outside lane. Within seconds the karts are hurtling towards the chequered flag and the finish line.



This was the first year at the "Supreme Championships" and our 10th Worthing Cubs' entry - 'Blade Runner' - ran amazingly well throughout. We split into two teams - the organisers had arranged to lend us a kart - and the Cubs worked out their teams for the day, drivers and engines and how they would change or stay the same for each race. The atmosphere was electric all day. The teams with their 'pit crews', flags, and supporting parents made this a day that no cub or leader would forget. The circuit was fast, the competition was fierce but the racing was amazing. The Supreme is an amazing event with teams from all parts of the UK.

We will definitely be back next year!

10th Worthing Scout Group



ACTIVITIES

A cup of cocoa in a tin cup

In this ever-changing world of technology and innovation it is sometimes worth remembering the simple things in life.

I recall when I was a boy scout, at the end of the scout evening, Akela would bring out hot cocoa for everyone in tin mugs. Now, should life become difficult, I just remember the cup of cocoa I would enjoy and those happy times at Scout nights and being in a place where your biggest challenge was working toward your next badge.

As you grow up, you learn to recognise those halcyon days for what they were; learning with a freedom from responsibility within a given set of rules and regulations that define the scout movement.

Hopefully you carry these values throughout your life and pass them on to your family. My son, Alex, was a scout and after achieving his degree in Media Arts decided on a career in fitness and is now manager of a fitness centre in Bristol.

His upbringing and schooling was in no small way down to his mother Fiona (featured as Akela for 1st Huntspill and Highbridge scouts in Issue 3). For ten years that I was away from home on long contracts working for five star international cruise lines around the world, Fiona juggled her nursing career with being a mother and homemaker.

For me, after leaving school, having gained the necessary GCEs, I worked for three years for the National Provincial Bank (this was before the merger with Westminster Bank to what we know today as NatWest). I worked mainly at branches in Devon but was posted to the Overseas Branch in Princes Street, London for three months. However, after returning to Devon, I resigned to pursue a career in music.

I've spent my life in the entertainment business as a pianist, band leader and musical director performing around the world, together with some broadcast work for radio and occasionally TV. There have been some funny stories along the way. I work now with a UK touring production show The Beach Boyz Tribute Show. As musical director, I play keyboards, rhythm guitar and sing.

Now in our sixth year of touring we have a large Facebook following and a fan base across the UK. Two years ago we were booked to play a festival in

Portugal. We flew to Lisbon, went straight to the festival site for a sound check and afterwards back to the hotel to relax before our 10.30pm performance time. Around 10pm we received a call to go to the festival site. Hurricane force winds had blown in off the Atlantic and destroyed the festival site; the hospitality tents were strewn out across the ground along with our stage costumes. Luckily the stage crew had moved our expensive equipment to the safety of vans.

The festival was cancelled and we ended up at the hotel with a Dutch band and so we spent the night singing and playing guitars together - reminded me of a scout sing-a-long around a camp fire. We left Portugal the next morning and never did get paid - nor did the Dutch band! Although it wasn't funny at the time we laugh about it now.

As for hobbies, I spend a lot of my free time in my music room, where at the moment I am working on another original song. It has a Beach Boys' style and it's for a CD of original songs which we will be selling at our shows in due course. The song is about a boy with an old cheap guitar he takes to the beach. The song is called Beach Guitar.

If anyone would like to come along to one of our shows and meet me and have a chat, our 2022 UK tour dates can be found at <https://beachboysband.co.uk>

Terry Pascoe



ONE HOUR A WEEK

Keeping your Troop Simple and Exciting

Are you a large active Scout Troop, part of a big and well organised group with your own premises, transport and a healthy bank balance? In my fifty years of Troop Leadership this has never been my experience. For the past thirty years in central London I have totally enjoyed leading one of a number of tiny groups that move from one damp back room of a church or community hall to another, but who offer local kids great Scouting friendships and challenging experiences.

No Badges?

Every Leader I know locally has their own style of offering activities. One of my own survival techniques has been to 'keep scouting simple'; basically to limit what we offer but to do it well and often!

About twelve years ago I came back to saving a troop from closing. I was keen to do the patrol camping, hiking and canoeing but dreaded the inspections, points system and all those badge requirements. So I ran the troop without them, based only upon respect for each other, good time keeping, traditional Scouting skills, fun and adventure. No points, badges or inspections, with scouts turning up on time and in uniform simply because it was our expectation. And basically, it worked. We issued the Chief Scout Challenge badges at the rate of two a year based on general involvement in activities with no records, just a wall chart. No Interest badges at all. The sheer amount of hiking and camping we did and the range of our week night activities easily covered all the bases of the Programme Zones, but 'badges' was simply not part of our volunteering time.

