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**F**un, fun fun! I asked a young scout recently to sum up scouting in three words and this is what she came up with. Judging by what you send us to put in these pages who am I to disagree! Thank you to everyone who sends in articles. Whether you want to write, draw or photograph it doesn't matter - if is scouty and fun please send it in!

*Richard (Old), Sam, Richard, Molly, Freda and Charlie (Young) at **Scout & Scouting***

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## BADGES

### The Derbyshire Scout Archaeology Badge

The Derbyshire Scout Archaeology Badge inspires young people to engage with heritage, no longer just in Derbyshire. We officially launched in January 2021 and have already awarded over one hundred badges. Archaeology is the study of the human past through material culture, and to break it down even further we like to use the three words Things-People-Past.

A lot can be learnt from the past and the aim of the badge is to help young people appreciate that. Investigating the past can help to hone curiosity and inquisitiveness which are useful skills young people can use in the present and future. Archaeology can help us with some of the world's biggest problems like climate change and discrimination. So, we thought it was crazy there wasn't a badge to help young people get involved. Therefore we made one ourselves.

The Derbyshire Scout Archaeology Badge is available to all UK Scouts from Beavers to Network. There are activities for everyone, ranging from taking part in excavations, creating stone age tools, and running community outreach projects. Nearly all requirements have been created to intertwine with other Scout activity badges, Chief Scout and top awards.





To help you complete the badge, we've created five resource booklets, one for each section. The booklet contains everything you may need to run or complete the badge. It breaks down all the requirements, explaining what you're being asked to do and inspiration for how to complete it. It also includes badge behaviours, how to link all the requirements to other Scout badges, health and safety and what you can do beyond the badge. That's not all, we've created many other resources, from activity ideas to a glossary of archaeological words. We are always working to create more resources to make this an accessible, fun and positively challenging badge.

In December 2021 the Derbyshire Scouts Archaeology Badge received an Archaeological Achievement Award for Innovation from the Council for British Archaeology, beating out over eighty nominations. The Archaeological Achievement Awards look to celebrate the archaeology industry throughout Britain and the Republic of Ireland. The Archaeological Innovation Award "celebrates innovative approaches and techniques in archaeology. Championing the use of imaginative practice and ways of doing things differently."

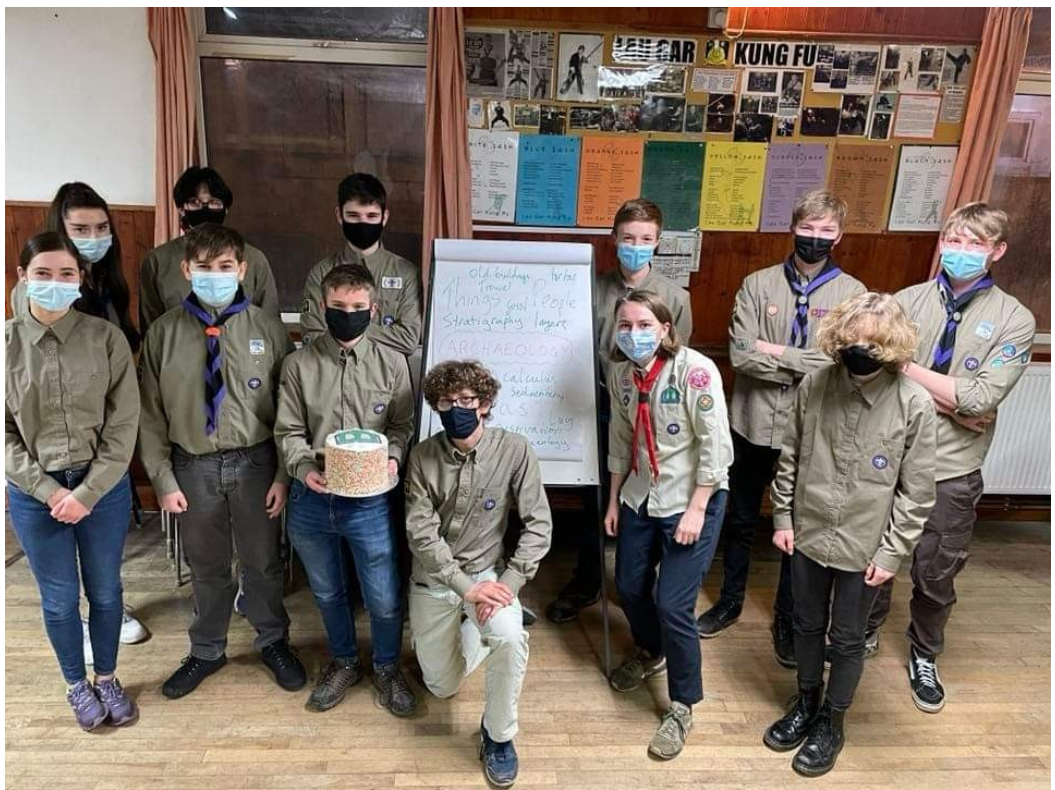
So, we've had an epic first year, and we cannot wait for what's ahead in our second. There are lots of events planned for Derbyshire Scouts, and plenty more for everyone to get involved in. We have our "Resource Reveal" during the spring holiday, where we will be putting out lots of new resources as well as reinvigorated old ones we love. The Derbyshire Archaeological Adventures 2.0 will also be occurring throughout the school summer holidays, and so if you're in Derbyshire and have your necker, why not visit one of our awesome heritage sites for free?

