



St George's Day, April 2022, St Michael and All Angels Church

40th Greenwich Scout Group Annual Meeting of the Group Council 2021-22

1st July 2022



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – YEAR 2021 TO 2022

The Executive Committee continues to provide support to the 40th Greenwich Scout Group Leaders to enable them to focus on the preparation and running of the Beaver, Cub and Scouting Sections.

What can I say other than we have fully returned to bringing all the benefits of Scouting back in 2021 to 2022 and shake off the previous year's Zoom experience. The leaders have managed to revive all of the great experiences of Scouting especially the camping and night's away, the water sports at Danson Park, trip to the RAF Museum for Beavers, as well as formal events including the Scouts Award Evening in December, St George's Day Service in April and of course celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All six Sections continue to thrive thanks to the continued dedication and support of our Leaders who create and drive a broad and varied curriculum.

At the AGM, there will be a representation by each of the Sections on the benefits of Scouting and what they have learned during the last year.

Last year we reached out to Parents and Guardians through your leaders to provide support and we have had tremendous response. This has enabled us to support many activities including cycling, camping, cooking and other sporting activities. More recently 40th Greenwich have introduced 40th Greenwich Maintenance Days, under the direction of Group Executive member Nick, with additional support from other Leaders including Chris, Harriet and Geraint. This is our commitment to support and protect Royal Greenwich District assets for the benefit of current and future Scout generations across the Borough.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the parents' contribution, as it makes a material difference in the way 40th Greenwich Scouts can run and operate. In 2022 to 2023 we will continue to ask for your support.

Scouting's Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) requires that we hold an Annual General Meeting. Our AGM will be held on the 1st November at the BBQ this year.

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 40th Greenwich Group Executive Committee

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

Group Chair – Clive Grethe; **Group Secretary** – Bee Twidale; **Group Treasurer** – Andrew Daley; **Group Executive** - Tom Bowring; Nick Dennison; Conway Tearle; John Twidale; Chris Bishop; Geraint Thomas; Brenda Openshaw and Sue Tearle

Members meet every two months on the third Wednesday of the month to discuss 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.

Andrew who has been the Group Treasurer for the last 4 years is stepping down to support additional volunteering activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew for his significant contribution to the 40th Greenwich Group Executive Committee and his support over his tenure. We look forward to a new Parent taking on the role of Group Treasurer.

To find out more about the function of the Group Executive Committee, please connect to the Scout Associations Website:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/executive-committees/the-group-executive-committee/>

GDPR

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

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

Easyfundraising - 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. Family and friends can sign up too so please share the link.

Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 Year

Over the next year, will continue to ensure that the Executive Committee supports the needs of the Leaders to continue a full and varied curriculum across the 40th Greenwich Scout Group. This will ensure that it remains a vibrant and activity rich experience for our young people with the reassurance that safety is at the top of our agenda to protect our young adults, Leaders and volunteers.

Special Mention's

I would like to thank:

John Kingsmell, who was our appointed Independent Examiner, who sadly passed away during the Autumn last year following an illness. John had been supporting 40th Greenwich Scouts for many years.

We also welcome Harriet back to 40th Greenwich after returning from the USA and contributing to the Cubs activities with Geraint at St German's Cubs.

Thank you

Thank you again to the whole Leadership team, all of whom are volunteers and dedicate so much time to the success of 40th Greenwich, including Brenda, Sue, Lindsey, Samantha, Geraint, Harriet, Chris, John, Conway, Kevin, Kathryn, Scott and Jamie for all their efforts as well as the additional support from Bee, Hayley, Graham and all the young leaders and regular parent helpers.



Clive Grethe
40th Greenwich Scout Group
Group Chairman
1 July 2022



Scout Award Evening at St Michael's and All Angels Church

OUR LEADERS



Conway Tearle



John Twidale



Lyndsey Wood



Harriet Noakes



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 11th 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 40th Greenwich.

Conway is also a member of the Royal Greenwich District Executive Committee and is a Training Manager for Adults in the district.

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 1st 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 40th Greenwich in 2006. John also serves as a member of the District Appointments Advisory Committee and as a Nights Away Adviser.