No Minibus?

I do worry at Scouting's addiction to minibuses. I fully appreciate that the whole adventure programme of many groups demands they use them but for my troop I tried to find a campsite or activities near to a bus stop or train station. Not looking for a camp site and then struggling to get everyone there. As a London Group I am even looking at sites you can get to using the tube system. I have found eight so far. But wherever

you are, look at bus routes out of the main town. Identify nearby farms and estates and start visiting looking tidy and politely asking if you could bring a small group of your scouts to camp there. If it works out your host might provide a tap, places to light a fire and eventually your own little corner. Check out the place on the HQ Banned Campsite List but don't readily share it because the landowner is trusting you with the care of their livelihood.

We have used trains a great deal to mountain walk in Brecon Beacons and hike camp in the New Forest, North and South Downs with Family Railcards, advance booking and special offers all making costs very affordable. And for many Scouts travelling by train is a new and valuable experience.

Simply Repeat Every 2 Years

I totally accept that some leaders get bored with using the same camp sites and hike routes but kids don't in anything like the same way; they often love to go back to the same bendy tree, field or village shop. And after two or three years they are able to pride themselves on showing younger scouts the short-cuts, the places to find wood and trees to climb. So I rotated the same four summer campsites for fifty years. I did exactly the same canoe trip from Longridge Boating Centre, five or six times a year, for thirty years, the only variation being 'up' or 'down' river! But the weather and seasons changed, the kids and leaders changed, the river, the wildlife and the people we met were never the same. And the trips were always full. If you are struggling to take your scouts to camp at all, don't be dumb and ask them where they want to go, it is your time and you are volunteering; be clear to yourself on what you can comfortably manage and perhaps it is somewhere you have been to before. Go off and spend a weekend there, staying in a nice pub, and check, or re-check, the local footpaths which are the number one key to a good scout camp. Check out a local timber yard for a good burning hardwood, a shop that delivers, a supermarket and petrol station. And perhaps find a small local farm a few miles from your main site for an overnight patrol hike or cycle camp. A wood for bivvying perhaps. Keep it all simple, and then start evenings practicing axe and saw, wood fire cooking etc. and sell it to the kids. A minimum of eight scouts could be a

grand camp. Hopefully all near to a train station. Return the next year with eighteen scouts.

Your troop does not have to be the same as everyone else's. If children or their parents want them to play in a band or camp abroad or get an armful of badges and you are not into that, then let them go elsewhere.

You can be just as special offering a huge amount of fun, fires and sausage cooking, and oodles of friendship and solid relationship building; let them choose. Try not to get over-stressed and quit; stay in Scouting and keep it simple. Take a bunch of kids on a bus, cook a few sausages over a fire and tell each other stories. Come home smelling all smoky... and then... SIMPLY do it again!

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Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

During the pandemic I needed a challenge because, as you all know, life ground to a halt. So I decided that then would be the time to start working towards my Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Despite the challenges of Covid, my team and I planned our expedition. Although it wasn't in wild country like it should have been, it still had its challenges. So, due to the restrictions, we decided to walk in the South Downs. To make things more difficult we walked at least twenty kilometres a day and managed the likes of Wolstonbury Hill and Devil's Dyke.

Suffering from lots of blisters, brambles, nettles, broken bags and other issues on the way as a team we soldiered on and pushed ourselves to our limits. Luck was on our side as we had mild weather the entire time, temperatures as high as nineteen degrees - however mornings were quite foggy as the air traps in the lower areas of the downs.

Our practice in the North Downs was also tricky in its own way, with heat up to thirty degrees, and battling heat stroke to thunderstorms which gave us wet tents and difficult paths. The terrain was very similar but the extremes of the summer weather was something to be reckoned with.

