



## 40th Greenwich Scout Group

**Celebrating 90 years of Scouting**

# Annual Meeting of the Group Council 2018-19

**SCOUTS**  
**cubs**  
**BEAVERS**

28th June 2019

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – YEAR 2018 TO 2019

The Executive Committee continues to provide the support to the 40th Greenwich Leaders to enable them to have the focus on the preparation and running of the Beaver, Cub and Scouting Sections which continue to grow in popularity.

40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich is now in its 90<sup>th</sup> Year supporting the Scouting movement and it's been another exciting year where I have the pleasure to witness the continued dedication of the Leaders and Volunteers behind the scenes that enables the 40th Greenwich Scout Group to excel. The whole team continues to work together across the St Michael's Groups, Blackheath Preparatory Groups and St James providing the essential balance of planning alongside experience and new ideas.

We are also supported under the caring eye of the District Commissioner, John Sweeney, who himself is transforming Scouting across the Royal Greenwich District to ensure that all Scout groups benefit from access to key events.

The year has seen the Group continue to grow and we are starting to see the return of waiting lists for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts even though we have doubled in size in the last 4 years.

At St German's Cubs, we had a leadership change as Harriet departed at the end of 2018. There was a smooth handover to Geraint who has picked the Leadership role. Otherwise, we have maintained our Leaders in their current roles during 2018/2019 and this stability has successfully contributed to the growth of 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich.

We have also seen new parents supporting our events and we will never stop asking. Your support as Parents and Guardians remains key to ensure that we can continue all of the activities that the Leaders plan.

### **A quick reminder of the aim of the Group**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### **How we are organised in the United Kingdom**

Scouting in the United Kingdom is organised in Scout Groups, Scout Districts, Scout Counties and Country Headquarters. These 'units' of Scouting provide: support; channels for communication; opportunities for youth Members and adults to make decisions and take responsibility; functional units through which the design and delivery of the youth programme can be best achieved.

A Scout Group comprises one or more of any or all of the following: a Beaver Scout Colony; a Cub Scout Pack or a Scout Troop.

### **The 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich Executive Committee**

The members of the committee include:

Chair – Clive Grethe ; Secretary – Liz Proctor; Treasurer – Andrew Daley; Tom Bowring;

Conway Tearle; John Twidale; Chris Bishop; Harriet Noakes; Geraint Thomas; Brenda OpenShaw; Sue Tearle

Harriet was a member of the Executive Committee until December 2018 and Geraint kindly took up the new role.

Members meet every two months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at St Michaels Halls. The committee discuss the financial statement, location of assets, upgrading of assets, continual improvements, insurance, attendance levels within the Groups, data security, waiting lists and overdue fees. The committee also approves exceptional spend.

The key activities that we have discussed include GDPR compliance, operational responsibility for the second-hand 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich mini-bus, asset storage and asset upgrades, Leader succession planning and financial matters.

### **Volunteers**

I thank all of those Volunteers who have assisted the Leaders during the last 12 months and I continue to ask for your on-going support in the coming year especially around the creation of the second Scout Troop. Without this additional help, we will not be able to run many of the external trips or special badge work.

We still need a Scout Leader and we would support any volunteer that wants to take up this opportunity.

### **GDPR**

We have an up to date statement available on our website.

<https://www.g40scouts.org.uk/gdpr-privacy>

### **Charity Registration & Trustees**

We operate under The Scout Association as a Charity where the Trustees of the 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich Scout Council for the last year were;

Clive Grethe (Chairman); Liz Proctor (Secretary); Andrew Daley (Treasurer); Tom Bowring; Conway Tearle; John Twidale; Chris Bishop; Geraint Thomas; Brenda Openshaw and Sue Tearle

**Easyfundraising** - [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/40thgreenwichscouts](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/40thgreenwichscouts)

Please remember that you can support our Scout Group by using our Easy Fundraising page [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/40thgreenwichscouts](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/40thgreenwichscouts). Family and friends can sign up too so please share the link.

### **Looking ahead to the 2019-2020 Year**

The growth in the second Scout Troop, at a manageable rate, will focus our attention and ensuring that we continue to benefit from excellence from a balanced team. I am looking forward to having more Executive Committee Members so that we can ensure that we can maximise experience and responsibilities to all Sections.

We maintain a minibus for the group which has provided greater flexibility when planning outings and camps. We will continue to maintain the minibus for the next 12 months and monitor its effectiveness supporting the Group.

### **Thank you**

Thank you again to the whole Leadership team including Brenda, Sue, Harriet, Geraint, Chris, Laura, Ben, John, Bee, Conway, Matt, Lindsey, Toby, Tom, Ed, Fiona, Simon, and Samantha for all their efforts as well as the additional support from Hayley and Graham and all the young leaders and regular parent helpers.



**Clive Grethe**  
40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich Scout Group  
Group Chairman  
28 June 2019

## OUR LEADERS



Conway Tearle



John Twidale



Bee Twidale



Lindsey Wood



Ben Wood



Matt Proctor



Brenda Openshaw



Chris Bishop



Sue Tearle



Geraint Thomas

## Group Scout Leader

### Group Scout Leader

**Conway Tearle** Joined Cubs at boarding school in Nova Scotia in September 1956, moved to Gravesend in September 1957 and then to Bristol, the 26th North Cote Scout Group in 1958. He came to London as a student and joined 11th Lewisham North as a leader in 1968. Subsequently 11<sup>th</sup> merged with 40th Greenwich and took their group number. Conway has 50 years' experience as a Scouter in Charge or GSL when he includes 11th Lewisham North, 7th/11th Greenwich and 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich.

