

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 9th June 2018

A Brand New Start

"We are a movement, not an organisation. We change with the times" – Robert Baden-Powell (BP)

Scouting has always been a forward looking organization.

Since its early days of experiment with 20 boys at the first Scout Camp in August 1907 on Brownsea Island the focus has always been on the future. The future that the young people making their way through our organization will have and how adults can join together to best help them Be Prepared for it.

In the UK there are now 460,000 young people in Scouting and we are growing by about 5,000 a year. Once again Scouting is looking forward and has refreshed its brand and refocused its vision in a strategy for the next five years.

Skills For Life

Is the plan to develop better futures for the young people with the aim of increasing the scope of Scouting to a further 50,000 young people in the next five years – That is doubling the current growth rate.

To do this the organization will focus upon 3 pillars of Programme, People and Perception.

We will see an exploration of new partnerships and, a new brand image for the association There will be an improved support programme for adults who in any way help our Scouts on their journey and there will be an exploration of Scouting opportunities for early years and a greater connection to Scouting in schools.

At the 11th

We will continue to develop the great Scouting we already offer as you can read in our section reports.

Sadly however we will be saying thank you to Glenda (Keeo) Hunter who has decided to step down from her uniformed leadership role at the end of the summer term. Glenda has given 30+ years to Scouting at the 11th as Beaver Leader and many young people (including my sons!) have been lucky enough to have been part of our Colony under her leadership. At the same time we also say thanks to Christine Kasper (Tic Tac) who after being a great support for 16 years has also decided that it is time to step down from her role at the end of the Summer Term.

As our part in growing the movement we will be encouraging more involvement in a range of adult support roles across the sections, which will allow us to continue to offer exciting Scouting in our community.

We are actively seeking new adults to become part of the 11th leadership and support team. We already have some initial interest in working with the Beaver Colony and if you are considering whether you would like to contribute in any section or capacity we would love to hear from you. If you are not sure what is involved or what you could offer please come and talk it through with me or any of the leaders or Executive Committee

Finally, thank you to all those in the Section Leadership, Executive Committee and other areas of assistance for their contributions to our Group over the last year and I look forward to us all in the coming year creating more opportunities for our young people to learn their Skills For Life.

Mungo Knott

Group Scout Leader & Acting Chairman

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AGENDA

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| 1. Executive committee welcome | Mungo Knott |
| 2. Apologies for absence | Mungo Knott |
| 3. Thanks to the executive committee | Mungo Knott |
| 4. Approval of Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report | Ken Ward |
| 5. Review and Approval of Reports from Sections and Executive | Mungo Knott |
| 6. Nominations / Elections to Executive Committee | Mungo Knott |
| a. Group Chairman: Position Vacant | |
| b. To elect Group Treasurer: Mr Kenneth Ward | |
| c. To elect Group Secretary: Mrs Glenda Hunter | |
| d. To approve Group Scout Leader's nominations for Executive Committee: | |
| i. Mr David Hunter | |
| ii. Mr Graham Cook. | |
| iii. Mrs Nafisa Ashing | |
| iv. Mr Darren Weeks | |
| v. Mrs Alina Rusu | |
| vi. Mr Ben Weinberger | |
| 7. Confirmation of Ex Officio membership from the leadership | |
| i. Geradine Palfreman | |
| ii. Christ Church Representative | |
| 8. A.O.B. | |
| 9. Close of Meeting | |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2018

<u>2016/17</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2017/18</u>
18.37	Interest	13.78
6211.00	Subscriptions	7557.00
1290.15	Gift Aid Tax Refund	1257.54
5615.00	Hire of Headquarters	7012.50
160.00	100 Club - Net	116.00
75.30	Easy Fundraising	45.21
250.00	Grants	12441.74
1036.70	Donations	725.50
	Miscellaneous	
<u>14656.52</u>		<u>29169.27</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
2508.00	Membership Fees	2745.00
4543.96	Headquarters Running Costs	22069.74
1949.25	Sundry Income/Expenses of Sections	2208.33
1324.29	Equipment Purchase and Repair	
2384.51	Minibus Expenses	1683.02
652.35	Sundry Expenses	56.00
17.26	Transfer to(from) Repairs & Renewals Fund	13.62
<u>13379.62</u>		<u>28775.71</u>
 <u>1276.90</u> (S)	 SURPLUS(S)/DEFICIT(D) FOR YEAR	 <u>393.56</u> (S)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2018