This adventure that I have embarked on has shown me that with a good team around you and the morale, your mind is a great source of power that can encourage and push you to do things that you find hard or disheartening. Therefore it has been an important challenge for me personally. As a person who has always been in scouting, from the age of six to now twenty-two, I find it important to try new things and not get stuck in the rut of everyday life. Also it was a milestone for me because when the pandemic hit the UK and when we had three lockdowns I was left with a form of anxiety which made me feel uncomfortable to leave my own home for the first time in months. But for me, overcoming the struggles of anxiety and pushing myself to new achievements gives me a sense of pride as I can show my Beaver Scout Section that no matter what, with a bit of resilience and strength, you can push yourselves to do anything you set your mind to (not that they need to as they've all been amazing and resilient by joining in on all the Zoom calls and schooling at home through the pandemic; I don't know if I could've done it myself). Despite all the negatives it has been a very positive journey and I wouldn't change it for anything. **Rose Wiffin, 9th Basildon Beaver Leader & Hobgoblin Network Member**



ONE HOUR A WEEK

Scouting Together



The last eighteen months have been challenging for our group but the challenges have made it stronger. We all worked together in delivering scouting in new ways like Zoom or Team Meetings and the fun and learning never stopped whether it be a leader's 'phone dropping in the baking bowl whilst delivering cooking on Zoom for Cubs, or the kitchen table being used as a work surface for hammer and nails. We had lots of badges gained and we managed to have every Chief Scout award from Bronze to Queen's Scout achieved. Now this has to be a first.

Back-to-basics skills in forestry, navigation, circus skills and digital skills were all fun. We saw new faces in all our sections and this is one of the reasons our scout group is the heart of our community as we go into our 110th year.



With more families becoming involved in scouting helping deliver our sectional programmes mums, dads and siblings also learnt skills for life. Activity packs dropped off by our leaders supported our Zoom meetings and online investitures were the norm. With online skills being taught our scouts really excelled. We had successes in various competitions such as District Blackley Shield Competition (this is the longest running competition in scouting, it first being competed for in 1911). The photo (page 34) shows Darcey and Oliver with the shield. District hike (see winners in photo above) and backwoods cooking competition brought life skills and team-building fun.

Scouting is for all and we enjoyed new faces in our scout group, who had not been in scouting before, enjoying the activities that scouting brings. We are a multi-faith and diverse scout group. Seeing so many young people enjoying each other's company brings a sense of pride in our community.

We had a fantastic Green activity delivered to our scout group by scout headquarters learning about birds, bees and bugs at our scout hq and we learnt so much.

Having fun, making new friends, learning skills for life and gaining badges along the way has ensured that scouting has made a massive difference to all our

members during these testing times. Baden-Powell would be so proud of all our members in how they have delivered his dreams. As a scout group we are privileged to have two drawings completed by B-P himself when he attended our scout group over one hundred and seven years ago. Our group sponsors have been with our members all the way during these testing times so thank you Co-operative Academy, St Peter's and St Paul's churches and of course our members and their families.

As we all come to terms worldwide with COVID scouting will ensure young people are at the forefront of communities and the skills they have gained will travel with them through life's journey.

Gary Hollingsworth, Group Scout Leader

105th Manchester Scout Group, Cooperative Academy Blackley



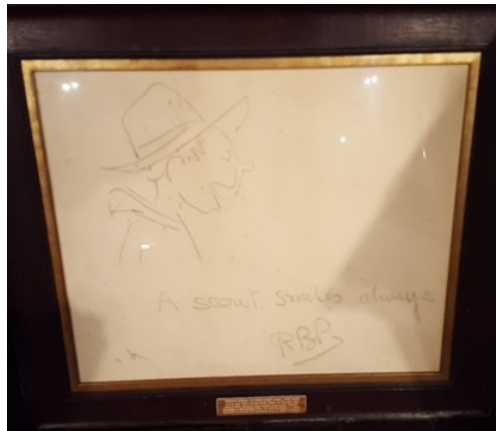
ACTIVITIES

Two very unusual drawings - "A scout smiles always"

When Gary sent in the last article we were so intrigued by his, "As a scout group we are privileged to have two drawings completed by B-P himself when he attended our scout group over one hundred and seven years ago" comment that we had to find out more!

Gary informed us that when Baden-Powell visited in 1912 he drew two pictures. He did them both at the same time, literally, one with one hand, the other with the other. This is no mean feat even if you are ambidextrous which Baden-Powell was. He was a Vice-President of the Ambidextral Cultural Society in 1905. The Secretary, John Jackson, wrote a book entitled, "Ambidexterity or Two-Handedness and Two-Brainedness" and in the introduction Baden-Powell wrote, "The heavy pressure of my office work makes me wish that I had cultivated, in my youth, the useful art of writing on two different subjects at once. I get through a great deal extra - it is true - by using the right and left hand alternately, but I thoroughly appreciate how much more can be done by using them both together." Gary tells us that these drawings that have not, as far as we are aware, ever featured in a publication before, are his group's "pride and joy." We're not surprised! They are probably unique and given the ambidextral element, most likely priceless. Gary said that when they were taken to BBC's Antiques Roadshow the experts couldn't put a figure on them. But don't worry, they're securely locked away most of the time!