## St Michael's Sections

### Scouts

**John Twidale** Joined the 7th Wallasey Wolf Cubs in Cheshire (but now in Merseyside) in June 1954. He became an Assistant Scout Master (pre 1967), later Scout Leader and Assistant District Commissioner in Wallasey. John moved to London in 1978 and, fittingly, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1979 served for 10 years as District Commissioner of Greenwich and then another 10 as DC of Royal Eltham. He was Venture Scout Leader of BRAVE, which was then part of the 40th Greenwich, from 1998 to 2002 and became Scout Leader at 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich in 2006. John also serves as a member of the District Appointments Advisory Committee and as a Nights Away Adviser.

**Bee Twidale** Joined Sunfield's (5th Blackheath) Guides in 1953. She led 3rd Blackheath Guides, (St Michaels) for 41 years. Bee started Blackheath Ranger Guide/Venture Scout Unit at St Michaels in Sept 1970 (first joint unit in SE London) and served as Ranger Guide Leader from the beginning and eventually as Venture Scout Leader when Scouts changed their rules. She gained the Wood Badge (Adult Leader Training Award) in 1974 (first female Venture Scout Wood badge) Bee did 25 years with the Ranger/Venture Unit. She joined the 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich Scout leadership team in November 2005.

**Lindsey Wood** Parent helper from 1996 co-opted into Scouts as an Assistant Scout Leader when Ben joined the Scout Troop in 2004. Lindsey gained the Wood Badge (Adult Leader Training Award) 3 years later. Lindsey is also a member of the Royal Greenwich District Appointments Advisory Committee.

**Matt Proctor** was a Cub in 1st Horsley Scout Group in Surrey. He became a parent volunteer from 2014 and joined St Michael's Troop officially in December 2015. Matt gained his Wood Badge (Adult Leader Training Award) in 2018.

**Ben Wood** joined Scouting at aged 6 and has worked his way through all sections. He helped at Beavers, aged 13, and Assistant Beavers Leader aged 18 and currently helps with Beavers & Scouts. Ben has just completed the Wood Badge (Adult Leader Training Award) and has now gained the highest Scouting honour, the Queens Scout Award. Ben is one of the Leaders of the Greater London South Unit at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree this summer.

### Cubs

**Chris Bishop** was with 6th Erith for 1 year before moving across to 40th Greenwich and has now completed over 13 years' service.

## Beavers

**Brenda Openshaw** was asked to become a Beaver Leader in 1984 when her son, Graham was one of the first Beavers in Royal Eltham District. She started her Scouting as an Assistant Beaver Leader in May 1984 with the 5th Royal Eltham Beaver Colony based in what we now call The Hub in Briset Road. She had no previous Scouting experience other than accompanying the Beavers as a parent helper on various outings. Brenda stayed with the 5th until September 1989 when pressure of work meant she was unable to fulfil her commitment to the Beavers and had a break in service until October 1990 where she was approached by the Group Scout Leader of 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich, Tom Seal to run Beavers at 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich and has continued to do so until the present day.

At first 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich was based at Sunfields Church at Blackheath Standard and then in 2000 when Sunfields Church was no longer available to us, she joined with 7th-11th Greenwich based at St Michael's Church. A couple of years after Brenda joined 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich she became the District Beaver Scout Leader for Greenwich, a post she held until the District became part of Royal Greenwich. During this time Brenda was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service in 1996 and the Medal of Merit in 2004.

**Simon Koenen** – was a Beaver with G40, a Cub in Bexley and a Scout in 49th Greenwich. He was an explorer in GESS before returning to G40 as a leader in 2011. Has been providing support to Brenda for over 8 years.

**Samantha Gregory** - was a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Senior Section and an Explorer in GESS. She is currently a leader at Rainbows and Brownies as well as a leader at G40. She has been providing support to Brenda since 2012 for over 7 years.

## St German Sections

### Cubs

**Harriet Noakes** took on a Leaders role in Autumn 2016 and handed over to Geraint in December 2018.

**Geraint Thomas** was a Cub, Scout and Venture in Cardiff and gained the Queens Scout Award, after a brief 20 year break from Scouting he joined as a parent helper before becoming a Leader in 2016.

### Vacancies

### Beavers

**Sue Tearle** took on took on the job of District Secretary in 2004 for the former Greenwich District. When the district merger happened to create Royal Greenwich, she became a Group Sectional Assistant with the 40th Greenwich helping mostly at camps with Conway. In June 2015 she helped Conway set up the new sections at the Blackheath Prep and took over the leadership of the Beaver Colony there shortly afterwards.

### Vacancies

## St James Section

### Scouts

**Conway Tearle** took on the new Leaders role in Autumn 2017.

**Sue Tearle** took on the new Leaders role in Autumn 2017.

### Vacancies

## Assistant Leaders

**Alasdair Thomson** - joined the Group in January 2006 and was a Beaver and Cub in the 40<sup>th</sup>. He moved to the Troop in October 2010 and gained the Chief Scouts Gold Award in 2014. He moved to GESS Explorer Scout Unit and became a Young Leader with the Friday Beavers. He was a member of the district trip to Turkey in 2015 and is now a leader with the Wednesday Cubs.