To find out more about the badge, follow the link: <https://linktr.ee/DerbyScoutArch> where you'll find all the requirements, resources and news articles relating to the badge's success. For any advice, help or archaeological awesomeness please email [archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org](mailto:archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org)

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## HOW TO...

### **Stan and I rebuilt an indoor climbing wall!**

At our 2nd Southwick Scout Group HQ we had an indoor climbing wall at one end of the hut built by our then venture unit some thirty years ago. Being the only one in our district we often held climbing sessions for other groups in our district.

Early in 2019 I thought that it was about time we upgraded the wall to something more interesting and challenging. The old wall was a flat vertical face and I thought we could build overhangs, outcrops and a chimney climb. Another leader, Stan, and I designed what we thought we needed to make the wall exciting, challenging and nice to look at.

Having convinced the other leaders in the group and the executive committee that it would work and that we could build it, and after consulting the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as to the plan which they enthusiastically approved we started work in June 2019.

We started by removing all the hand holds and belay points from the old wall and then drew a chalk plan onto the wall as to where we wanted to place the framework. The chimney climb would be created by leaving a meter-wide gap within the framework up to the apex of the wall, some fifteen feet in height.

When building the framework we also built a platform that can be climbed through with the possibility of abseiling from or for the use of a caving ladder so as to add that extra element of interest and excitement.

At the top of the wall we bolted a double layer of "four by two" timbers to the structure of the building so as to get a really strong point for attaching the belay points later on.

When the framework was finished we covered the whole wall in 18mm thick plywood sheets (kindly donated by one of the Scout parents) and this was covered with an eight inch square grid of holes. In each there is a 10mm T-Nut into which the hand holds can be bolted and then moved around the wall as required.

We then added a few "Volumes." These are angular outcrops that hand holds can be attached to so as to make the wall even more interesting.



**Left to right from top:** The old wall; Framework; Primer and undercoat; Square grid and numbers; Snakes and ladders; Hand holds and belay points; Finished!; Opening ceremony





When this was finished we filled in all the gaps and screw heads and then gave the wall two coats of primer and undercoat.

The original plan was to paint the wall to look like a rock face but wishing to have the "wow" factor Stan had the idea of painting it to look like a Snakes and Ladders game board. A great idea at the time but we both moaned about it later when we were painting it on! We painted a grid of one meter squares in five different colours with two coats of paint on each square. We managed to get a good deal on two for one tins at the local DIY shop.

I found several designs for the snakes online and we picked one that looked friendly and wouldn't scare the kids and give them nightmares!

For the snake heads we made one template and just turned it left or right each time. We drew round it then painted it on; the snake bodies were then done freehand.

For the ladders we simply held a ladder against the wall and drew around it before painting it on and then we stencilled consecutive numbers on each square.

The whole lot was then given three coats of diamond hard floor varnish to protect the finish from hands and feet.

Job done! Though I say so myself it looks great and definitely has the wow factor when walking into the main hall of HQ.

We then bolted double belay points to the wall at the top of the seven climbs we now had. There's no way they're coming off! They are checked regularly along with all the hand holds.

At the top of each climb is a bike bell or a horn that the climbers can ring when getting to the top. It gives them a target to aim for and it's great to hear the bell ring or horn blow when the top is achieved as everyone cheers or claps the victorious climber.

The hand holds we already had were checked and cleaned (about seventy in all) before attaching to the wall; we also purchased about a hundred and sixty more from various sources. All these are bolted to the wall with countersunk Allen key stainless steel socket screws and can be quickly and easily moved about on the wall.

To finish off we purchased crash mats to cover the floor at the bottom of the wall when climbing is in session. It was finished in February 2020 at a cost of just over £1,500 which is not bad considering we have seen a climbing wall that cost £6,000 and we know which one we would rather have!

You will notice from the photos that there are two doors in the wall, one to our Scouters' room and the other to our equipment room; these are locked during climbing sessions and then become part of the wall.

We arranged a grand opening of the wall which was a great day. Our District Commissioner and the West Sussex County climbing adviser kindly cut the ribbon, followed by our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts finally getting their first chance to try their skills on the wall - even one of the mums had a go! We got a full page in the local paper.



Then as we all know the dreaded Covid made its appearance on the world's stage which closed us down for the duration. This was extremely frustrating but we have now had our first District Beaver climbing session with Cubs and Scouts to follow, and our group also now have regular sessions on the wall.

It's just brilliant for Stan and me to help the climbing instructors at these sessions and see the fun and enjoyment the youngsters get from using our wall.

**Nick Reeve**



## OUT & ABOUT

### **Poppleton Scout Group is one in a millennium with its new seating area for the community**

1st York (Poppleton) Scouts is proud to be the oldest Scout group in York, possibly the oldest in Yorkshire, having started in Holgate in 1909 before moving to Poppleton in 1964.