In short, a pair of amazing drawings with a very interesting provenance.



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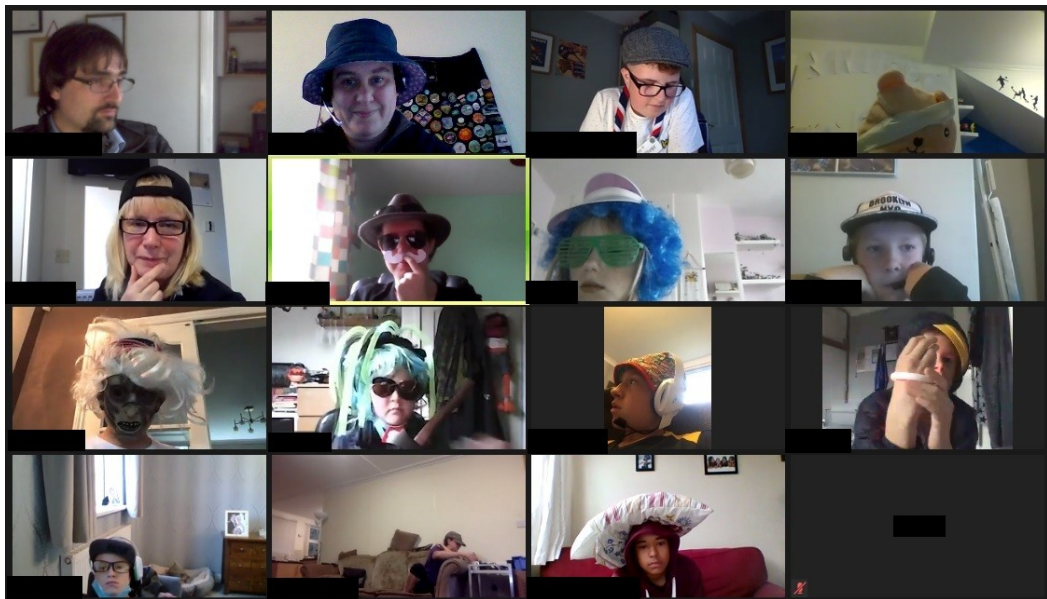
"Courage in all difficulties"



Covid-19 has made the last eighteen months a real hardship to endure, but Ninth Bradford North scout group has found that a Scout can still have 'courage in all difficulties'. The Ninth has met every week since the pandemic started using online technology to keep up their weekly meetings and events.

It was such a strange experience for all the leaders, but we agreed early on that we were not going to stop Scouting. It was a steep learning curve. The leaders had to come up with new ways of providing Scouting with an entirely 'hands off' approach, which is the opposite of what Scouting is meant to be. The biggest help initially was our active online Facebook presence, regularly used by our families, meaning we could reach people even if they weren't checking their emails! Online Scout Manager also helped, especially with the new 'badges at home' section, allowing parents to send evidence to tick off badge requirements online.

It took a little while for our young people to get used to Zoom, but we had great feedback from the parents, saying we were helping to keep life structured, helping Scouts interact with their friends, and keeping families feeling more positive as the pandemic dragged on. On St George's Day we invested four new Cub Scouts via Zoom, with the whole group present, which was great fun, and had everyone giggling when we pretended to 'shake hands'.



Although it wasn't plain sailing we quickly discovered games could be adapted to use online, keeping everyone active, such as doing treasure hunts around their houses or dressing up to play a game of 'guess who' - with hilarious results. For the first part of the pandemic the Scouts were just happy to be busy with school and most social activities closed. We added in Scouting skills using videos and demonstrations; we got the scouts doing first aid such as showing us how to treat a nosebleed on camera, and even challenged them to make their own instruments so we could complete our Musician badges. We found ways to help others too, such as emailing letters and artwork to a local nursing home that couldn't have visitors so they didn't feel so alone.

We had disappointments to overcome along the way. Our Jambowlree bowling competition sadly had to be cancelled so we asked everyone to make some bowling pins from things they had at home. We then held an online bowling contest which went down a storm! One of the Cubs made bowling pins with the Covid-19 virus on them so he could knock down Covid which was a great idea. We also held an online talent show, Ninth's Got Talent, where everyone sent in videos of themselves. This we produced into an online show which everyone watched and voted on at the same time. We'd never done anything like it before, but it worked surprisingly well!