Lindsey Wood Parent helper from 1996 co-opted into Scouts as an Assistant Scout Leader when her son 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.

Cubs

Chris Bishop was with 6th Erith for 1 year before moving across to 40th Greenwich and has now completed over 13 years' service. Chris is also the Premises Manager for the 4 sites around the Royal Borough and the campsite at Downe and is a member of the District Executive.

Kevin Radford - New Leader supporting Chris

Kathryn Klaentschi - New Leader support Chris

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 then Group Scout Leader of 40th Greenwich, Tom Seal to run Beavers at 40th Greenwich and has continued to do so until the present day.

At first 40th 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 40th 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.

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 8 years.

St Germans Sections

Cubs

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

Harriet Noakes took on a Leaders role in Autumn 2016 and has recently returned to 40th Greenwich in 2021 after moving back from the USA.

Beavers

Sue Tearle 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.

St James Section

Scouts

Conway Tearle took on the Leaders role in Autumn 2017.

Sue Tearle took on the Leaders role in Autumn 2017.

Scott Rankin took on the Leaders role in Autumn 2021.

Jame Maloney took on the Leaders role in Autumn 2021

Young Leaders



The following members of the Royal Greenwich Young Leader Explorer Scout Unit have been allocated to work with the 40th Greenwich Scout Group.

St German's Beavers

Thomas G. - Had been a Beaver, Cub and Scout in the St Michaels Troop. He was a Patrol Leader and Gold Award holder and attended the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and became a Young Leader in Sep 2019. Is a member of Severndroog Explorer Scout Unit.

Tara M. - Joined St James' Scouts in 2017 and was a Patrol Leader. Gained her Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2020. A member of Severndroog Explorer Scout Unit.

Ella W. Another ex-Patrol Leader from St Michaels Troop. Achieved Gold in 2021. Also a member of Severndroog Explorers

St Michael's Beavers

Rose B. – Came from Cubs in 2015 and was a Patrol Leader in St Michael's Troop. Gained Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2019. Another member of Severndroog Explorers.

Molly S. - Came from Cubs in 2015 and was a Patrol Leader in St Michael's Troop. Gained Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2019 and another Severndroog. She has been selected for the 25th World Jamboree in South Korea in 2023.

St German's Cubs

Holly S. – Was a founding member of the St James Troop and gained the Chief Scouts Gold Award in 2020 and is now a member of Severndroog Explorer Scouts, She too has been selected for the 25th World Jamboree next year.

Madison W. - Joined in 2011 and was a Beaver, Cub and St Michael's Scout. She gained the Chief Scouts Gold Award in 2019 and attended the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. She is now a member of Severndroog Explorer Scouts

Megan T. - Joined the Group in 2016 and is still a member of St James Troop, She is another selected to go to the 25th World Jamboree next year.

St Michael's Cubs

Dylan T. – Had been a Beaver, Cub and a St Michael's Scout. He was another Patrol Leader and Gold Award holder (2019). Another member of Severndroog. Dylan is also an Assistant District Youth Commissioner.

William W, Isobel B and Isabella T - Are all helping us as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Leo J - Was a former Cub with 40th Greenwich now helping as part of the D of E commitments.

St James' Scouts

Lily S. – Was a St Michael's Scout and gained Gold in 2021. She is also a member of Severndroog Explorers.

St Michael's Scouts

George O'C. – George came from Cubs in 2015 and was Patrol Leader in St Michael's Scouts. He is a member of Severndroog Explorer Scout Unit. He gained Chief Scout's Gold in 2018.

Martha O'C. – Martha also came from Cubs in 2015 and was another Patrol Leader. Gained Chief Scout's Gold in 2019 and is also a member of Severndroog.

Mathilda S. – Mathilda joined the Troop in 2016 and was elected as a Patrol Leader. She too gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2019 and is another member of Severndroog.

Dylan T. – As well as being a Young Leader with Cubs he also works with the Scouts.

Molly S. - As well as being a Cubs Young Leader she also works with the Scouts.

Sam B. - Was a St Michael's Scout who gained Gold in 2021 and is now at Severndroog Explorers.