"However," said Alex Pull, Beaver Leader, "the group had no dedicated outdoor space in which to do all the fun outdoor activities that we wanted to do with our young people and that are an integral part of what Scouting is about."

The Scout Group wanted to develop better links with the local community and contacted trustees of Millennium Green, a space which had been developed for the local community some years ago. The Group identified an area of land that was little used and developed the idea of a communal seating area, close to the children's play area, which could be used by the Scout Group and by all members of the local community. Working with a local tree surgeon and lots of willing volunteers, they removed felled trees, converting them to seats, and landscaped the area.

Alex said, "Obviously we haven't really used the area over winter due to weather and dark nights, but we can't wait to get back there in the spring and to use the links we have developed with the local community to get our members more involved in other local community projects."

Rafferty, a member of the Scout Group commented, "This is a cool thing to be able to use when we're in Cubs. It's nice to have somewhere to sit when we're doing activities."

All Scout Groups have seen an increase in demand from young people since the pandemic, so we are also appealing for new helpers to help us create more wonderful memories for our young people now. If you can help, either regularly or just occasionally, please visit our District website to find out more. <https://eborscouts.org.uk/become-a-volunteer/>.

**Jo Wedgwood**

*Have you been out and about recently? Email / write to us and let us know!  
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## ONE HOUR A WEEK

### An outsider's view of scouting

I am not involved with Scouts myself but I decided to find out a bit more about our local Scout Group, 1st Sandstone Scout Group, here in Bickerton for our village magazine which I took over editing recently.

I got in touch with the Scouts and visited on two different nights in January to catch all the age groups. I was helped by a scout, Fifi McLachlan, in putting together the article. Her leader said that Fifi wanted to do her "Media Relations and Marketing Activity" badge. What better way to find out about scouting than from a scout? She made an ambitious plan for us both to visit all the age groups and find out what they get up to at beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers.

**Beavers:** Fifi and I arrived at the start of beavers with a noisy ball game being played as twenty-two busy beavers assembled. After saluting the flag the group split up for three fifteen-minute activities, "bug finding" outside, "pond dipping" (inside!) to identify creatures, and "making seed paper." There were plenty of helpers to manage the energy level with the leaders, two parent helpers and some explorers. This evening the most popular activity was making seed paper (paper mâché shapes with seeds sprinkled on top to grow). "I liked squishing it" gives you the idea! In general the children enjoy "doing messy activities" as well as playing outside, making





friends, camping and getting badges. Many badges were presented at the end of the evening. One beaver was awarded the "Bronze Chief Scout's Award" for completing six challenge badges.

**Explorers:** Their meeting started with the salute and then a demonstration of pheasant plucking by Robin Pfeiffer. Sixteen birds were the duly plucked by the explorers, Fifi and me. It took us ten times longer than Robin but it was a first time for everyone. After a brief clear up of the feathers that were everywhere Robin demonstrated the removal of wings and gutting which everyone then copied, very successfully overall. Random scores for the activity ranged from 2 "Never again" to a majority of 10s, "Actually surprised me, it was good, fairly easy," and an 11! Thanks to Bolesworth Estate gamekeeper for sourcing the birds.

Explorers do a lot of camping and survival training so bird-plucking could come in one day. The leader heroically offered to take all the pheasants home to roast and freeze to keep for the following week's cooking. I enjoyed mine roasted the next day.







Some of the explorers have been in the Sandstone group since the age of six and enjoyed all the friendships and experiences they had shared as a group.

My impressions were one hundred percent positive, both of the organisation and the enthusiasm of the young people.

**Liane Smith**

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**Cubs:** The photo shows the cubs after getting back from their night hike up Bickerton Hill in January. We stopped half way up and split into two groups: one went via the ridge and the other carried on up the path. The two groups raced to the top of Maiden Castle for hot chocolate drinks. As you can see it was really enjoyable for everyone.

Other activities that the cubs told us they enjoy are: knotting, origami, climbing, cooking, camping, playing outside and doing bridges.



**Scouts:** Recently my scout group made solar systems (see photo) out of scrap wood that we found on Bickerton Hill. We sat around the campfire and talked about things like star signs and where the equator is. We also talked about how gravity affects our oceans and how the moon makes the tides. This was for our Astronomy badge. We also needed to identify three constellations so in previous weeks we identified the Big Dipper, the Little Dipper and Orion's Belt. We saw these from Deadman's Log and Maiden Castle when we did a night hike.

We also played hide and seek and murder in the dark. (You don't actually get murdered, you just fall to the ground.) After that we played Elephant Polo. In this game the leaders stand at the sides and the scouts stand in the middle then the scouts run from one side to another whilst the leaders throw balls at the scouts. If you get hit you are out and you get to throw the balls and the last one in wins. Then we lowered the flag and we did the dismissal.

**Fifi McLachlan**

*Great work Fifi! If you're a young person and would like to write something - do so - then send it to us.*





# Dandelion Honey



Pick 2 cups of dandelions.  
Shake the beasties off first.