The struggle really began when home-schooling started and adults went back to work. Suddenly our young people weren't content to sit in front of a screen - they were already doing that all day. We had to get extra creative. We scoured online resources - social media really came into its own during the pandemic, allowing us to share ideas with leaders across the world who wanted to continue Scouting.

We managed to get in some fantastic folks to help us keep sessions exciting. Horus Birds of Prey logged in to show us various birds-of-prey up close, and Art for Everyone showed us how to make clay models such as the ones used in animations like 'Wallace and Gromit'. These came highly recommended from 1st Virtual Scout Group; the Scouts loved seeing new faces and content! We invited the whole family along to some of the sessions so that siblings and parents could have some fun too. We also got local charities involved - the founder of Yorkshire Cat Rescue came along to answer the Cubs' and Scouts' questions one evening and then they enjoyed showing each other their pets via Zoom.

Another obstacle to cross as isolation continued was our tendency to sit indoors rather than getting out in the fresh air. We had completed the 'Hike to the Moon' with the Scouts early on, but we needed a bigger challenge. 'May Meanders' was the outcome! Each time our young people walked a mile, they could fill in another stone along a footpath on our homemade worksheet. We awarded one 'hike away' for every 5 miles completed. The group walked 1464 miles in total, and feedback was excellent. Later in the year, to keep the momentum, we did a three-month 'Blackhills (our local campsite) to Gilwell' challenge where each person tried to cycle, walk, run or use any method of self-

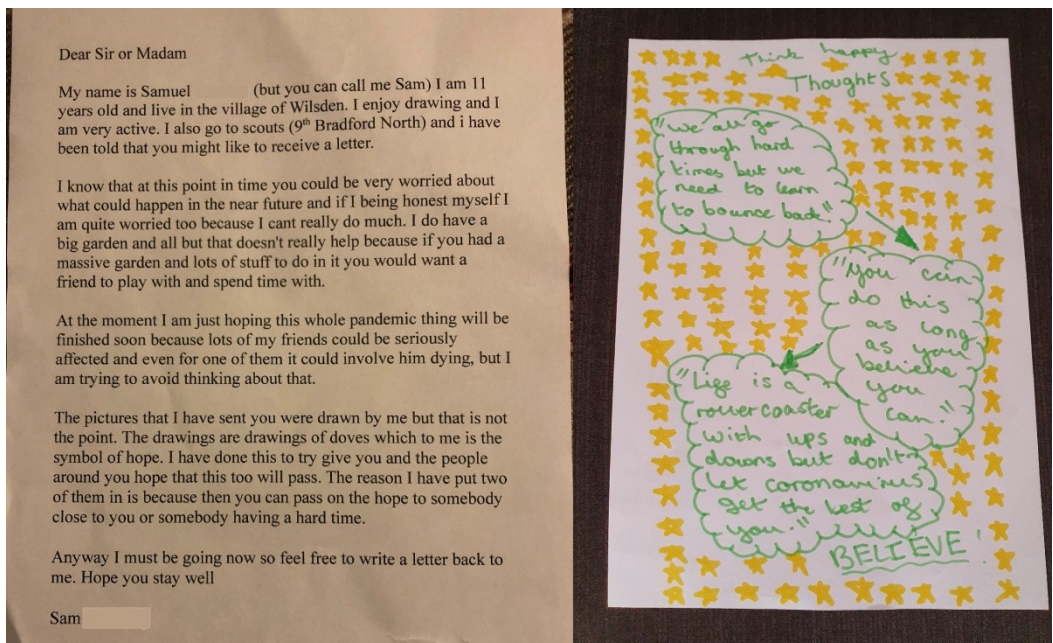


propelled exercise to walk the distance to Gilwell Park. Many used this towards their Personal Challenge badge too.

One of our Scouts was facing his first proper fasting for Ramadan without any family celebrations for Eid to look forward to at the end. In solidarity we invited our other non-Muslim Scout families to take part so that he wouldn't feel alone. He made a PowerPoint presentation about it for our World Faith badge. We all chose to give something up for 'One Day of Ramadan'. Some of us fasted and others gave up their games consoles, tablets, 'phones or all electronics for the day!