The following two pages set out the Statements of Financial Activities and Adjusted Cash for 40th Greenwich for the year ended 31 March 2022, with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 shown for comparison. They are still in draft, pending approval by our Independent Examiner.

As set out in the Statements of Financial Activities and Adjusted Cash, the Group operates a “Main Fund” and a separate designated “Activity Fund”. Whilst these funds form the overall monies available to the Group, the Activity Fund is ring-fenced from the Main Fund, and has two main functions:

- First, it is used to capture surpluses from camps and activities, so that they can be used to offset deficits from others or to contribute towards the costs of future camps or activities, allowing them to operate at a reduced price; and
- Second, it allows individual scouts to use a portion of any funds they help raise for the Group (e.g. through bag packing activities) to “purchase” activities or camps, or to pay for membership subscriptions.

The year saw the restart of camps and activities after their enforced cessation as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Both income and expenditure have, therefore, significantly increased over the prior year. The group believes it provides significant value for money in terms of the camps and activities that run throughout the year, and seeks to break even both by individual event and across the year. Planning for a large body of scouts where attendance can be uncertain is however complex, so both surpluses and deficits arise, which as noted above are captured in the Activity Fund to help smooth fluctuations. Across the year as a whole, the total cost of camps and activities slightly exceeded income received, the difference easily covered by other income, primarily fees (subs).

At the end of the year, the group’s bank balance stood at a healthy £25,758. The adjusted bank balance (which takes into account the timing of cash receipts and expenditure, to allocate them to the period to which they relate) was approximately £10,000 higher, at £35,031.

Gift Aid received in the year was £7,738. Gift Aid adds significant funds to the Group at no additional cost to parents and carers. Could I continue to encourage all who are able to do so to take advantage of this benefit by signing into your child’s page in Online Scout Manager and completing the simple form there. This would produce the equivalent of a further quarter of the subs collected.

40th Greenwich is a very large group where events take a lot of financial planning. 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.

40th 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.

Please remember that you can support our Scout Group by using our Easy Fundraising page www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/40thgreenwichscouts. Family and friends can sign up too so please share the link – and if available to you please consider accessing matched funding made available by your employer.



Andrew Daley, Group Treasurer

Figure 1 - Draft Statement of Financial Activities (awaiting review and approval from the Independent Examiner)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2021/22			2020/21		
	Overall Group £	Main Fund £	Activity Fund £	Overall Group £	Main Fund £	Activity Fund £
INCOME						
Income from membership						
- Membership subscriptions	23,905.00	23,905.00	-	16,135.00	16,135.00	-
- less Annual Membership Fee ©	(10,595.00)	(10,595.00)	-	(11,377.50)	(11,377.50)	-
	13,310.00	13,310.00	-	4,757.50	4,757.50	-
Income from activities						
- Camp fees	18,035.00	18,403.10	3,121.33			
- Meetings & other activities	8,993.65	10,024.36	346.05	146.40	276.69	-
Fundraising & donations	500.00	500.00	-	1,100.00	1,100.00	-
Gift Aid	7,738.65	7,738.65		6,143.14	6,143.14	
Other income	190.00	190.00		682.87	214.60	468.27
	<u>48,767.30</u>	<u>50,166.11</u>	<u>3,467.38</u>	<u>12,829.91</u>	<u>12,491.93</u>	<u>468.27</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Infrastructure Costs						
- Venue Hire	(5,056.00)	(5,056.00)	-	(1,030.00)	(1,030.00)	-
- Insurance	(519.80)	(519.80)	-	(398.94)	(398.94)	-
Cost of activities						
- Camps	(17,165.34)	(20,286.67)	(368.10)	(151.92)	(220.19)	
- Meetings & Activities	(10,550.00)	(10,836.05)	(1,030.71)	(406.44)	(406.44)	(130.29)
- Badges	(2,349.10)	(2,349.10)	-	(1,655.09)	(1,655.09)	-
- Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment costs						
- Camping equipment	(1,783.78)	(1,568.63)	(215.15)	-	-	-
- Repairs & maintenance	(142.56)	(142.56)	-	(170.00)	(170.00)	-
Administration & sundry expense	(4,108.53)	(4,107.53)	(1.00)	(833.66)	(833.66)	-
Charitable donations	-	-	-	(40.84)	(40.84)	-
	<u>(41,675.11)</u>	<u>(44,326.34)</u>	<u>(1,614.96)</u>	<u>(4,746.83)</u>	<u>(4,815.16)</u>	<u>(130.29)</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME / (DEFICIT)	7,092.19	5,239.77	1,852.42	8,014.75	7,676.77	337.98
BALANCE 1 APRIL 2021 (/2020)	27,939.11	18,961.29	8,977.82	19,924.36	11,284.52	8,639.84
BALANCE 31 MARCH 2022 (/2021)	<u>35,031.30</u>	<u>24,201.06</u>	<u>10,830.24</u>	<u>27,939.11</u>	<u>18,961.29</u>	<u>8,977.82</u>