Put into pan with 2 slices  
lemon & 1.5 cups of water



Simmer with lid on 15mins  
then leave to infuse overnight



Strain & squeeze. Weigh  
liquid, return to pan & add  
same amount of sugar



Return to heat, dissolve the  
sugar & simmer gentle for  
15mins until its thick.  
Pour into sterilized jars.

*TinderSticks*





## THE ALAN BURNHAM ULTRA HARD CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2021!

### THE ANSWERS

Alan writes: The standard of answers was incredibly high. There were many valid answers I hadn't even thought of which I had to mark as correct!

The top five scores are detailed at the end. In the meantime, the answers with the questions for reference!

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?

*These form two cribbage hands. Queen, King, Jack (Reacher), Jack (London) versus 9 (baseball team), 8 (rowers) and two 7s (dwarves). At this stage the Queens team scores a pair and two runs of three- 8 points and the rivals are ahead with a pair, two 15s and two runs of three- 12 points. However, Blyton's group is the famous 5, so using this as the turn card, it does nothing to help the rival team but adds four fifteens to the Queens team, a further 8 points giving the Queen victory with 16 points.*

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

*Coleridge wrote the Ancient Mariner who shot an albatross. Over the past couple of years a black browed albatross has been a summer visitor to Bempton Cliffs in Yorkshire. The Italian cargo ship Radium was wrecked off Bempton*

*Cliffs in 1923. Marie Curie was the co-discoverer of the element Radium. She was awarded the Davey Medal in 1903, named after Humphrey Davey, who amongst other discoveries, designed the miners safety lamp. A form of the miners safety lamp is used to transport the Olympic flame by air. At the 1988 Olympics, several of the released doves were burned alive when the cauldron was lit. And finally Yankee Doodle was a carrier pigeon in Dick Dastardly and Mutley in their Flying Machines.*

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.

*These are all small British towns, villages or hamlets.*

*Barber Booth, Church Preen, Fox Hatch, Goose Pool, Handy Cross, Lambs Roe, Maiden Law (or Low), Parson Drove, Round Bush, Stoke Bliss and Valley Truckle.*

4. What is the significance of the following words:

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

*These are words in the language of the country that has become synonymous with the item. Russian Roulette, Kenyan Coffee (Swahili), Danish Bacon, Greek Alphabet, Welsh cakes, Spanish Omelette, Swedish Meatballs.*

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?

*This is known as a Blackacre, which was also the name of Baden-Powell's house in Bentley, Hants, now known as Pax Hill. The Isle of Wight royal residence is Osbourne House, the White House at Gilwell was originally called Osborne Hall.*

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

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

*These are places used in titles by ex-prime ministers raised to the peerage. Baron Callaghan of Cardiff, Harold Macmillan Earl of Stockton, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, Earl Asquith of Oxford, Baron Wilson of Rievaulx, Baroness Thatcher of 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?

*The first wood badges were not, as you might think, made from oak but were made from Epping Hornbeam. Yellow beads were for Cub Leaders, Green for Scout Leaders and Red for Rover Scout Leaders.*

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?

*a) all have funicular or cliff railways b) Both have historic water chutes or splash boats c) All had piers which subsequently were destroyed by storm or fire d) all have passenger carrying miniature railways e) all have Sea Life centres. The Yorkshire seaside town of Scarborough would fit into any and all of those categories.*

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?

*This was the florin, or two shilling piece, introduced in 1849. There were ten to the pound and were meant to be the first step in decimalisation, which never got off the ground. The mark had a value of 13 shillings and 4 pence (2/3 of a pound and also equiv. to 2 nobles). It was an accounting value but never issued as a coin.*

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.

*a) Pan Haggerty b) Bedfordshire Clanger c) Floddies d) Bara Brith e) Scottish Tablet f) Twiglets*

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!

*a) Brains, Parker, Virgil, Gordon and Scott.... All from Thunderbirds b) Shaggy, Fred, Daphne, Velma and Scooby Doo.*

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.

a) *Apologies - a typing error. KYA should have been KNY which would make them all African countries minus vowels- Angola, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, Gabon. All attempts will be marked correct. b) Literal representations of Irish towns- Sligo, Dublin, Cork, Cobh and Killarney. c) All are request stop railway stations.*

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?

*Spitting Image's Chicken Song.*

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.

*A jewelled hare (Masquerade book by Kit Williams) was hidden in Ampthill, Beds. Several sites close by but nearest Milton Bryan. Glastonbury Thorn, a form of Hawthorn. Huish Woods Campsite, Hellfire Caves West Wycombe Pheasants Hill Campsite, The Quorn Hunt near Melton Mowbray Holywell Pastures Campsite, Edinburgh 1 o'clock gun. Bonaly Scout Centre. Pen-y-fan mountain in Wales. 1st Caehopkin Pine Scout Group. Lakeland Pencil Museum, Keswick- Ashness Hut and Camp. Rest and be Thankful. Viewpoint above Arrochar. Lochgoilhead Campsite. Portmeirion, Gwynedd- Rowan Scout Camp. There is possibly some valid interpretation of the clues other than mine, also there is interpretation as to just what does comprise a scout campsite. All answers were judged on their own merit.*