<u>ASSETS</u>		
2889.65	Fixed Asset and Equipment costs are all written down to nil	2903.27
14378.36	Investment - National Savings Bank	5759.49
17268.01	Cash at Bank etc. and held by Sections	8662.76
8380.12 (C)	Adj: Sundry Creditors(C)/Prepayments(P)	-(632.31) (P)
<u>8887.89</u>		<u>9295.07</u>
 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
4721.34	Balance at Start of Year	5998.24
1276.90 (S)	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D) for Year	393.56 (S)
<u>5998.24</u>		<u>6391.80</u>
2889.65	REPAIRS & RENEWALS FUND	2903.27
<u>8887.89</u>		<u>9295.07</u>



11th Southgate

Summer Term 2017



The first Group and District event for the summer term was the **St George's Activity Day** held on St George's Day, 23rd April, at Tolmers Park Scout Camp and Activity Centre in Cuffley. It was very well attended and In addition to the activities pictured the Beavers made pizzas and cooked them in a cardboard (!) camp oven and renewed their Beaver Scout promise with the other Beavers from Southgate District. They had great fun together



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The Group Family Fun Day (AGM) took place a few weeks later at Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre, and was another big success. Beaver activities included low ropes, grass sledging, a large balancing seesaw, cooking marshmallows and twists over the camp fire, following the heritage trail – you can see some of the Beavers around the bust of Baden Powell – and finding Jumbo's brick in the Promise Path.



Megan Evans a Community Fundraiser for **Noah's Ark Children's Hospice** visited the Colony in the spring term to tell the Beavers about the hospice and so our Easter holiday challenge was raise some money for the hospice by being kind and helpful to family members. Megan returned in May to receive a cheque for £128.50. Well done Beavers!



Community link

The Colony visited **Christchurch Lodge** retirement home in June to plant out their hanging baskets, a good turn we first did in 2013 and one that is always appreciated by the residents.



We completed the **Safety** and **International** Activity Badges as part of our summer term programme as well as completing other requirements for Challenge badges. We found out about Joey Scouts in Australia and Kea Scouts in New Zealand and joined in with a Kea opening ceremony yell led by Joelle Bailey, who is from New Zealand. Much more authentic than my gentle British version! Thank you Joelle. Joelle has kindly agreed to take on a Section Assistant role from September.

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The District Sports Afternoon held at Scout Park on a Sunday afternoon in July but being near the end of term it clashed with other activities the Beavers were involved in and so we only had 4 Beavers in our team. However, another Colony only had 2 Beavers and so they joined us. Having low numbers had its advantages in that the Beavers were able to take part in lots of races and they were also able to work with Beavers from another Colony.

The Beavers tried a new sport, **Ultimate Frisbee** and learnt the basic throwing and catching techniques. This also linked in with the International Activity badge as we looked at the flags of the countries taking part in the World Beach Ultimate Championships held in France in June 2017.



In July we visited the Noah's Ark Hospice E-Learning Centre in Byng Road. Megan took the Beavers round the nature trails that had been adapted for children in wheelchairs. We saw a model of what the new hospice building would look like and visited the site where building works would start after the summer break. The Beavers spotted some dragonfly nymph cases on the stems of the pond plants and so the following Monday, our last meeting of the summer term, we watched 2 videos showing a young adult dragonfly emerging from its larval case. The Beavers then made some dragonfly finger puppets, which they really enjoyed.