© The Scout Association policy is to net these two as we are only acting as agents for them in this payment.

Figure 2 - Draft Statement of Adjusted Cash Balance (awaiting review and approval from the Independent Examiner)

Statement of Adjusted Cash Balance

	2022	2021
Balance at bank - 31 March 2022	25,758.01	19,396.38
2022/23 payments made before 1 April 2022	12,799.93	10,695.00
2022/23 receipts received before 1 April 2022	(1,200.00)	(1,820.00)
2021/22 payments made after 1 April 2022	(2,326.64)	(332.27)
2021/22 receipts received after 1 April 2022	-	-
	<u>35,031.30</u>	<u>27,939.11</u>

Balances as at 31 March 2022

Main Fund	24,201.06	18,961.29
Activity Fund	10,830.24	8,977.82
	<u>35,031.30</u>	<u>27,939.11</u>

SIGNED: _____
 NAME/POSITION: _____
 DATE: _____

I will report on the events that were for everyone in our group and some Leaders' news.

Do put the date in your diary of the next Family Camp – **30 Sept. - 2 Oct. 2022**. Let's hope that it is drier than last year's camp. It rained for something like 36 hours but the human spirit prevailed and we managed to find things to do in spite of the weather.

All leaders and the Group Executive Committee continue to ensure that we regularly refresh our training on the key topics as mandated by the Scouts Association such as the First Aid, Safeguarding and Safety training. Some of our new leaders will be undertaking some 20 training modules in the next few years to achieve their 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 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

25th World Scout Jamboree - Korea2023 "Draw Your Dream"

The World Scout Jamboree is the largest scouting event organised by the Scout Movement, gathering up to 50,000 people from all over the world. It is above all an educational event to promote peace and understanding.

We are delighted that six 40th Greenwich Scouts have been selected to represent South London Scouts at the 25th World Scout Jamboree this year being held in Korea in August 2023!

Eres T., Megan T., Molly S. , Clara B. , Ella W. and Holly S.

For more details, please contact the official website <https://www.2023wsjkorea.org/>

South London Scouts Croatia 2023 #SLSCroatia23

South London Scouts are hosting a Jamboree style International activity experience in Croatia in 2023. The focus will be on fun and growth, and giving the whole team new experiences. We are delighted that eight 40th Greenwich Scouts have been selected to join this event out of over 130 South London representatives.

Mimi V., Kate G., Arran Q, Oscar BF., Sam H., Oliver PS., Jared S. and Natalie S.



DBS clearance

You will need one from the Scout Association if you want to help regularly (more than three times a term) or help with an overnight camp or sleepover. This includes staying overnight at the Family Camp. This is separate from one for your work or other activities. If you have already done one it is valid for five years. If you would like to have one then please contact Conway Tearle – gsl@g40scouts.org.uk who will help with getting one for you.

Gift Aid Scheme

Can I encourage you to sign up for the Gift Aid Scheme, please? This can be done via the Parent Portal in OSM. If everyone were to sign up it would significantly increase the funds available to the group to spend on activities. An easy win for a few hours' work.

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 Tearle, Group Scout Leader
gsl@g40scouts.org.uk

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

ST MICHAEL'S SCOUT TROOP REPORT FOR 2021/22

Since the last annual meeting of the Group Council, the Scout Troop has met at St Michaels or run activities elsewhere on 38 Fridays. We have offered 19 Nights away, 16 in tents.