15. How far in total?

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

*Proclaimers- 500 miles, Mike Oldfield- 5 miles out, Edwin Starr- 25 miles, Pretenders- 2000 miles, Fleetwood Mac- The Chain (22 yards!), Rolling Stones- Moonlight Mile. Total of 2531 miles and 22yards. It can be argued that the Proclaimers walked 500 miles and 500 more so 3031 miles and 22 yards is acceptable. Plus if you found different songs involving distance they will be looked on favourably.*

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?  
*Lots of latitude for different answers in this question. These are mine but other answers will be judged on their merit*
- a) Bear Grylls b) William Gladstone was PM four times between 1868 and 1894. The Chief Scout 1972 to 1982 was his great grandson and was also called William Gladstone c) Countryfile has supplied two Scouting Ambassadors- Julia Bradbury and Anita Rani d) There were several- FDR, Presidents Carter and Johnson. As for Royal connection, it is claimed 42 out of 43 presidents can trace their ancestry to King John e) Both have won tree of the year, as did the Gilwell Oak.
17. 8,11,15,5,4,14,9,1,7,6,16. What are the next five numbers in the sequence?  
*If you spell each number, you will find they are in alphabetical order. With five more numbers there will be sixteen in total so the missing ones are 2,3,10,12 and 13. Spelling these and arranging them alphabetically gives the next five numbers in order as 10,13,3,12,2.*
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?  
*On the first buy and sell I made £100. On the second buy and sell I also made £100, giving me an overall profit of £200.*
19. UK 3, Canada 2, US 2, Japan 2, The Netherlands 2, Several countries 1 but one particular country 0. Explain.  
*These are simply the number of times World Scout Jamborees have been held in various countries. The oddball 0 is Iran, the 15th WSJ was scheduled to be held there in 1979 but was cancelled due to the Iranian Revolution.*
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.  
a) Béchamel or White Roux Sauce b) Mornay Sauce c) Veloute Sauce d) Supreme Sauce e) Alfredo Sauce.

Well done everyone who took part, and if you didn't you can now just nod knowingly.

## THE WINNERS

**First prize:** £50 cash.

**Second prize:** Double hammock kindly donated by One Stop Scouting  
[www.onestopscouting.co.uk](http://www.onestopscouting.co.uk).

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

Highest score possible is 145

The five top scores:

1st	Paul Haigh	137
2nd	Ron Davies	128
3rd	James Collins	124
4th	William Willetts	120
5th	Lindsay Coates	112

It's incredible how much form there is in these results. Last year Paul came second and Ron came first. James and Lindsay are new to the board and William retains his honourable mention spot on 4th. If Paul, Ron and James email (see page 3) us their bank details / postal address as appropriate we will send you your prize.

### What you've been saying about Alan's quiz

"After 30 years of "JADING" being the main thing in our household to be whiling away the hours over Christmas, it was incredibly disappointing to see it dropped a few years ago from Scouting magazine. For many of our teenage and early twenties years we stuck ourselves in a library while mum went shopping on Boxing Bay, and while it's now done remotely between Edinburgh and Yorkshire over phone calls and email it's still one of the highlights of the year in our family. It's so good to have found it again and thank you so much for setting it."

"Once again a real puzzle, which amply occupied our thoughts and time over the festive period and beyond."

"I've yet to submit my answers as I don't think I'm anywhere near getting a prize but do thank Alan for setting it. It's become one of the highlights of the year end. Please keep going for as long as you can!"

"I've answered three questions in three days!"



## ONE HOUR A WEEK

### Helping train young leaders

**As Eddie Langdown starts to wind-down his involvement in organising and presenting Young Leader training since its introduction twenty years ago, he leave these thoughts...**

#### **In The Beginning**

In 2003 I was a Group Scout Leader. I saw a keen teenage scout helping run our Beavers, standing as they sat around on the floor, shouting down at them, "WILL YOU SHUT UP!" She was telling them about her recent experience at the Jamboree in Thailand. Totally shocked that our younger members were being treated in this way, I decided pretty much on the spot to create some kind of training programme for our Young Leaders. We suggested basic ideas like sitting on the floor with the kids, using visual aids like her Jamboree souvenirs, speaking more quietly and slowly, asking questions etc.

#### **No More Lectures Please!**

Just think, these teenagers have just spent a week at school or college being lectured and taught; they have given-up their very precious week-end free time to balance this course with homework, so let's make this different; fun, exciting, thought-provoking in a zappy way.

In every picture and film I have seen of Baden-Powell, he has a sparkle in his eye. I think that when he did teach his junior officers he had a water pistol at the ready... "Wake-up at the back there lad!"

#### **They are the Experts.** *Sketch by Baden Powell*

The chances are most Young Leaders have been members of Scouting far longer than many of the adults in the Group. They are the scouting experts; they know more games, remember exactly what is safe and what they fell-off and can tell you exactly what good and poor leadership is because they have been subjected to both! Our job is to carefully draw this knowledge out of their experiences, help them to identify and name these strategies and to give them the confidence and opportunities to practice these skills themselves. They are to be respected, listened to and trusted, not lectured.