5 new Beavers were invested this term and 3 Beavers moved up to Cubs. Lily Blott and Aaron Lee were awarded the Colony's first new **Chief Scout's Bronze Awards**. Well done! We also welcomed Luke Bunton or 'Rusty' to the Colony as our new Young Leader. Luke started as a Beavers Scout with the 11th Southgate and progressed through all 3 Sections of the Group. He is now a member of one of the Southgate District Explorer Scout Units.



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Autumn term 2017

The first two meetings of term gave Beavers who had prepared badges over the summer break - Collector, Air Activities Stage 1, Hobbies and Photographer - the opportunity to share what they had done with the rest of the Colony. Other activity badges completed during the term included Creative and Sports.

Alan Hands, Strategy and Change Manager (Community Impact) at the Scout Association and 4 Explorer Scout Young Leaders from the Isle of Dogs, East London, came along in October to collect books that had been donated by parents from the 11th Southgate. Alan and the Explorers had visited Mongolia in the summer and Alan taught the Beavers a game that they had played in Mongolia - Zip, Zap, Boing. Alan told the Beaver and parents about Bookbridge at the end of the meeting and thanked them for the children's books they had donated.



#amillionhands



Autumn term craft activities included nature tree pictures and Christmas cards for residents of Christchurch Lodge.



In November we had a Welsh theme. Michael Andrews, Music Director of Christ Church, led the main session one week; we made some Welsh Rarebit and had our own Eisteddfod when our very talented Beavers entertained each other by playing musical instruments, dancing, hula-hoop, telling jokes and reading poems. It was a really fun evening!



In December a party of 23 of us – Beavers, parents and siblings – went to see the **Scout Pantomime, Aladdin**, and had a very enjoyable afternoon. We had seats in the front three rows and several Beavers went up on the stage. We finished the term with the **Carol Service for All ages** where the Beavers did a dramatised bible reading.

We were pleased to welcome 5 Beavers to the Colony in the autumn term.

Spring term 2018

Edward Lee, the brother of a former Beaver, completed his Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Volunteering Section with us. We are very grateful for the contribution he made to the Colony during the 4 months he spent with us.

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The **District Craft Competition** took place on Saturday 13th January and this year's theme was the **Village Green**. Our team of 6 Beavers worked very well together to produce a model that was placed 2nd.

We also came 2nd in the individual drawing category with Naiana's picture.

Well done team!

Reuben Lessman achieved his Chief Scout's Bronze award in the autumn term and moved up to Cubs on 15th January.



Khalil Hamirani was the winner of this year's **Colony Domino Competition**.

Well done!

Jumbo visited the Colony the second week of our competition and helped supervise some rounds.

Left - our Colony team in the **District Domino Competition** in February.



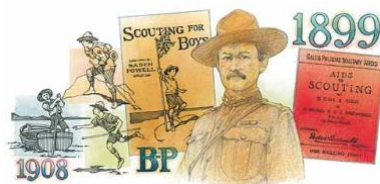
As a Group we now postage stamps to help **Noah's Ark Children's** building.

In January the Beavers video from the time-lapse camera that progress that had been made since our site in July, up to January when the been laid and the shape of the butterfly building could be seen.



collect used raise funds for **Hospice's** new

enjoyed watching showed the Colony visit to the foundations had design of the



The programme for second half of the term was based on our founder, Robert Baden-Powell (B-P) and the history of Scouting. The Beavers played **Kim's Game**, a game of observation and memory, taken by B-P from Rudyard Kipling's book for boys "Kim". I was very impressed that the following week the Beavers could still recall and describe accurately nearly all 16 items.

We also started the **Personal Challenge** badge. The Beavers had to complete a challenge I chose in addition to their own personal challenges to complete at home over a 3-4 week period. Some of the challenges chosen were to learn their times tables, to read a book, to tidy away their toys every evening, to make their bed in the morning, to learn to tie their shoe laces and to eat four pieces of fruit a day. The Beavers reported back how they got on after the Easter holidays.