Membership

We began the year with 33 members. We now have 32. Six of those who left had reached their 14th birthday and two moved away from the area. In 2020 we reported 43 members!

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Sam B., Agnes P., Ella W., Theo S. and Gethin T. were presented with their certificates at the Annual Meeting last year and Lily S. received hers in September.

Lois C., Rupert D., Kate G., Eden J., Oliver S. and Beatrice S. are due to get theirs at the Annual meeting this year.



Since the annual meeting last year our programme has included:

Summer 2021 Water Activities at Danson Park – dinghies, kayaks, bell boats.

Autumn 2021 Communicator Badge and Climber Badge, Jamboree on the Air – Jamboree on the Internet, Korfbal.

Spring 2022 District Quiz, Chef Badge, Local Knowledge Badge, Geocaching.

Summer 2022 Global Issues Badge, Water Activities at Danson Park – dinghies, kayaks, bell boats, Cyclist Badge.

COMBINED PROGRAMME

For many other activities the two Scout Troops combined:

- July** 32 Scouts attended a two night camp at Eleven Acres. Downe.
24 Scouts attended a seven night Summer Camp at Thriftwood, Brentwood.
- September** 24 Scouts attended a two night camp at Eleven Acres. Downe.
- November** 43 Scouts joined the Annual Night Hike in the North Downs.
Food Collection at TESCO Woolwich for the Greenwich Foodbank.
- December** Christmas Parents' Evening at St Michaels.
46 members - Ice Skating and Pizza in Greenwich with a Secret Santa.
- January** 20 Families did the New Year Family Hike round Shoreham and had lunch in The Kings Arms.
- February** 57 Scouts for an Activity Weekend at Kingswood, Ashford
31 Scouts planted trees in Avery Hill Park.
- March** 41 Scouts for the Cardboard Box Sleepout at St Michaels. We raised at least £3000 for the Single Homeless Project.

We attended a performance of Private Peaceful at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley.

April We were represented at the District Scout Forum.
37 Scouts booked for the 3 night May Camp at Eleven Acres, Downe.



May 39 Scouts at the District Tag Rugby
16 older Scouts completed the Expedition Challenge camping at Frylands Wood.
Platinum Jubilee Party

June 27 Scouts attended a two night camp at Eleven Acres, Downe.

We offer a huge thank you to all our parents for paying for all the activities, providing transport and all their other support.

John

ST JAMES'S SCOUT TROOP REPORT FOR 2021/22

Membership

We began the year with 25 members. We now have 33. Ten have left, four of whom had reached their 14th birthday. 12 have joined us from cubs and 6 from outside.

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Louisa C, Tallulah P, Oscar BF, Megan T, Jessica D, Clara B, Fenella K and Remy T are due to get their awards at the Annual meeting this year.



Meetings

We have mostly mirrored the programme at St Michael's.

We also offer a huge thank you to all our parents for paying for all the activities, providing transport and all their other support.

Conway

CUB PACK REPORT

After two Covid interrupted years it was great to be able to offer a year of full activities to the Cubs, and get back to meeting face to face. We are also delighted to report that we have two full packs of Cubs, have had a busy year and have awarded lots of badges, including Silver Chief Scouts awards to:

Wednesday : Having had a fun year, some of our Cubs enjoyed it so much that they stayed on past 10 and a half. The following are about to be awarded their Silver Award - Iona Wearmouth, Rose Bingham, Daniel Radford, Sophia Onoura, George Klaentschi. There are quite a few behind them who are very close.



Thursday: Sadie C, Harvey P, Robbie MA, Polly R, Megan D, Amelie T, Charlie G, Anya G, Emma C, Ruby G, Annabelle G

We kicked the year off with a short camp at Downe to get reacquainted with being outdoors. We then did the Road Safety badge, the Cubs gave a presentation to parents, and we took part in Parliament Week and learnt about the Air Ambulance and Terra Cycling. We had a night hike before half terms and Christmas was marked with a bowling party at Lewisham Lanes.