We had breakfast before watching the sunrise. Using a chart to track how we felt during the day showed that many of us became grumpy at times without food or our favourite pastimes. We were all really proud of ourselves at the end of the day and had a new-found respect for the Muslim community. We reached out to the Muslim Scout Fellowship with our experiences and they featured us on their webpage. They now challenge other scout groups to take part in Ramadan too.

Despite all this we missed camping. A lot. The endlessly inventive Scouting hive-mind came up with the idea of 'camp at home'. We weren't sure our families



would go for it. We couldn't have been more wrong! Our Cubs and Scouts slept in living rooms, in homemade dens, in tents in the garden, in a treehouse, in the shed or playhouse and even just under the stars! It became so popular that we allowed everyone to earn one night away per month if they slept outdoors. At our Christmas sleepover everyone made a Christmas grotto to sleep in, drank 'melting snowman' hot chocolate and played silly themed games. The total opposite was our Secret Agent school where we used our creativity to invent a superhero alter-ego for ourselves, learned to send coded messages, solved some mysteries, and the Scouts learnt a new game called 'Werewolf' that they wanted to play every week.

Our most loved evening happened when two Dutch Scout Leader friends joined us on Zoom to run a session about 'Sinterklaas' - the Dutch version of St Nicolas. They produced a hilarious video showing the Dutch traditions and dressed up as Sinterklaas! We also dared to try baking via Zoom making little biscuits called 'Kruidnoten' that are traditionally eaten in December. The leader who prepared all the spices (complete with mask, gloves, and other Covid-related hygiene measures) still says her kitchen has never smelt the same since - it now permanently smells like Christmas. Whole families got involved and the feedback was fantastic.

However, as time went on, we could see that many of our Scouts were struggling with the continued changes and isolation but we weren't entirely sure how to help. Eight of our leaders and supporters decided to take a new online Mental Health First Aid course run by the Grey Dog Trust. The course was eye-opening and led to us running several age-appropriate sessions about mental health, letting our young people know what to do if they felt sad, angry, scared or alone and giving them tools to help. It also gave us the confidence to encourage the young people to let off steam and express some of the negativity they were feeling which helped far more than pretending that everything was okay.

Gradually restrictions lessened, and we were thrilled when we were able to start meeting face-to-face again, making the most of every opportunity and even squeezing in a short summer camp. Getting back to 'normal' this September has been the best.

Now lockdown was over it was time to celebrate our collective achievements. We couldn't have kept the group going if every young person, parent, helper and leader hadn't given all they could. We held a free celebration evening which

was a joyous event! Our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers had earned an amazing six hundred and seventy-three badges in the most difficult eighteen months we had ever experienced. This included five Chief Scout Silver Awards, two Gold awards and one Platinum award. We couldn't have been prouder. One Scout waited so long to finally collect his award that he had totally outgrown his Scout shirt in the meantime!

The pandemic has changed the way we think about Scouting, perhaps forever. We feel very lucky that we were able to keep going, despite the restrictions on our lives. We will always remember that Scouting was our light in a very dark time, and that sticking together was what helped us through.

Chief Scout's Silver awards: Lily Marshall, Oliver Smalley, Imogen Rhodes, Lucas Hartley, Oliver Hodgkinson.

Chief Scout's Gold awards: Toby Warne, Ethan Tuitakau.

Chief Scout's Platinum award: Alex Hutchinson.

Emily Hall

Photos, left to right from page 36: St George's Day 2020; Playing "Guess Who?" on Zoom; Lucas - Gardener badge at home; One day of Ramadan; Ava sewing on all those badges; Isaac - Blackhills to Gilwell cycling challenge; Halle - camp at home; One day of Ramadan 2; Isaac - Sinterklaas eve baking Kruidnoten; Sam and Oliver - Chef's badge at home; Ethan and Toby - Gold awards; Letter for care home; Group awards' evening; Oliver, Imogen and Lucas - Silver awards; Letter for care home; Sean being invested on Zoom, St George's Day; Two more letters for care home.



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The Real Christmas Scouting Story by Eddie Langdown

A fun presentation for Cubs and Scouts with one or two people immediately leaping up loudly saying their line every time their number is called! It should be 'informative chaos'!

Once upon an amazing time in an amazing place a whole load of children sat around a wonderful lady they called **Akela 9** who was telling them a story about Scouting, about a man called **Bear Grylls 8** and a man called **Robert 10**. They sat around her like a load of **Sheep 12**. **Akela 9** saw a man stopping in the road, he was from **Amazon Delivery 7**; he was delivering Christmas presents like **Santa Claus 2**. On a present was a sticker with a picture of the **Baby Jesus 6**. "Well," **Akela 9** said, "**Robert Baden-Powell 10** ran the first scout **Camp 11** in 1907. He had always loved the outdoor life and being in the woods, almost since he was a **Baby 6**."