I wish you huge enjoyment in your continuing engagement with Young Leaders!  
**Eddie**

PS. And don't forget your water-pistol!



*Are you a Young Leader? Write in an tell us what you like and dislike about your role. You can find our contact details on page 3.*

# INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

## Antarctic Voyage

**Kent Scouts complete a successful trip during January 2022**

The ReQuest2021 project is a wider programme of activity centred around the expedition to Antarctica to commemorate the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition of 1921-1922. One hundred years after Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship Quest sailed to Antarctica, a ten strong team of Scouts and leaders recreated the original ethos of the expedition by undertaking their own voyage to the frozen south.

The Shackleton-Rowett Expedition included two Scouts: James Marr and Norman Mooney. On 30th December 2021 the team of ten scouts and their leaders followed in Marr and Mooney's footsteps and departed from South America for Antarctica.



The project was based upon three key principles: -



1. PEACE - Young people will form relationships with each other, their communities, other Scouts around the world, and their environment.
2. ENVIRONMENT - Young people are more concerned about nature than ever and want to protect our environment - one study found that 60% of young people are worried or extremely worried about climate change.
3. HERITAGE - A way for young people to connect with intrepid explorers from the past, through an innovative programme of events, and mark those who went before.

The ten participants undertook research projects whilst in Antarctica on issues such as climate change, energy, exploration, education, health and the environment. Findings will be presented in due course in a range of engaging formats including photography, soundscapes, reports, artwork and interactive forums.

Bear Grylls, Chief Scout, sent the team off on their expedition with these encouraging words:

*"You are truly following in the footsteps of many legends including the great Sir Ernest Shackleton who set off on his Quest expedition. You are also doing vital work in how we can protect the world around us, which is so important."*



The team finished by enjoying a few days relaxation and reflection time in Buenos Aires before heading home to the UK.

We successfully achieved all our objectives for the voyage including taking up a last-minute opportunity to visit Port Lockroy which was established by Scout Marr during Operation Tabarin in World War Two. There is just some work to do on our other project objectives now we are back in the UK – outreach to young people, developing the legacy fund and taking the commemorative plaque to Scotland.

**Alan Noake**

### **About the Project**

- For more information about the ReQuest2021 expedition and the research projects, please visit <http://www.request2021.org.uk>
- The ReQuest2021, Antarctic Research Project Team sailed on board Bark Europa tall ship from Ushuaia, Argentina to the Antarctic Peninsula from 30th Dec 2021 to 20th January 2022.
- Over the past four years the ten Scouts have undertaken fundraising activities including a rowing challenge, grand auction and online merchandise sales to raise £140,000 for the expedition.
- A key sponsor of the Request expedition is the East and West Kent Freemasons who have the same core values of supporting young people [www.eastkentfreemasons.org](http://www.eastkentfreemasons.org) and [www.westkentmasons.org.uk](http://www.westkentmasons.org.uk)
- Group Project: THE ANTARCTICA SCOUT KRILL project. Partnership with British Antarctic Survey to study and raise awareness of the importance of Antarctic krill to the Southern Ocean ecosystem.

### **Participants**

Alan Noake, Deal, Walmer, Sandwich & District, Kent

Cathy Mummery, Weald District, Kent

Matt Wood, Malling District, Kent

Helen Smith, Gravesham District, Kent

Lucy Morgan, Sevenoaks District, Kent

Genevieve Scullion, Deal, Walmer, Sandwich & District, Kent

George Stonor, Faversham District, Kent

Darcey Holmes, Thanet District, Kent

Sam Payne, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland

Alex Maciver, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, Scotland



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## OUT & ABOUT

### ShireHike

One of our Beavers at 1st Birchensale Beavers, Sophia Edwards, six years old, set herself the challenge of completing a county-wide challenge known as ShireHike. This involves hiking, cycling and paddling different routes that cover Hereford and Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Birmingham, Coventry and Shropshire.

Sophia has managed to complete the entire challenge in three months! She has earned herself the Diamond ShireHike Challenge Badge. To achieve this she walked over sixty-nine miles, cycled thirty-one miles and paddled for two hours.

As a colony we are extremely proud of her achievements as this is a tough challenge and she was the first to complete it in our group.

Further information is available at <https://shirehike.shirejam.org.uk/>

**Sarah Theiss, 1st Birchensale Beaver Leader**







## BADGES

### Twenty-five years of badge collecting

I have been collecting scout badges for over 25 years, and have been a member of the International Badgers Club ([www.intbc.org](http://www.intbc.org)) for most of the time.

I have been a wolf cub, scout, various leader positions in The Scout Association. Latterly, I have been with the Scout Fellowship and Active Support in Bristol and Ripon, North Yorkshire.

I began my collecting in Bristol with my district and county badges. After joining the IBC I attended many meetings and gradually increased my growing badge collection – mostly district and county badges. Over the years my interest has grown and I have also collected scout postcards, cigarette/trade cards etc.