## Sectional Assistants

**Laura Brown** – Laura joined the group in January 2019. She is a valued member of the St Michaels Cubs Leadership team.

## Young Leaders

**Katie Proctor** - Katie joined the scout troop in 2012. Before that she was a Brownie at 11th Lee North, Handen Road. She gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2015. She joined GESS Explorer Scout Unit and became a Young Leader with the Thursday cubs and attended the Scout summer camps. She was a member of the district trip to Turkey in 2015.

**Jenny Duckworth** - Jenny joined the Troop in 2014 and gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2017. She is a member of Severndroog Explorer Unit and a Young Leader with the St James's Troop.

**Heather Shaw** - Hettie joined the Troop in 2015 and gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2018. She is a member of Severndroog Explorer Unit and a Young Leader with the St James's Troop.

**Lauren Southard** - Lauren joined the Troop from Cubs in April 2012 and gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2015. She is a member of Severndroog Explorer Scout Unit and a Young Leader with St Michael's Troop. She was a member of the district trip to Turkey in 2015

**Daniel Shergold** - Daniel was a Beaver and Cub before he joined the Troop in April 2013 and was one of youngest to reach the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2015. He was Patrol Leader of the team that won the District Camping Competition in 2014. He is a Young Leader with St Michael's Troop. He was a member of the district trip to Turkey in 2015

**Ben Jones** – Ben joined the Troop from Cubs in 2015 and was eventually elected a Patrol Leader. He gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2018. He is a Young Leader with the St Michael's Troop.

**George O'Connor** – George also came from Cubs in 2015 and was another Patrol Leader. Gained Chief Scout's Gold in 2018 and is another Young Leader with St Michael's Troop.

**Martha O'Connor** – Martha also came from Cubs in 2015 and was another Patrol Leader. Gained Chief Scout's Gold in 2019 and is another Young Leader with St Michael's Troop.

**Mathilda Silburn** – Mathilda joined the Troop in 2016 and was elected as a Patrol Leader. She too gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2019.

## Cub Assistant

**Dylan Tonge** – Dylan joined the group as a Beaver and will be shortly leaving Scouts and joining an Explorer Unit. Dylan is a valued member of the St Michaels Cubs Leadership Team and has been tremendous help on a Wednesday night and at Cub camp and is especially good at keeping the fire going.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The main 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich accounts are listed on the following page under Group, with the 2017/18 accounts shown for comparison. They are still in draft format pending approval by our Independent Examiner.

Alongside the Group accounts we have shown the Activity Fund account. The Activity Fund forms part of the main fund but is ringfenced from it, and allows each Scout to share the money they fundraise (e.g. when bag packing at Asda) and they can use this to “purchase” activities or camp.

Our bank balance at the end of the financial year was £18,104.22, significantly up from £8,489.94 at the start of the year. The increase is mainly due to the advance receipt of monies for the Scouts’ Summer Camp to be held in Northern Ireland later this year, for which costs had not yet been paid at year end. The Activity Fund had a year-end balance of £4,153.74, up from £1,146.58. This increase is due to the contribution of “excess” income from camps being contributed into the activity fund and fundraising activities not being offset by usage of the funds available to the Scouts. Please remember that this money is yours, and so please remember to use any money your Scout has accrued - they’ve worked hard to earn it and it is a reward for their effort.

The total assets available to us as a Group at year end (£15,885.98 in the Main Fund and £4,153.74 in the Activity Fund) also increased significantly over those available at the beginning of the year (£2,512.87 and £1,146.58 respectively). The primary reason for the increase in the Main Fund relates to the payment of membership fees to the District, which historically have been reflected in the accounts in the year in which they have been paid, but which from this year will be recognised in accordance with the accruals concept under which the accounts are prepared in the year to which they relate. This change in treatment results in no fee being charged to the accounts in the period (the charge for the year having been recognised in the prior period, and the spend incurred in the year to be charged in the 2019/20 accounts as it relates to that period). The reason for the increase in the assets held in the Activity Fund is as already stated above.

Items of note:

- As usual, camps are our major income and expenditure with nearly £30K spent on camping during the financial year (down significantly however from the previous year, due to the camp that took place in Sweden that year). 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich takes pride in being an active group and from Beavers through to Scouts there are a wide range of camping experiences and sleepovers that the children can take part in.
- A number of very enjoyable and rewarding activities also took place during the year, across all sections, with income of nearly £8K outstripping costs of just over £5K. We do try and keep the costs of activities as close to the costs incurred by the group itself, and we will be looking to ensure that going forwards this difference is minimised.
- £1.3K was spend on badges, a testament to all the hard work of all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their leaders. Congratulations!
- During the year we decided to invest in the use of a group minibus. Whilst not owned by the group, we pay the insurance and road tax, and it is available for use across all sections. So far it has proved invaluable – and has reduced the need for us to incur costs on expensive minibus and coach hire.
- With the bank balance as healthy as it is, we have again decided not to increase the current subs rate. We will however continue to review this on a regular basis, but both the Executive and the leaders are keen to ensure we continue to offer excellent value for money.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich is a very large Scout Group which takes a lot of financial planning to put on events. We kindly ask that **you sign up and pay promptly for membership fees (subs), activities and camps** to allow the leaders to organise and plan their activities.
- Gift Aid. Please make sure you have signed up ready for our next claim — a form can be downloaded from our website at [www.g40scouts.org.uk/fundraising](http://www.g40scouts.org.uk/fundraising) and returned to your section leader at the next meeting. There will also be some forms available at the AGM/BBQ.
- Please remember that you can support our Scout Group by using our Easy Fundraising page [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/40thgreenwichscouts](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/40thgreenwichscouts). Family and friends can sign up too so please share the link.