In the New Year we had an indoor camp at Thriftwood, which saw the Cubs throwing axes and peddle carting. We celebrated the Winter Olympics and Chinese New Year playing Chinese games and eating Chinese food and learning about their culture and folk stories. We took part in the Big Bird Watch and made some bird feeders. The Science badge saw us conducting some fun and messy experiments.

The Creekside walk was a new activity for us and saw the Cubs looking resplendent in wellies, red waterproofs and staves as they waded up Deptford Creek observing the wildlife and even finding some well washed £10 notes. We had various Cubs and their parents help out at the service days at Farjeon Road and Downe. We also did lots of planting at Farjeon Road and thank you to Marks and Spencers at the Standard who donated a whole trolley of plants to us that were otherwise slightly past it. We also squeezed in the district Cub Camp, climbing at the Reach and Clip and Climb, a trip to the RAF museum, athletics at Greenwich Park, an RNLI talk, lots of smores, a night hike and more smores.

We'll finish the year with three exciting nights of Watersports at Danson Park, Sailing, Kayaking and Canoeing.

We look forward to more camps next year in our new tents, the previous tents having been retired after twenty years of sterling service.

In September we said goodbye to Laura Brown as an assistant leader in the Wednesday cubs. We would like to thank Laura for all of her support, particularly through the challenges of Zoom, which was hugely appreciated.

Many thanks as always to our fantastic young leaders, Madison and Dylan who give up so much of his time to all sections, Holly and Megan, Izzy and Bella for all of the arts and decoupage activities, William who has stayed on past his DofE commitments, to continue to help out, teach the Cubs scouting skills and help them get their badges, and to Leo Jaines who is a former Cub who has recently joined us as a young leader.

Finally, to the parents who help out at Cub meetings either in the hall, at the camps or otherwise outside, sometimes walking round in the cold, the dark and the rain, sometimes cooking sausages over campfires, but often telling us afterwards how much they enjoyed it! We would certainly recommend volunteering to all the parents, this is how we all started as Leaders and it's certainly been very rewarding and entertaining.

Geraint, Chris, Harriet, Kevin and Kathryn

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Some examples of our Cub's activities over the last year



BEAVER REPORT

How wonderful it is to be doing real scouting again and beavers of both colonies have had a very busy and rewarding year.

At St Michael's 14, joined, 1 left and 7 went up to cubs with 3 waiting to go up to cubs in September.

At St Germans , 18 joined, 3 moved away, 3 left, 1 moved section and 11 went up to Cubs.

Programme – St Michael's

Brenda Openshaw, Beaver Scout Leader

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 the challenge they enjoy it.

Once again this year the Beavers, as the name suggests , have been very busy and shown themselves to be very enthusiastic and very conscientious with extra badges being completed at home. Over the year there have been 330 badges awarded including Challenge badges, Activity badges and Staged badges . We have concentrated on the Communicator, Safety, Disability Awareness, Book Reader, Faith and International badges, and the Emergency Aid badge stages 1 and 2. Some of the Beavers chose to do the Blue Peter Green Badge at home and as well as the badge they received vouchers that allow them to visit over 200 attractions free of charge.

This year we supported the District at their Disability Awareness Badge day and their Explore Badge day when we did a Treasure Hunt around Greenwich Park. The District had 2 Pet Photographic competitions and Ella and Scarlett entered their kitten without success but as we always say it is the taking part that is important not the winning. Better luck girls next time.

When we started back in September we were able to take the beavers out to activities once again and we immediately booked Climbing, Trampolining and Ten-Pin Bowling and we joined the St German's beavers for a sleepover at Avery Hill. At Christmas we had our craft sessions making cards, calendars and presents and for Mother's Day we made a card and a basket of chocolates for the Mums and this was closely followed by Easter when we had an Easter Egg Hunt and made Easter nests. The Summer term began with the Group's St George's Day when we paraded our flag and 2 beavers read a prayer. Congratulations to Holly and Oliver who read the prayers and to Michael, Henry and Hugh who escorted the flag. Recently 9 beavers came to the RAF Museum at Hendon where we worked on the Air Activities Staged badge, a great day was had by the parents and beavers. We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a party. Before the end of term the Beavers will get the chance to visit the Cubs at camp, go for a hike in Charlton Park and see the Thames Barrier, have a sports day and we finish the term with a BBQ cooked by themselves.