A lot of knowledge can be gained from a historical and geographical perspective in badge collecting. You can obtain interest in geography, history, nature etc. from studying the images etc. on the various badges.

I hope this brief introduction to badge collecting will prove useful to readers who will be able to look more closely at their respective badges.

In conclusion, lots of scouts and leaders will have attended camps and swapped badges then sewn them onto their camp blanket or similar as a constant reminder of the enjoyable time had in scouting events.

If any readers would like to have more information, please contact me on my email address which is [rockwellja.26@gmail.com](mailto:rockwellja.26@gmail.com)

**John A. Roberts,**  
Ripon, North Yorkshire







## ONE HOUR A WEEK

### Thanks for the memories (of 2nd Acomb Scout Group)

2nd Acomb Scout Group will be ninety years old this year and as part of our plans to celebrate this significant milestone, we have set up a "Memories Project." The aim is to catalogue the special events (such as meeting Tony Blair) as well as the day to day activities of the group over its ninety-year history.

Over the next few months, we would like to gather as much information, memories and photos as possible from people who were either members, leaders or helpers at the Scout Group between 1932 and the present. If anyone out there can help us build up this ninety-year timeline with photos or stories about their time with the Scout Group, or about their parents' or grandparents' time with us, we would be delighted to hear from them to preserve these memories on a timeline.

If anybody can help document and illustrate ninety years of history, please get in touch with Alex, who is coordinating the catalogue, on our dedicated email address, [memories@2ndacombscoutgroup.co.uk](mailto:memories@2ndacombscoutgroup.co.uk).

Like all Scout Groups, Acomb has seen an increase in demand from young people since the pandemic, so we are also appealing for new helpers to help us create more wonderful memories for our young people now. If you can help, either regularly or just occasionally, please visit our District website to find out more at <https://eborscouts.org.uk/become-a-volunteer/>.

The more adult volunteers we get, the more young children we can welcome into Scouting.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Becky, Group Scout Leader, 2nd Acomb Scout Group**

*Photos:*

*Previous page - Acomb Beavers meet York Town Cryer*





*Acomb cubs having fun at West Bank Park*

*Ninety-seven members at Remembrance Day Parade*





## ACTIVITIES

**If you go down to the woods today...**

...look out for Dringhouses Scout group!

Last November nearly seventy Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from Dringhouses Scouts descended on Acomb Wood.

This was our second visit to Acomb Wood to do this sort of work, the last time being in early 2019. It's great to be able to be outside together



again. Thanks to all the children and young people and their parents for spending a couple of hours on a Sunday making their environment a little bit better.

Using equipment supplied by York Council, in partnership with Friends of Acomb Wood and Stephen Fenton from York Council, we had multiple teams clearing leaves from paths, removing leaves and fallen branches from drainage ditches and clearing the area of litter, to improve the area for the local community. After two hours of hard work and fun, the job was done.

The event was run as part of Dringhouses Scout Group's submission to the 2021 District Commissioner's Challenge, set by York Ebor District Commissioner Nigel White, "to do something positive for our community."

"I really liked it, and taking the litter away will be good for the wildlife." Natalie, age 6.

"I enjoyed doing it for our community and clearing leaves so people don't slip on them." Isabelle, age 8.

Dringhouses Scouts is based in the south of York, bringing fun and adventure to more than 250 young people between the ages of six and eighteen years old.

The Group has been running for more than fifty years and we are incredibly grateful for all the support we receive from the local council, St Edward the Confessor Church and the local community as a whole.

We are one of the largest of the thirteen Scout Groups in the York Ebor District which supports more than 1,300 young people. We're run entirely by volunteers.

**David Thorne, Acting Group Scout Leader at Dringhouses Scout Group**

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## ONE HOUR A WEEK

### 5th Leek (St Mary's) Scout Group Presentation Evening

A presentation evening was held at our headquarters recently to celebrate the achievements of three of our leaders for services to scouting.

**Sid Davies** received his 40 years' service certificate from The Scout Association together with an engraved award from our Group in recognition of his achievement. Sid's service started at the St Maria Goretti Group in Bentilee Stoke on Trent before he came to Leek in the late 1980s and joined our Cubs section helping the late John Brindley and our then Group Scout Leader the late Joe Pointon. Sid has always been very focused and supportive of our young members and although he has taken a step back in order to enjoy more free time and travel, he continues to help and offer his advice and experience to the Cubs section and the Group whenever he can.

**Mavis Sproat** is one of the longest serving Beaver leaders and was presented with an engraved award from 5th Leek to thank her for 37 years' service to our Group. Mavis joined in 1984 as part of a trial for boys age from 6 years to 8 years who were too young to join the Cub Scouts. Following these trials, the Beaver Scouts officially became part of The Scout Association and the World Scout Organisation in 1986 with Mavis as 5th Leek's Beaver Scouts section leader. During her long service Mavis has also held roles as Assistant District Commissioner, Special Needs and Assistant District Commissioner, Beavers. Today she welcomes the sons and daughters of past Beavers and has quipped that it is when their grandchildren start, she will know it's time to step down!