*40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich are committed to making Scouting accessible to all. If you are having difficulty paying for any activities or camps please do talk confidentially to your section leader.*



**Andrew Daley**, Group Treasurer

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019</b>							
				<b>2018/19</b>		<b>2017/18</b>	
				<b>Group</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Membership subscriptions			18,025.00		15,365.00	
	less Annual Membership Fee ①			-		(9,020.00)	
				<b>18,025.00</b>		<b>6,345.00</b>	-
	Investment income			-		-	-
	Donations and grants			280.00	150.00	766.00	-
	Activities:						
		Camps		32,619.02	2,054.47	50,439.29	903.78
		Meetings		-		1,408.90	-
		Outings		7,870.19	107.61	6,190.50	36.39
	Sundry receipts			656.00		9.50	-
	Gift Aid			-	-	1,707.70	-
	Fundraising (gross)			1,694.51	979.94	1,316.81	1,008.33
				-			
				<b>61,144.72</b>	<b>3,292.02</b>	<b>68,183.70</b>	<b>1,948.50</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
	Rent of meeting premises			3,987.00		3,514.00	-
	Equipment & addl. PA Insurance			432.60		502.60	-
	Campsite maintainance			-		13.40	-
	Activities:						
		Camps		29,688.06	116.67	47,018.07	9,586.80
		Meetings		212.94	-	2,336.11	1,408.90
		Outings		5,138.93	133.19	6,108.47	424.00
	Donations from fundraising & Gift Aid			1,239.94		1,004.33	-
	Costs of fundraising			-	-	-	-
	Badges & uniform			2,027.84		2,179.81	-
	Equipment (tents, etc.)			1,304.65		646.97	-
	Admin & sundry payments			2,127.67	35.00	4,311.85	-
	Minibus			1,545.98	-		-
	Leader Training			66.00		60.00	-
				-			
				<b>47,771.61</b>	<b>284.86</b>	<b>67,695.61</b>	<b>11,419.70</b>
	<b>EXCESS OF INCOME / (DEFICIT)</b>			<b>13,373.11</b>	<b>3,007.16</b>	<b>488.09</b>	<b>(9,471.20)</b>
	<b>BALANCE 1 APRIL 2018 (/2017)</b>			<b>2,512.87</b>	<b>£ 1,146.58</b>	<b>2,024.78</b>	<b>10,617.78</b>
	<b>BALANCE 31 MARCH 2019 (/2018)</b>			<b>15,885.98</b>	<b>4,153.74</b>	<b>2,512.87</b>	<b>1,146.58</b>

Figure 1 - Draft set of approved accounts and awaiting final approval

[1] TSA policy is to net these two as we are only acting as agents for them in this payment. Under the "accruals" basis, expenses should be allocated to the period to which they relate. Previously fees paid to district have been recognised in the period in which they were paid, hence for example the amount showing for 2017/18 in fact relates to 2018/2019. Consequently, no fees are shown as due to District for 2018/19, these having already been recognised (erroneously) in the previous year (with those due for 2017/18 being shown in 2016/17 etc).

[2] The 'Accruals basis' – requires that costs and revenues are recognised in the accounts when incurred or due – not when the money is received or paid.

# SCOUTS

## GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

It has been left to me to report on the events that were for everyone in our group and some Leaders' news.

This year we were able to return to the refurbished St Michael's church in the autumn so we joined the regular congregation for a Harvest service in October and Mothering Sunday in March. We also held our usual St George's Day service in April in St Michael's.

Last year's BBQ was held on a warm sunny evening and was well attended. There were many awards and badges mostly listed elsewhere.



Sue Tearle was presented with her Wood Badge. Geraint Thomas and Harriet Noakes also completed their Wood Badge last year.

Earlier this year Ben Wood, Chris Bishop, Lindsey Wood, Liz Proctor, Matt Proctor & Sue Tearle were presented with the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service Award.



Last year we held our annual Family Camp at the district Campsite. Some families stayed for the whole weekend while others came for the one night or even just the day. The highlight this time for me was seeing 68 enjoying a hog roast on the Saturday evening. It will be repeated again this year. **Put the date in your diary – 27-29 September.** If you are an adult who does not have a scout DBS clearance then do let me have an email with your full names and date of birth so that I can get the process started for you. If you already have one it will be valid unless you are one of the few who have already been asked to renew their current clearance.

All leaders and Group Executive Committee continue to ensure that we are trained on the key topics as mandated by the Scouts Association such as Safe Guarding. The leaders also have to complete numerous courses to support them in their role, to achieve their Wood Adult Leader Training Award known as the 'Wood Badge'. We appreciate the additional time spent by the leaders to complete the courses or attend the re-fresher courses to enable them to offer the best support and guidance to the Cubs, Beavers and Scouts.