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In January the Scout Association announced updates they had made to the programme, as part of the rolling review process and in response to feedback from members. Apart from slight updates to certain badges two new activity badges were launched - the Beaver **Book Reader** Activity Badge and the Beaver **Builder** Activity Badge. The Book Reader badge has already proved very popular and Alexander has completed *both* new badges – he is pictured left with the robot he designed and made, a robot to help in the home.

Other activity badges awarded this term - Musician Stage 1, Cook, Creative, Hobbies and Sports. We started our **Faith** Badge and will complete it in May when we visit Christ Church, a session that Michael Andrews, Christ Church Music Director will lead.



On March 12th Alan Hands visited the Colony again to collect some more books we had collected as a Group for Bookbridge and told the Beavers that they would be sorted and then he would be taking them to Sri Lanka two weeks' later. He also told the Beavers how popular the Paddington film had been when he showed it in one of the learning centres. The children listened to English being spoken and they also enjoyed looking at the sights of London.

Our Easter holiday challenges were to construct a bug hotel and to complete the challenges chosen for the Personal Challenge badge.



I started this report with St George's Activity Day 2017 and I will finish with St George's Activity Day 2018. What a difference a year makes! It was a cold and grey day and the site was very muddy this year. We did the same main activities and it was interesting to see how several Beavers were much more confident on the climbing tower this year. Despite the cold and mud we all had a very enjoyable day.



As this is the last report I will be writing as Beaver Scout Leader of the Colony I want to thank everyone who has helped me run the Colony over these past 30 years - Jumbo, friends, young leaders, parents and leaders - and in particular Christine Kasper, 'Tic Tac', who has been my faithful Assistant Beaver Scout Leader for over 16 years and who will be leaving in July. Thank you also to Penelope Spencer, 'Bubbles', who left the Colony this term.

I wish the new leadership team every success as they take the Colony on to the next stage in its history. And thank you Beavers, past and present because it is all about you.

Glenda Hunter ('Keeo')
Beaver Scout Leader



Summer Term 2017.

We invested 6 new cubs during this term taking our numbers up to 29.

We started off the term with practice for Sports Day (14th May) as this comes around very quickly after the beginning of term. We managed to enter two teams. We were represented in almost every event final although sadly we did not win. We finished with one team in 4th position and the other team followed closely behind.



However, before we even got to Sports Day we had a grand turnout for the St Georges Day Event that took place at Tolmers. The cubs were able to take part in a wide range of activities, picking and choosing those that they wanted to try. This included activities such as climbing, high ropes, bungee run and karting. The weather was kind to us and a great day was had by all.



We were also sporting teams for the County Chess tournament on the 7th May, having won the Southgate District event. We had two top teams in the District and one of our teams became the County Champions. A fantastic effort by all.

We then had to have more fun !! The group Fun Day took place on the 13th May. We only had 10 cubs and their parents but the feedback was good and all that attended had a great day out. The cubs took part in more high ropes activities and thoroughly enjoyed the Frisbees Golf which took us all over the site.



Now back to the programme – we turned our hand to the Road Safety activity badge – with nearly all the cubs managing to achieve this badge.



Not long after this it was time for our annual camp. Every year we have around 95% of the pack attend for this long weekend. Once again we took the cubs to Well End in Hertfordshire and the theme was Space so we had astronauts and Aliens and all sorts. We didn't sleep much but we fired rockets, climbed the wall, shot some arrows, made some pictures, built some water carriers, enjoyed wide games in the woods, showed off our Astronaut skills and tasted some Astronaut food, had a (secret!) midnight feast, built some fires and cooked our own lunch, had a sing song and told jokes around a camp fire, ate so much food we could have burst and generally had a good time !



On our return we finished off some items of badge work started at camp. We looked at the problems some animal's face that causes them to become endangered species and discussed these issues. We practiced our map and compass skills.

Thinking ahead to next term we knew that the Cub Trek 8 event was coming up and so we arranged for a practice orienteering hike in Hadley Woods. It must have been the hottest day of the year!. Some cubs seemed to think they were just out for a stroll and a picnic, they were mistaken !