The children all looked-up and said that as it was Christmas shouldn't they have a story about **Mary 4**, **Joseph 5**, the **Baby 6** and the **Sheep 12** and the Wise Men, but as **Akela 9** was a feminist so she had **Three Wise Women 1**. And don't forget the **Shepherds 3** in a **Camp 11** nearby. The **Shepherds 3** were there to protect the **Camp 11** from an attack by a **Bear 8**.

Akela 9 was opening her **Amazon 7** present to use in her **Home 11**; it was from **Three Wise Women 1** friends. It was a cook book called, "Things to do with an **Olive 10**" and, "How to cook a **Sheep 12**." She thought it would be a great thing to take to **Camp 11**. She had been going to **Camp 11** since she was a **Baby 6** and her **Mother 4** told her all about **Santa Claus 2** in her **Bedroom 5**.

The children were getting restless and they wanted her to stop so they could have something to **Eat 12**. They were waiting for their **Tea 3**, it really wasn't **Wise 1** for **Akela 9** to go on for so long. They thought the **Chief 8** reason for **Delivering 7** the **Story 2** and **6** was to talk about **Scouting 10** and the men and **Women 1** who run **Scouting 10**.

Akela 9 said, "There is really only one Scouting Story; it is the Christmas Story of a world of very different people brought together by a refugee child to love and care for one another."

The end.

The Real Christmas Scouting Story

CHARACTERS

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YOUR LINE

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Three Wise Women | We are wise because we are women! |
| 2. Santa Claus | Hey, this is MY story! |
| 3. Shepherds | With tea towels on our head! |
| 4. Mary | I'm Jesus' mother you know! |
| 5. Joseph | Jesus! Tidy your bedroom! |
| 6. Baby | Hey, I'm Baby Jesus, this is MY story! |
| 7. Amazon Delivery | Delivery! |
| 8. Bear | I am Bear Grylls, your Chief Scout! |
| 9. Akela | Is anyone listening to me? |
| 10. Robert Baden Powell | I am Olive, my husband started Scouting you know. |
| 11. Camp | I live in a refugee camp and have no home. |
| 12. Sheep | Please be vegetarians and don't eat us. |

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Trophymania!

Here is me accepting (top right photo) the presentation of the Peggy Dowling Bowl from a colleague during lockdown. This simple little trophy is presented each year, usually at the District AGM, from one member to another, an adult, who has impressed or inspired them. Peggy had been presented with the bowl by the District following her retirement as a much loved District Cub Scout Leader in the 1960s in south London.

I have been fascinated by trophies and loved to create crazy ones all through my scouting days, especially at Summer Camp when patrols would wage warfare on each other to gain that extra point and see their name written on a tent peg, rolling pin, bread board or wooden spoon, whatever was used as a trophy at that camp. We usually had four or five different trophies to be won each day. With rolling pins there was the Day Pin for the most points that day following morning inspection, Best Pin for the patrol with the highest running score, Crazy Pin for the scout who had made the maddest contribution to camp life - falling into mud, inventing something, wearing something stupid, cheering everyone up..., Cook Pin to the latest, greatest cook. Top Pin went to someone making a real effort; perhaps a homesick kid who was battling their worries, someone beating their fear of darkness on a night hike or the tall awkward girl who amazed us, and herself, splitting logs effortlessly with a felling axe! She proudly saw her name added to the others.

The weirdest trophy we dreamed up was not for the Best Patrol, it was the "Mug of the Month", a horrible stained green plastic mug on an old piece of dirty sisal. It would be presented to the Patrol Leader of the losing patrol to wear all troop night, all month. We figured that no self-respecting teenager would relish this and kick a**e to make sure their patrol was not last!

One Summer Camp we managed to persuade the farmer to let us borrow his old Subaru farm pick-up, giving all the scouts a driving lesson and test round a nearby empty field. One of the leaders mounted a Dinky Cadillac to a block of wood for the scout with the highest score, this was in fact the troop geek. A quiet and intelligent girl, propped up on a sack of straw, she had dutifully watched and listened, slipping the clutch carefully as she pulled away, judging exactly between the straw bales. The "Jack the Lads" all revved the engine, stalled, misjudged the gaps and forgot the handbrake.