Lastly I would like to add my congratulations to all who have earned badges or gained awards in the last twelve months. Thanks are due to so many who have contributed in some way, however small or large it may be, to the success of our group.

Conway  
Group Scout Leader

## SCOUT TROOP REPORT

### ST MICHAEL'S SCOUT TROOP REPORT FOR 2018/19

Since the last annual meeting of the Group Council the Scout Troop has met at St Michaels or run activities elsewhere on 40 Friday evenings and offered 22 Nights Away.

#### Recruitment

We began the year with 42 members. We now have 41. Of the 22 who left during the year, 14 had reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Of those who joined this year 14 came from our Cub Scout Packs. This year we have had a small majority of girls. We do aim to maintain a balance but it is not something we can easily control. One interesting difference this year is the number of 12 and 13 year olds who have joined. 10 of our current members will be over 14 by the end of the year.

#### Chief Scout Gold Awards

Hettie Shaw missed the presentation last year (she was on a DofE trip) so she received her certificate from Christine Baker during a Camp Fire at Summer Camp.

Martha O'Connor, Gus Gorman, Thomas Grethe, Zak Leek, Emily Nye, Daisy Proctor, Mathilda Silburn, Madison Williams and Daria Schimke received their certificates from Councilor Mick Hayes, the deputy mayor of Royal Greenwich at our presentation evening at the Town Hall in March.

Congratulations to Sophie Biancelli, Hannah Saldin and Dylan Tonge who have just completed the award and will be presented with the badge and certificate at the annual meeting.

#### Camping

Traditionally camping is still our main activity. Collectively the members have complete 1024 Nights Away – Out in front are Dylan Tonge with 91, Thomas Grethe 86, Madison Williams 79, Jess Allen-Harding 63, Daisy Proctor 54, Eres Thomas 52 and Hannah Saldin 50.

#### International

Madison Williams, Thomas Grethe and former members Emily Parker Humphreys, Chloe Southard, Pelin Kural are attending the 24<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia followed by home hospitality in Canada.

Daria Schimke and Young Leader Lauren Southard are going on the County trip to Canada this summer.

Sophie Biancelli and Polly Chamberlain have been selected to attend the European Jamboree in Poland in 2020.

#### Autumn Term 2018

Always at the beginning of September we elect or re-elect our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders and rearrange all the Patrols. At the beginning of the other terms we have by-elections to fill any vacancies. The choice of PLs is entirely with the Scouts. The Leaders have no vote.

We made a big push during the term to complete the Creative Challenge and did a little on knots and lashings. Nick Dennison joined us for sessions on geocaching.

#### Spring Term 2019

We revised our code of conduct early in term. Time was spent on the Skills Challenge including sewing on badges, ironing and changing a fuse. We included sessions on disability awareness and local knowledge.

There were talks from a Guide Dog owner and from the Director of Greenwich Food Bank.

#### Summer Term 2019

There have been very few Fridays that were not joint activities.

A huge thank you to the Patrol Leaders who do a brilliant job and make life so much easier for the Leaders.

### ST JAMES' SCOUT TROOP REPORT FOR 2018/19

Sue and Conway run a parallel programme at St James's to that of the other troop at St Michael's with the support of their leaders so most of the programme detailed above applies to us at St James as well.

#### News

We began the year with 24 members. We now have 34 members and can expect to grow further in the next year. We started in November 2017. Most of our recruits this year have been from our cub packs, however our oldest scouts were from the waiting list and are with one exception still only 12½ years old or younger. We can expect our scouts to start gaining the Chief Scout Gold Award in a year or so when the oldest will have been with us for 2½ or more years.  
Conway (Acting scout leader)

## COMBINED PROGRAMME

For most of our camps and many other activities the two Scout Troops combine.

### End of the Summer Term 2017

- The weekend after the Annual meeting last year six Scouts had beautifully sunny days to complete their Expedition Challenge with a hike starting near the Clacket Services on the M25 and walking to our Eleven Acres Campsite. The next day the route went via Knockholt to follow the North Downs Way, East. They found the Way Markers and shot off at great speed. Pity they didn't notice that the sun and the slope down to the M25 was on their left. They were going west.
- 40 Scouts celebrated the last meeting at Clip 'n Climb.
- There were 20 Scout at the Survival Skills weekend camp held at Eleven Acres, Downe.
- Summer Camp was at the Girl Guide site at Blackland Farm near East Grinstead. 23 Scouts canoed, climbed, abseiled, etc. We had a hike and a ride on the Bluebell Railway.

### Autumn 2018

- September Camp –19 Scouts attended for our final camp of the year at the Royal Greenwich District site at Downe. This is always a laid back affair.
- In October was our first Exploration Challenge. 7 Scouts navigated their way by public transport to Gilwell Park and back to join in the Jamboree of the Air and Jamboree of the Internet.
- We had a small contingent in the Borough Remembrance Day Parade and Service in Eltham.
- In November we held our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Night Hike finishing at the Downe Camp Site. Lots of rain.
- 22 Scouts signed up for a tree planting session in Avery Hill Park.
- Our joint Parents' Evening and review of the year was held in the newly refurbished St Michaels.
- Final meeting – Ice Skating, Pizza and Secret Santa again at Canary Wharf.
- Fundraising at Asda, Charlton for the Activity Fund. We raised £862.64.

