

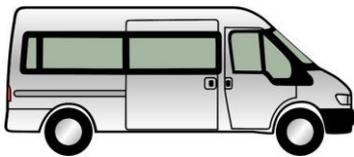


14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP
(Registered Charity No. 285810)
GROUP NEWSLETTER
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Many thanks to everybody that attended our annual Group Service back in October, it was a good smart turn out and well done to all the readers and those that took part. Our recent Autumn Fayre raised a tremendous record breaking **£943** for our mini-bus fund. Well done to the sub-committee, the team of helpers, everybody that kindly donated items to sell, all those who came along on the day, and of course to *Les Rosbifs* with their unique New Orleans sound helping to draw in the crowds – BRAVO !



This was a fantastic result that took our replacement mini-bus fund to a year ending **£10, 225** (including pledges), and should help us secure more funding doing 2016. Our fund raising will continue in earnest during 2016 so if you have any ideas on funding opportunities or donations then please contact myself or the Group Chairman, Nicholas Thurston.

The Group has just finalised the purchase and repair of the neighboring garage to our existing three, which serve as the Group's Equipment Store. This followed several years of trying to locate the owner of the garage as its roof condition was causing water problems with ours. The owner finally came forward earlier this year and made us a very generous offer for purchasing the garage. It will provide invaluable additional storage for the two 8m x 6m Gala tents which we purchased last year and used at this year's Group May Camp at Buckmore.

Many congratulations to our Jamie Bentley who has been appointed *District Youth Commissioner* to help lead the Scouting adventure for over 1,000 young people across the Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay District. In this new role, Jamie will support and develop local aspects of the County and UK wide scheme to appoint Youth Commissioners. He is tasked with making sure our Leadership Teams listen to our young people's voices and that Scouting delivers what they really want. Working alongside District Commissioner Sam Trill and District Executive Chair Peter Reynolds, Jamie will help the movement achieve its ambition to be even more youth-shaped – well done Jamie.



This term both our Beavers and Cubs have visited the Capital. On October 23rd, 12 Beavers headed to London for their first 2 night sleepover. After arriving on the Friday evening the Beavers joined 4 Beavers from 3rd Crofton Park, before heading to *Comic Con* to meet some of our favourite film and comic characters. On the Sunday they headed to the Horniman Museum to explore the weird and wonderful. The Beavers also had a great visit to the Fire Station and have taken part in the World Scout *Jambowlree* this term. To link with the Science badge the Cub Pack did a sleepover at the Science Museum, London. The Cubs made robot figures with a thermoplastic, found out about where our rubbish goes, before sleeping under the funky blue light of the Wellcome Wing of the Museum. After more workshops on the Sunday they stopped at Greenwich to learn about time and longitude (handy for the Navigators Badge) and had a trip to the Planetarium. The Pack also, during Scout Community Week, took an active part in the Westgate Parks Scarecrow Trail and featured in the local paper.

This term has seen the Scouts hone their fire lighting skills at Larky Valley (they could even hear the Madness Concert all the way out there!), create their own indoor caving challenge, build their own telescopes in working towards the Astronomy Badge and explored the culinary worlds of Asia, Africa, and South America. The Troop look forward to another great year of Scouting in 2016 which will see them visit the Peak District for their annual week summer camp. The Explorers started work on their survival skills activity badge, held joint meetings with other Explorer Groups around the district, and organised a wide game for the Scouts.

Our Beavers and Cubs received many compliments from the public during their trips and visits – so congratulations to them and all Section Leaders & Helpers who give their time to make it all possible.

Annual Boxing Day Football - SATURDAY 26th December. – 10.30am



Victoria Recreation Ground (the “rec”), off Rheims Way – k.o. 10.30am sharp !

This has become a Group annual tradition with several past members of the Group also turning up to play. It is an informal “kick around” to run off some of that turkey. Although some Leaders will be there **this is NOT a Leader supervised event.**

Young people must NOT be left unaccompanied - parents either play or watch !

Diary Dates 2016

- Friday 8th January– SCOUTS & EXPLORER START SPRING TERM
- Monday 11th January – BEAVERS & CUBS START SPRING TERM
- Saturday 12th March 7.00pm – Campfire Group Social, Ross Woods, Herne – details to follow
- Sunday 24th April 4.15 pm – St. Georges Day Service, Cathedral- details to follow
- Fri 27th May – Mon 30th May – Group Spring Bank Holiday Camp – Lower Grange, Nr. Maidstone.
- Sunday 17th July – Annual Group Social & AGM – Tyler Hill Memorial Hall & Field tbc



2016 is the Centenary of Cub Scouting with lots of exciting events & opportunities planned and our Pack will definitely be joining in the celebrations!
The Beavers will also be celebrating their 30th birthday during 2016.

Many thanks for all your support during 2015

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year