The end of term is now drawing near and we arranged a visit to the site of the new Noah's Ark Hospice in High Barnet. Before the visit I treated all the cubs to a tube of Smarties. This was a gift from me to them but I then challenged them to fill the empty tube with 20pence pieces by doing good turns for friends and family in return for 20p.

When we visited the hospice site on our last day of term we were able to give the hospice a staggering £305-25. Some of the smartie tubes were filled with £1-00 coins and even £5 and £10 notes. Besides looking around the site and then finding out about the work of the Hospice we also took the opportunity to give out some Chief Scout Silver awards. It was a lovely evening and a nice way to end the term.

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Winter Term 2017.



As we finished the last term with a visit to Noah's Ark Hospice we began the term with the Cub Disability Awareness Badge. This ran over a few weeks. Everyone achieved this badge and hopefully learnt a lot about the difficulties that some people face and how we can help, often in very simple ways, to make life a little easier for others. We also decided to try and capitalise on the phasing out of the old £1-00 coins and began collecting them in aid of the Hospice. Over the term everyone rose to the challenge and we were once again able to present the Hospice with a cheque for £210-38p! Not sure where the 38p came from but every penny was very welcome. Some of this money was raised by one cub that also made and sold some biscuits.

The first District events of the term were the 5-a-side Football and Cub Trek 8. We came away from the Football with a Trophy, so well done guys!

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The Cub Trek 8 was tricky as it was cancelled and re-scheduled messing up times and leadership availability but we had two teams take part. I think we came in last but we did get practically all the questions right leaving us in 7th and 11th places out of 14. So that map and compass work does pay off!



Besides Map and Compass work we also looked at fire and firework safety as Bonfire Night approached and then we turned our hand to cooking and the Home Help Badge. Hoping that all parents appreciated the skills required for this badge.



There was one last District event this term at that was the Bowling evening at Hollywood Bowl. The whole pack turned out and we had three lanes. Didn't win anything but had a lovely, fun evening. It is always good to meet up with other packs from the District.

Spring term 2018.

We started the term with an Investiture ceremony – that is always a good star.

We then had our New Year Party with good old fashioned traditional games and fun. Fantastic evening.

Now down to work. As we had plans for completing the Emergency Aid Badges (Level 1 and 2) with the cubs we managed to arrange a visit from The London Ambulance Service. This was again a very good evening and the cubs seemed to really enjoy it and asked lots of questions.



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The District events for this term were the Swimming Gala and The Chess Tournament. Very different events showing that how we cater for all interests. We had two swimming teams competing and the cubs did us proud, many swimmers coming away with medals for their events. We only managed one team for the Chess as but again the cubs did us proud. We won ! So the best team in the District on the day and that means that we will now represent Southgate District in the County Event next term.



The rest of the term was filled with a wide range of badge work and fun. Pancake Day – the cubs enjoy cooking their own pancakes and then filling them with traditional sugar and lemon or some prefer chocolate spread or honey I even had one cooked for me.

We learned when the Saints Days are – and we celebrated St David's Day and St Patrick's Day. I am sure they are all looking forward to our St George's Day event next term along with Sports Day and Cub Camp! I hope you agree we cover a variety of topics and try to ensure that the cubs have fun, learn to work together, try out new things and learn a range of skills.

I do try to update the Group Web Site – Cub pages with reports of events and also add details to the Calendar – so if you are ever in doubt about event details, want to find out how an event went or perhaps you are not sure when term begins or ends – take a look.

Geraldine Palfreman (Akela)
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Section Annual Report

This is now the second full year of the “new programme” and we are definitely in the swing of it. Troop numbers are close to the highest for several years and we hope to give out at least one Chief Scout’s Gold Award (The section’s top badge) shortly.

Since the last AGM we have done so much; we have included a summary below. In the last year, our regular weekly programme has included all these things:

Water activity This year we opted for bellboating – working as a team on the water.