8 Beavers have achieved the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award a beaver can achieve. Our congratulations go to James W., Sebastian U., Khamson V., Hugh B., Michael M., Henry B., Sebastian Mc and Jacob A.



Now as I am not getting any younger, I have relied very much on Sam especially and Rose and Molly, the Explore Scouts, to help me maintain my presence at Beavers and to provide our programme throughout the year. When my team is not available, as when I had Covid back in March, the parents rallied round and it is this parental support which has enabled the colony to continue to flourish. Thank you all so much, your children and the leaders have benefited a great deal from your offers of assistance.

I would like to thank Hayley and Graham for their continued support.

I cannot finish without a special thank you to Sam who has been ever present communicating with the parents, keeping OSM up to date and supporting me. The beavers, parents and me owe you a great debt of gratitude for all your contributions that help to make this a very successful colony.

Brenda

Programme – St Germans

Sue Tearle, Beaver Scout Leader

Our programme gives the Beavers the opportunity to earn challenge and activity badges with the highest award being the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Collectively the Beavers have gained 328 badges including 5 bronze awards: Silvan W , Max H , Jonah R , Thomas P , Arthur C. Well done to all of them.



In the autumn term, we did the Safety badge with a visit to Lee Green Fire station and the Communicator badge plus a choice of the Hobbies or Collector badge. There was also a visit to Oxygen free jump and a number of Beavers also attended a rather wet Family camp. Later in October we held a joint Sleepover with the St Michael's colony at Avery Hill.

In the Spring term we worked on the Experiment, Book Reader and Space badges. In February the beavers visited Clip n Climb and my thanks go to Jill and Sam Gregory who stepped in for us as we had Covid. The Beavers also took part in the District "Pasta Swap" challenge, which was to swap Greenwich Food bank's pasta mountain for the food they needed and in the process they gained their Community Impact badge.

In the Summer term we attended the St George's Day parade and the Church parade service at St Michael's. We went to Oxleas wood for our annual Beaver ramble and gained a Hike away and Navigator level 1. The beavers also completed the Sports, Gardener and International badges. In June, 16 beavers attended a Beaver Fun Day and Sleepover at Avery Hill with a Robin Hood theme and 12 stayed the night in tents, a number for the first time. Fun was had by all and my thanks go to the parents who helped and to Ella.

Over this year we have also worked on various parts of the challenge badges and done our usual collection of crafts for Christmas, Easter & Mother's day.

My thanks go to Conway and Scott and to my young leaders Thomas & Ella. I really appreciate your help and support.

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

Beavers at Oxleas Woods



40th Greenwich Maintenance Days

We have run a series of sessions so far this year to assist the District to take care and improve our District's Assets to benefit our current and future Beavers, Cubs and Scouts experience.

Farjeon Road – April 2022

Approximately 40 cubs, scouts, young leaders, leaders and parents all met at Farjeon Road and undertook a range of jobs:

- Emptied and rationalised the contents of the garage
- Built the giant composter and filled it with on-site biodegradable debris (sticks, leaves etc.)
- Chopped up branches and logs for firewood
- Cleared weeds and debris from around the perimeter fence
- Laid down weed prevention membrane and spread wood chips

This was a wonderfully productive day, and a great team building exercise! Many thanks to all involved. We intend to make this an annual event.

Subsequently there has been further work on the site infrastructure, and the old metal container has been sent for recycling.



Isn't the site looking fantastic?!



Many thanks to Chris and Harriet who have created the vision for this site and spearheaded the work that has taken place. It is easy to forget how far we have come. In April 2021, there was paint pots in the middle of the field and the Woodland Nursery were prepared to walk away from the site. Special thanks goes out to Geraint Thomas who was able to action the disposal of the hazardous paint and ongoing support at the site. Also thanks to all the people who did two early morning work days of shipping detritus up the lane on the trolley to the skip. Those two days provided the momentum to move the site forward and enabled the removal of the first lorry back.