I once made a set of six woggles by sawing up and drilling out a deer antler, fixing a metal lapel badge to each. The whole patrol could then wear the trophy. I even made a green and gold presentation case for them, courtesy of Remington Shavers. This brings me back to Peggy Dowling as I decided to pass the bowl on in a smart presentation case in preference to the battered cardboard box it had arrived in. I contacted a cabinet maker who had a local link to Scouting and I asked him to knock up a wooden box for the bowl. He came back with a neat sketch and a cost of £600, which for a bowl costing £25 caused me to gracefully decline and find a fetching round box in Tesco kitchenware.

I think my favourite camp trophy was an enamelled cereal bowl from Easter 1984 at Broadstone Warren, charred all over with burned camp cake mix, into which all the scouts scratched their names. Bones, Gerard, Spec, Shires, Daren, Neil.....

Eddie Langdown



LETTERS HOME FROM CAMP



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John Hemming-Clark

Hi mum and dad

We've met some scouts and they're from Germany. They don't have roads they have farts. We (not me, Eric) told them that in English a fart is a fart and made a fart noise. When we had our off-site day we went on a coach to London and when we were on the motorway one of the Germans said, "This is a big fart!" and everyone laughed but Judy, who was sitting next to him, couldn't tell him off cos she knew it was a road and the German didn't know what he was saying but he did know. A fart in German is a forts so we can now say, "Oh dear I have now fortsed" and no one will tell us off so be

warned for when I get back home.

I love camp and meeting new people and learning new words. I can now say fart in five different languages. In Swedish fart means speedy so on the way back from London on the motorway Astrid said that we are now on a fart fart and we all laughed. Except Judy.

Love from Alan

Dear mum and dad

Andy has made me write a letter even though I told him that you had gone to New York. He asked me what would I do if I was taken really ill and I had to go home as he couldn't send me home with no one to look after me. I told him that he was the scout leader not me and so it was his problem and now I fancy being ill just to find out but I won't be very ill just a little bit so that only one of you has to come home. I just realised that you won't read this until you get home anyway but at least you'll know the reason if it wasn't planned.

Love from Hazel



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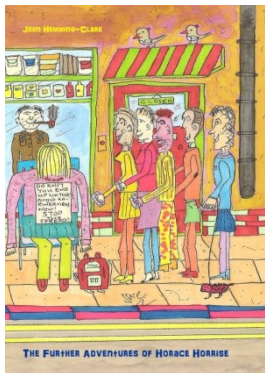
BOOKS

The Further Adventures of Horace Horrise

I'm a big fan of Richmal Crompton's *Just William*. This was the first book that she wrote in the series about William Brown, his quite starchy family with two maids and a cook and his friends at the other end of the scale. They were written about an eleven-year old but aimed mostly at grown-ups. *Just William* will be one hundred years old in 2022 but his stories are still very readable today. They offer an insight into a very different England and are extremely entertaining with William and his group of friends, The Outlaws, usually finishing each story in no worse a position than they started with a few honourable exceptions. I have been reading some of the stories to my eleven-year-old twins, boy and girl, recently and they have been enjoying them immensely. Occasionally I have to stop to explain things such as sixpennoth, blotting paper and chimney sweeps. I also have to look up the meanings of some words, most of which aren't in general usage today and sometimes I have to explain a turn of phrase such as, "...his father was addressing his mother with some heat." All of these interruptions subtract from the flow of each story.

I was pleased therefore to build up the collection of Horace Horrise short stories (ISBN 978-1897864586) by scout leader John Hemming-Clark. There are nine books in all, starting with Horace wanting to be a scout and finishing with him being invested. In essence they're William Brown in the twenty-first century with eleven-year-old Horace, a group of friends, The Ravens, a slightly potty family and a readership of mainly grown-ups. But my children love them!

The Further Adventures of Horace Horrise (ISBN 978-1897864661) has just been published. It's one book comprising four stories. Reading through them I feel that there is hope for the world. Children wandering around outside with minimal adult supervision, hardly any mention of a mobile 'phone and escapades every bit as good as William's. The stories start with a German exchange when The Ravens take charge and finish with a scout trip to Portugal with an ending that is so funny I had to read it again straight after completing it the first time.



If you're looking for a book that you can read to your children but still enjoy yourself I can recommend the Horace Horrise books although I might suggest reading through them first before doing so out aloud to the kids as, even with Horace's innocence, he occasionally says or does something that is probably not for all pre-pubescent's ears and eyes.

Ian Moore

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