Stoves & lamps We’ve looked at a variety of current and “historic” ways to see and cook on camp, learnt to use the equipment safely and thought about what we would use when followed, of course, by trying them out to make some yummy food.

Wide games These feature in every term but especially in the summer – favourites include ‘Capture the flag,’ ‘Manhunt’ and ‘Romans and Celts.’

Maps & routes An evening spent playing games which improved our skills with co-ordinates, compasses and map symbols. One Scout was heard to wail, “I don’t know where I am!” and many voices answered as one: “In the Scout hut!”

Trading posts This is a skills tests in a game format that includes everything from making a cup of tea on a Trangia hiking stove to singing a song, all done as a Patrol Team. Bonus points for guessing what’s happening in these pictures...



An American evening With American Independence Day falling on a Tuesday, it had to be done.

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Knife, axe and saw Always a popular activity – who wouldn't enjoy whittling chopsticks, cutting up pieces of wood with a bow saw (we'd love to know what the Scouts do with the lumps of log they take home proudly as 'my first cut') and of course – with such dangerous and complex tools, learning the name of each part and the safety rules. Scouts are looking forward to using the axe when we have a bigger area on Summer Camp.

Finding the way During this activity Scouts realised how often we can walk a route without noticing any of the things we pass along the way – and how easy it is to miss things even when you are looking for them.

Problem solving A chance to tackle a variety of mental and physical puzzles alone, in pairs and in Patrols. The main question asked: Is there a real solution or are the leaders trying to trick us?

Craft Making things is always popular and this time was no exception.

Global Village game Scouts loved this real world rôle play and learnt a lot about the challenges facing those who have less than us, people living in uncertain climates and corruption in local and national government.

Fire lighting This is definitely a favourite at the moment so we have managed to squeeze it in to every term. Hopefully all that practice will pay off when we need fires to cook our meals or keep us warm on camp.



Mini pioneering The Scouts are now experts in building watchtowers to raise chocolate bunnies and chicks 30cm off the ground. That said, it will be interesting to see how sticking a cocktail stick through their chocolate characters translates to the "real world" next time they need to camp one metre high...



Digital Citizen and Digital Maker We had a fun time getting stuck in to these new badges, especially the introduction to coding which involved instructing the "Leaderbots" in making a mess - or should that have been jam sandwiches?

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Skills Wiring a plug and sewing anyone?

Going Global A packed evening during which we learnt to pronounce the names of Scout organisations in other countries, found out how many Scouts they have and what they wear and, naturally, sampled some international foods (guess which part of the evening was most popular!)

Emergency Aid Working from what we already knew, we developed our ability to care for people in emergency situations. This contributed to our Emergency Aid staged badges as well as developing the skills we needed to face the emergency scenario presented to us by the Patrol Leader's and their Assistants (see below);

Knot-a-lot Free-standing flagpoles aren't as simple to make as they look, but, making use of a traditional Scout design, our Scouts did an admirable job teaching each other the skills needed and raising the flags prior to our investiture ceremony at the end of the evening.

Navigation As you may have spotted, this pops up a lot in various forms. We learnt yet more skills to find our way about. These lead up to activities such as the Expedition Challenge (see below) where adults with the Scouts are briefed to 'say nothing and only interfere if safety is at risk.'

Chess We spent a few weeks on a Community Service project to provide Cubs who miss out on the District competition with the skills to take part along with providing an opportunity to learn to children who attend a local Community Centre. We planned a snack menu, learnt to play and teach chess and used technology to create invitations. A heavy snowfall on the key night putting off attendees did not deter our Scouts – they still cooked their snacks, ate them as well and passed on their skills to the odd new "Scub" and Leader who didn't know how to play!



Camp hygiene A topic covered in the Outdoor Challenge, particularly necessary before the full week away in the Summer, was tackled through games and poster making;

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Tents Most of our Scouts are now well-equipped with skills needed to pitch a small tent (put it up) and strike it (take it down). Following a rather wet weekend away, this evening gave us advanced skills like washing muddy tents and groundsheets (yay!), folding and rolling them to fit in their bags and pitching a large ridge tent.