### Spring 2019

- 34 of us did the New Year Family Hike starting at Cudham following a circular route to Downe and across the Guide camp back to the Blacksmiths for lunch.
- 49 Scouts attended an adventure weekend at the Kingswood Adventure Centre, Ashford.
- 26 Scouts took part in the Sponsored Cardboard Box Sleepover and raised £4050.93 for our charities, Guide Dogs and The Greenwich Foodbank.
- 18 Scouts learnt how to make dead hedges in two sessions held at Shooters Hill.
- Another bag packing at ASDA raised another £470.76 for the Activity Fund.
- District Chief Scout's Award Presentation at the Shree Swaminarayan Temple - Woolwich.
- Our own Presentation Evening was hosted by the Deputy Mayor in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.
- A few of us attended the District Gang Show "Showtime".

### Summer 2019

- 44 Scouts came to the 3 night camp on May Bank Holiday at the Guide site at Cudham. Must be one of the coldest we have ever had. Lots of the Outdoors Challenge was ticked off.
- The District TAG Rugby at Avery Hill.
- Three Watersports sessions at Danson Park – kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, dinghies and dragon boats.

### Still to come Summer 2019

- Expedition Challenge
- Last water sports session
- July Camp at Eleven Acres
- Last Meeting.
- Summer Camp at Crawfordsburn Scout Camp, County Down with visits to the Titanic Experience and the Giant's Causeway.

### Thank You

To the District, especially the Scout Team Stephen Ellis and James Vallely for all their advice and support and organising the District Activities.

To all those parents who turn up to help in so many ways but this year a special mention to all those who came on the Night Hike and manned check points or walked the sweep. They got soaked for their efforts. We must not forget those who came on May Camp. Have you thawed out yet?

### John

*Scout Leader*



*Annual New Year Hike*



*Sponsored Winter Sleepover*



*Working in the community*



*The best bit about Scouts, one of our many camps*



## CUB PACK REPORT

It's been a great year in the Cub Packs and the leadership team is looking as strong and as healthy as ever. Our current team is :-

### **Wednesday Group (St Michaels)**

Leaders Chris and Laura  
Ali and Maisie  
Young Leaders – Dylan Tonge  
**36 members**

### **Thursday Group (St Germans)**

Geraint  
Young Leaders: Katie, Juan and Naomi  
**26 members**

As the long summer nights extend and the sun sets on another successful year of Cubs it's startling to think how quickly the year has passed since we last gathered that warm evening at Farjeon Road for 2018's AGM.

These are some of the highlights of 2018/19:

We took nineteen Cubs to the 2018 Summer Camp with the Scouts at Blackland Farm for five action packed days. We did lots of fun activities including mountain biking, hiking, a trip on a steam train, abseiling, trampolining, a Cub quiz, a campfire, archery and crate stacking and enjoyed some excellent chocolate orange cake made by the Cubs. This was a very successful camp and was enjoyed by all attendees.

### **Autumn Term**

- Family camp - always a fun introduction to Cubs and camping for some of our new families, although we had some very testing weather!
- We played Conkers!
- We learned about Scouting history
- We studied the Romans and recreated a viaduct and the Coliseum via the medium of cardboard and sticky tape.
- We took part in Parliament Week and learnt about the Suffragettes, had some good debates and had a visit from our local MP, Matthew Pennycook, for a Q and A which included the tricky question "What exactly is Brexit?"
- Climbing at the Reach
- Trip to the Lord's Major Parade in central London
- Made Christmas gifts.
- Christmas Film Night watching Elf.

We then had a trip to Windmill Hill PGL camp for an activity weekend. The Cubs enjoyed the obstacle course, giant swing, death slides, tunnels, quizzes and fencing.

We said goodbye to Harriet at Christmas and welcomed Laura into the group in January. During the course of the year they have both organised great ideas and activities.

## Spring

- New Year time capsule
- International Night
- Pancake making and a fairy cake bake off
- First aid and what to do in an emergency
- The Safety Badges that we completed came in very handy for one of the Cubs when he got lost in France but had remembered his Mum's phone number from when we made him learn it a couple of weeks before.
- Escape room

The March indoor camp at Thriftwood was a success, we all had a good weekend playing games, the Cubs cooking their own food, cressa run, pedal cars and singing and telling jokes around the camp fire.

## Summer

- Making a cardboard Pirate ship big enough to fit all the Cubs in (including a cannon, pirates' flag and cup holder), treasure maps and more fun and games at the Pirate Party.
- Trip to the Fire Station
- Orienteering, tracking and a night hike
- Water sports at Danson park with sailing, kayaking, bell boating and canoeing

We have also been to the Eleven Acres site in Downe for our annual Cub Camp. We made some excellent water rockets (ask Chris or Geraint to show you the video), we walked to Downe for a game of rounders and a play on the swings, we made bread and baked potatoes and chocolate bananas on an open fire and we enjoyed a very noisy campfire.

It goes without saying that we would not be able to run the sort of adventurous and challenging Cub programme without the help of many people, so thank you to:

Harriet & Laura for their time, commitment and good ideas.