**David Sheldon** received an Award for Merit in recognition of his outstanding service. David joined 5th Leek as a Beaver and progressed through Cubs, Scouts and Explorers (formerly Ventures). He was a joint leader with the latter until becoming an assistant and then leader of our Cubs section duly supported by the above Sid Davies. David's award however recognises the work he has done outside of leadership from creosoting fences to cleaning gutters and maintenance work at Consall Scout Camp. He has played the bass drum for our Scout & Guide Band and supported many parades and other local community events from St George's Day to Armistice.

We were very pleased to welcome the Leek Town Mayor Cllr. Lyn Swindlehurst who presented all of the above awards. Our award recipients were also delighted to receive personal hand written letters from our Town Mayor.

**Carolyn Bailey, Treasurer/Trustee, 5th Leek (St Mary's) Scout Group**



Photograph from left to right

Mavis Sproat, Cllr. Lyn Swindlehurst, Sid Davies, David Sheldon



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## LETTER HOME FROM CAMP



Hi mum

You'll never guess what?! [Leader] keeps his beer in the mess tent fridge so that it's cold but this means that our juice isn't so today we swapped them over. We were going to swap contents but in the end Steven drank two of the bottles of beer and refilled them with orange juice but then he started acting all funny and called [leader] a dick and he's had to go and sit in his tent but I bet that he's lying down. Love Freddie

## ONE HOUR A WEEK

### **"I don't want to go to school, I want to go to Squirrels!"**

The new scouting section for four to six year olds - Squirrels - is now in York. Squirrels was launched last autumn with a new video from Bear Grylls, Chief Scout UK and Chief Ambassador of World Scouting, on our social media channels.

Nationally, more than two hundred Squirrel Dreys started in the first month with more coming on stream all the time, including in York. As Bear says, "More young people than ever before are wanting to join the Scouts."

There is a waiting list currently at around 60,000, which means that we also need adult volunteers to enable us to offer more places to those young people. In York, we hope to open four or five Squirrels Dreys in our District over the next few months. Squirrels met for the first time in Acomb and Holgate last September, and in West Thorpe in January and hope to meet in Dringhouses very soon.

Acomb Squirrels commented excitedly after their first meeting, "It was brilliant" and "I can't wait for next week."

Holgate Squirrels' reactions included: "I love, love, love squirrels!" (Isla) and "I don't want to go to school, I want to go to Squirrels!" (Jake). Marek Lichtarowicz said, "As group chair of Holgate, I am delighted that, through Squirrels, we are now able to offer the joys, adventures and skills for life that Scouting offers, to even more, younger children. We are very aware of the importance of engaging with children as early as possible to provide them with the best life chances. Early years Scouting continues the theme of learning through play, exploration and adventures that encourage all children to wonder and grow. This helps develop a strength and resilience so important for everyone today.

At 1st Holgate, we are very lucky to have found leaders and helpers to enable us to open two new Dreys. However I am sure, once the word of the fun of Squirrels is out, we will find ourselves needing to recruit more



leaders and helpers to help us meet the demand. In the meantime we are smiling with the joy and excitement that our newest members of our Scouting family bring."



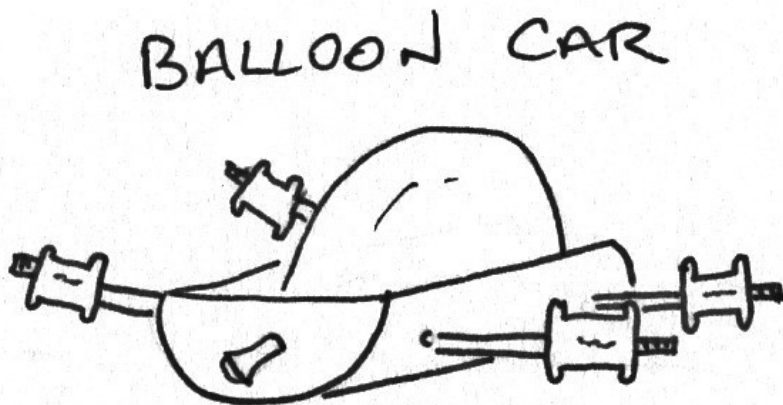


## ACTIVITIES

### Balloon Car

This particular car uses half a cup but you could use a whole cup, a plastic drinks bottle or even a bit of cardboard. All that you really need to remember is that you need to slow down the air escaping from the inflated balloon so the neck needs to be poked through a smaller diameter hole or stick a small length of rigid straw into the inflated balloon and tightly tape the neck around the straw.

**You will need:** Rigid plastic or paper cup, balloon, four cotton reels or plastic bottle tops, tape, drinking straws, elastic bands, scissors, knife, hole punch



Cut the cup in half lengthways. Poke two sets of holes at either side of the cup and one at the bottom. Feed one straw through each set and through four cotton reels. Wrap elastic bands over the straws to keep the cotton reels on. Put the balloon on top of the cup and poke the end of the balloon through the hole at the end of the cup. Blow the balloon up and place on a flat surface. Watch it go! The compressed air has to go somewhere so it forces itself out of the end of the balloon. The force of the air leaving the balloon pushes the car forward. Now for some wacky races!

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