Athletics We were really impressed by the Scout's capable throwing of a cricket ball and putting the shot, jumps got higher and higher and there were some really good efforts in running 100 metres and 200 metres. Special mention must go to Alex, Flo and Polly who achieved their Athletics Plus badges. The highlight of the evening however was the assault course relay with Scouts running with bowls on their heads and cups of water in their hands, climbing through hoops - still holding the water - and squirming under groundsheets.

"Youth shaped" activities A big focus of the new programme is giving the members an active part in what we do and how we do it. We fully embrace this and really enjoy supporting our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders running activities for the others, arranging Emergency Aid scenarios and passing on other skills. We also have regular activity reviews and Troop Forums which allow the entire Troop to shape what they do culminating in our **End of Year Forum** when they review the year's activities and plan for the year ahead.

A call for 'more camping' led to the overnight camp for **St George's Day** attended by 15 of our scouts! This is a record number for a camp under the current leadership team and we were really impressed by the quality of skills as well as quantity of Scouts attending. We were also very proud of the Scouts who helped to lead the District renewal of promises on the Sunday - well done to Amber, Sam, Polly and Vlad.



The **self-planned expedition** to Cambridge on public transport the following week (previously postponed due to snow on the line) showed off the Scout's prowess even further as they were seen to find their way, carry their kit, prepare meals and even go to bed without prompting or support! We had glorious weather and thoroughly explored Cambridge, including an art museum, a piano shop and, of course, the many Colleges of the University. We were especially proud that the Scouts remembered to leave the hall 'better than when we came' and left a lovely note on the whiteboard thanking our hosts for the use of their hut. We look forward to awarding the Expedition Challenge to those who complete their presentation at the end of term award evening.

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Twice a term, we come together with families to reward the fantastic achievements of our Scouts, with **Investitures, Presentations and Awards**. We are pleased to say that every Scout has made progress towards their Chief Scout's Gold Award with every Challenge Award having been given out and activity badges including Nights Away, Hikes Away, Snowsports, Artist, Fundraising, Community Impact, Librarian, Time on the Water and more. In one half term we presented a record number of 50 badges! Congratulations to Alex, Vlad and Flo for winning Scout Leader Awards (for showing outstanding scouting qualities) and to Monis and Chris for winning Troop Awards (voted for by the other Scouts).



District Events In addition to Troop activities we participate in bigger things within our District and attended District camp (which we help to run) with over 140 young people from around Southgate. Other district events include Gliding (very popular), Kayaking, Ice skating and Christmas Fair, Ready Steady Cook (we received a special commendation for teamwork), bowling, paintball and 5-a-side football. The District hopes to run more large events in the future and we are lucky to be supported by such an active team.

Looking to the future we are hoping to start hiking again soon and possibly enter a team for the Chiltern 20 County Competition. We are also really excited about our first "proper" Summer Camp since 2015 (in 2016 we attended the Essex International Jamboree, in 2017 we were unable to arrange a longer camp). With a larger troop and greater participation we may also run some more frequent weekend camps/activities – watch this space for further information.

We wish all the best to Monis and Luca, who are moving on from us at the end of this year. We hope they will use their skills to succeed in what they choose to do.

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We enjoy hearing about the successes of our former Troop members and the Leaders were pleased to attend ceremonies presenting Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards to Ben Pick and Jamie Greenwood and Queen's Scout Awards to Jamie and Adam Ashing. Ben will be joining our leadership team on Summer Camp to complete his Queen's Scout Award and Jamie will be sharing his presentation to inspire our current Scouts.



Although the Troop is relatively large we still have scope to take in additional Scouts if there is any interest. Queries about the Troop and membership should be directed to Darryl Ashing (darryl.ashing@ashings.com 07809716899) in the first instance.

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