Chris, Nathalie, Alan, Ceri, Georgina, Ian, Ben, Andrea and Clive, Katy, Nick, Kate P. Graham, Laiyan, Steph, Steve, Adrian, Tom, Mus, Kim, Kalai and Ray and all the other parents who have helped us; apologies if we have missed anyone as we have been lucky to have had so much help.

Sue and Conway: - for support, guidance, and endless drinks making.

But especially thanks to our Young Leader's, Katie, Naomi, Juan, Dylan and Ali for their tireless effort, they juggle their time with their own studies and scouting, and come out on those cold wet Wednesday and Thursday nights to help.

We have the Cubs for two and a half years but they really fly by and the young Beavers who are nervously joining in their first games at Cubs are, before you know it, confident Sixers about to leave us for Scouts.

We have had another great year, and we are looking forward with great optimism to 2019/2020

Yours in Scouting

**Geraint & Chris**



40th Greenwich Cubs on a visit to Thriftwood

## BEAVER REPORT



Once again, the Beavers of both colonies have had a very busy and rewarding year.

Both colonies have been full for most of the year. At St Michael's-11 joined,5 left and 7 went up to cubs, while at St Germans 12 joined,2 left and 15 went up to cubs.

We aim to give the Beavers a fun experience using games, challenges and opportunities to interact with the other Beavers. We are looking to improve their confidence and they are encouraged to take part in every activity whether it is to their liking or not and usually once they try it they enjoy the challenge.

Our programme gives the Beavers the opportunity to earn challenge and activity badges with the highest award being the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. In the past year the following have earned their Bronze

### Award

Toby Buck, Grayson Purser, Thomas Ripley, Sadie Canty, Harry Sandringham, Freya Longley, Matthew Puleston-Jones, Eddie Myers Lusty, Oscar Graves, Emma Bieley, Gracia Wristworth, Elsa Birch and Megan Daley.

Well done to all of them.

### Programme – St Michael's

This year I have presented over 300 badges including Animal Friend, Book Reader, Builder, Communicator, Cook, Creative, Cyclist, Disability Awareness, Explore, Faith, Global Issues and International. We visited the RAF Museum at Hendon and gained stages 1&2 of the Air Activities badge. We also earned the Emergency Aid 1&2 and Navigator 1, and some beavers gained Hikes, Nights Away, Swimmer, Musician and Snow Sports badges. We also visited Pets at Home, had two rambles in Greenwich Park and went Ten Pin Bowling in Lewisham at Christmas.

We also joined with the beavers at G54 for two Fun Day and Sleepovers at Avery Hill Scout Centre.

The highlight of our year was when we had a visit from a Guide Dog puppy and its carer and presented them with a cheque for £275 which we had earned last year on a sponsored walk in Greenwich Park.

### Programme – St Germans

This year the beavers earned the following badges – Disability Awareness, Creative, Health and Fitness, Global Issues, Photographer, Faith, Navigator Stage 1, Hike level 1 and Cyclist and some beavers gained Night away. We also visited the RAF Museum at Henden and gained the Air Activities Badge, went bowling in Lewisham at Christmas, visited the O2 Freejumping at the O2 and went on a ramble in Oxleas Wood.

We have held two Fun Day and Sleepovers at the Avery Hill Scout centre and attended the District Beaver Sleepover.

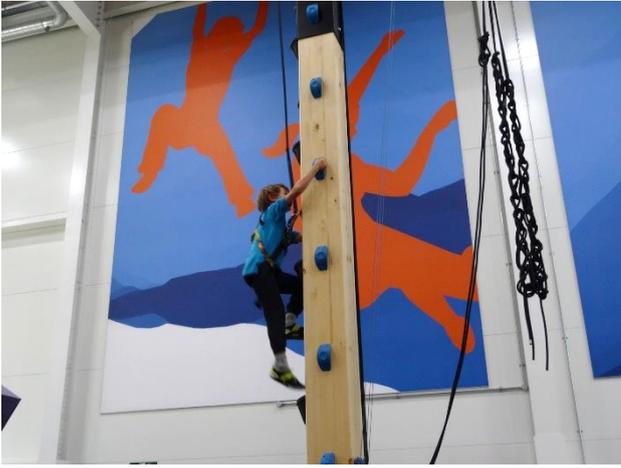
### Thanks

My thanks go to Simon and Sam who continued to support the Colony throughout the year, to Lois Jenkins who has been doing her D.O.E. service with us and to the parents who have helped during the year. I also wish to thank Hayley and Graham for their continued support. The success of the Colony is as a result of this wonderful support. - Brenda

My thanks go to Conway, who is there every week and I also want to thank all the parents who have helped during the year – our success could not have been achieved without your support. - Sue

Brenda Openshaw, Beaver Scout Leader – St Michael's

Sue Tearle, Beaver Scout Leader – St Germans (Blackheath Prep)