Eleven Acres, Downe – 2 May 2022

Approximately 20 cubs, scouts, young leaders, leaders and parents met:

- Emptied and rationalised the contents of the middle garage
- Transported rubbish and debris up to the site entrance for recycling
- Tidied and cleaned the Brownsea Hut
- Cleared rubbish and debris from behind the Brownsea Hut
- Transported biodegradable debris down to the wooded lower section of the site

Many thanks to everyone involved, in some strenuous activity. Again a very productive day!

There is a further Eleven Acres maintenance session planned for September, during which we intend to replace certain elements of the garage roof to get it ready for winter, and erect a chestnut paling fence along the southern perimeter.

We also plan a number of further site improvements in 2022, including infrastructural work in the garages, the Brownsea Hut, and the toilet block, as well as decorative work in the Brownsea Hut.



If you are interested to help, please watch out for more details from the Leaders or contact Clive clive.grethe@icloud.com

Nick Dennison

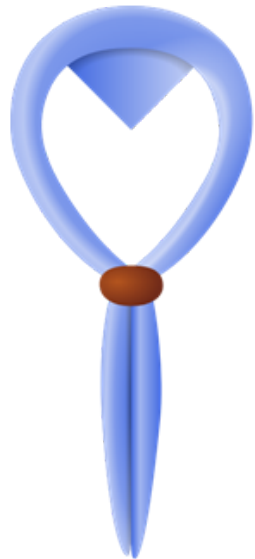


40th Greenwich Scouts



90 years of service

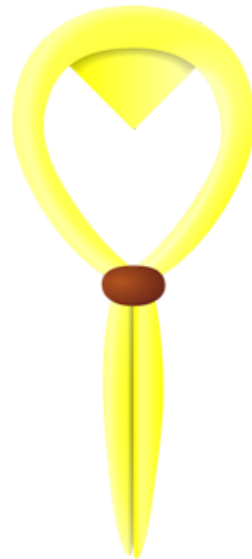
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1955



1981



1990



2001



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 th Greenwich First registered	50 th Greenwich formed by leaders of 40 th Greenwich	11 th Lewisham North	Moved from Village Hall	7 th Greenwich joined 40 th Greenwich	40 th Greenwich and 11 th 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

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.
ABSL	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
ACC	Assistance County Commissioners
ACSL	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
ADC	Assistance District Commissioners
AESL	Assistant Explorer Scout Leader
AGSL	Assistant Group Scout Leader
ASL	Assistant Scout Leader
Beaver Colony	A Beaver Scout Section that may be divided into small groups called Lodges. Beavers are aged 6 - 8.
Beaver section Leaders	Beavers section Leaders are named after wild animals.
BSL	Beaver Scout Leader (Brenda Openshaw - St Michaels, Sue Tearle - Blackheath Prep).
CC	County Commissioner (Darren Lodge - South London).
CSL	Cub Scout Leader (Chris Bishop - St Michaels, Geraint Thomas - Blackheath Prep).
Cub Pack	A Cub Scout Section that will be divided into groups called Sixes, each led by a Sixer. Cubs are aged 8 - 10½.
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.
DC	District Commissioner (John Sweeney - Royal Greenwich)
ESL	Explorer Scout Leader
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.
Explorer Unit	An Explorer Scout Unit is managed by the District. Members are 14 - 18.
Group	The local unit of Scouting that will consist of one or more section led by a Group Scout Leader GSL .
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).
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.
JOTA JOTI	Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA JOTI) are real jamborees during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas shared using radios, phones, chat rooms and skype.
OSM	Online Scout Manager manages the administration of 95% of UK scout groups.
POR	Scouting's Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) provides support and guidance to help us all run Scouting. https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/
Scout Network	This is a County coordinated network for members aged 18 - 25.
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.
Section Leaders	Each Section will have its own Leaders, usually a Section Leader supported by Assistant Section Leaders together with helpers and instructors.
SL	Scout Leader (John Twidale - St Michaels, Conway Tearle - St James).
TSA	The Scout Association.
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.
YL	Young Leaders of the district Explorer (YL) section aged 14 to 18.
Zoom	It provides <u>videotelephony</u> and <u>online chat</u> services through a cloud-based <u>peer-to-peer</u> software platform. This is preferred platform recommended by the Scouts Association.