# 40<sup>th</sup> Greenwich Scouts



90 years of service

3rd May 1929

1946

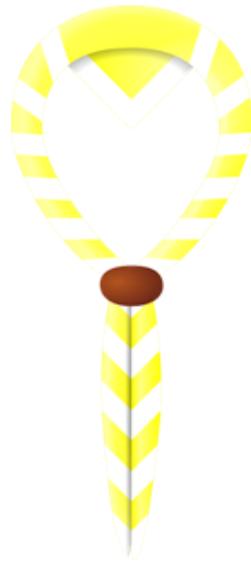
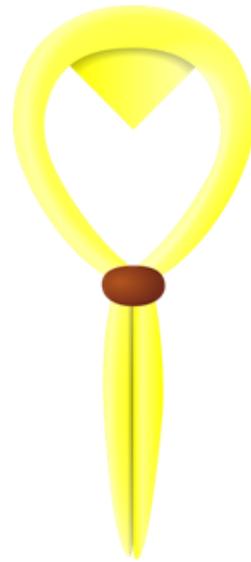
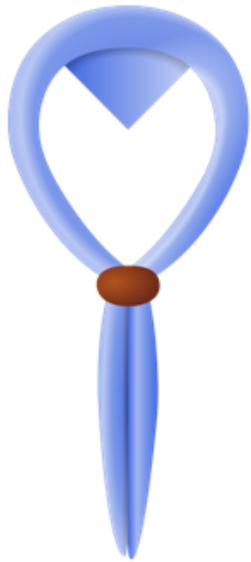
1955

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2015



Royal Blue	Yellow with Royal blue border	Lemon yellow	Lemon yellow with white border	Lemon and Scout purple with white border	Royal blue and dark red with white border	Royal blue and white border
40 <sup>th</sup> Greenwich First registered	50 <sup>th</sup> Greenwich formed by leaders of 40 <sup>th</sup> Greenwich	11 <sup>th</sup> Lewisham North	Moved from Village Hall	7 <sup>th</sup> Greenwich joined 40 <sup>th</sup> Greenwich	40 <sup>th</sup> Greenwich and 11 <sup>th</sup> Lewisham North merged	Royal blue and white border
	Royal Air Force orphanage	Blackheath Village Hall	St Michael's	Ferrier Kidbrooke Estate	Sunfields Church / St Michael's	Blackheath Prep and St James

## Helping to simplify Scouting Terminology

Group	The local unit of Scouting that will consist of one or more section led by a Group Scout Leader GSL .
Beaver Colony	A Beaver Scout Section that may be divided into small groups called Lodges. Beavers are aged 6 - 8.
Cub Pack	A Cub Scout Section that will be divided into groups called Sixes, each led by a Sixer. Cubs are aged 8 - 10½
Scout Troop	A Scout Section that will be made up of a number of patrols each led by a Patrol Leader. Scouts are aged between 10½ - 14
Explorer Unit	An Explorer Scout Unit is managed by the District. Members are 14 - 18.
Scout Network	This is a County coordinated network for members aged 18 - 25.
Section Leaders	Each Section will have its own Leaders, usually a Section Leader supported by Assistant Section Leaders together with helpers and instructors.
GSL	The Group Scout Leader ensures the effective operation of the Scout Group. The Scout Group consists of the three younger Sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group Scout Leader is responsible for ensuring that the Group has a team of 'fit and proper' adults who are well inducted and supported, and that a Balanced Programme is being delivered to all young people in the Group. (Conway Tearle - 40th Greenwich)
DC	District Commissioner (John Sweeney - Royal Greenwich)
ADC	Assistance District Commissioners
CC	County Commissioner (Darren Lodge - South London)
ACC	Assistance County Commissioners
AGSL	Assistant Group Scout Leader
BSL	Beaver Scout Leader (Brenda Openshaw - St Michaels, Sue Tearle - Blackheath Prep)
ABSL	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
Beaver section Leaders	Beavers section Leaders are named after wild animals.
CSL	Cub Scout Leader (Chris Bishop - St Michaels, Geraint Thomas - Blackheath Prep)
ACSL	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Cub section Leaders	Cub Section Leaders are named after Rudyard's Kipling's Jungle Book. The CSL is called 'Akela' and Assistant Leaders use the names of other characters.
SL	Scout Leader (John Twidale - St Michaels, Conway Tearle - St James)
ASL	Assistant Scout Leader
ESL	Explorer Scout Leader
AESL	Assistant Explorer Scout Leader
Warrant	The terms Leader and Scouter are both used to describe those adults who hold a Warrant. The warrant is the appointment card that is given to those who accept the appointment as a uniformed Leader. Such appointments are made by the Scout District.
Helpers	Other adults may be Helpers or Skills Instructors. Helpers usually provide general help to a section on a regular basis whilst Skills Instructors provide more specialised support. Both are issued with Certificates of Appointment.
Executive Committee	Besides the Leaders, the Group will have a team of other adults who provide support chiefly with administration and fund raising. These will be led by a Group Chairperson. The Group Chairperson is strictly speaking the Chairperson of the Group Scout Council. This meets annually at the Group Annual General Meeting 'AGM' and includes all those, especially parents, who are connected to the Group. The more routine management of the Group's affairs is conducted by the Group Executive Committee often called 'the Executive' and meets on a monthly basis..
40th Greenwich (G40)	40th Greenwich Scout Group is part of the District of Royal Greenwich, which exists to provide support to and promote co-operation between Groups. The District is led by a District Commissioner supported by a team of Assistant District Commissioners. The District are supported by a County Commissioner and their team of Assistant County Commissioners. Royal Greenwich District is supported by South London County.
YL	Young Leaders of the district Explorer (YL) section
OSM	Online Scout Manager manages the administration of 95% of UK scout groups.
TSA	The Scout Association



Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
G40  
Scout Group