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# Sevenoaks Newslink

A Monthly Magazine for Leaders and Supporters of Scouting in Sevenoaks



## 2015 Sevenoaks District Scouts Annual General Meeting

The hall was full for this year's Annual General Meeting at the 4ths Mill Lane Headquarters which shared the evening with a special awards ceremony for Scouts, Explorers and Leaders.

With the sectional reports, District Commissioners report, Chairman's report and Treasures report circulated beforehand the meeting was able to proceed quickly with just the business of voting on various members of the District Executive and Scout Council to take care of.

The Sevenoaks Active Support put on a buffet full of goodies for all to tuck into throughout the evening. The District President Dudley Barrow, Silver Wolf and MBE was in attendance but it was others that awarded various certificates to the young people and Service certificates to the Leaders.

Hugh Field, however, had the honour to present Wood beads to Duncan Harper and explained that as a Wood Badge holder himself he was entitled to make the presentation. I think this is a great tradition and remember a time when all awards were presented by members of our own organisation even if others backed them up to acknowledge and witness the event.

Proud Scouts and Explorer Scouts with their certificates escape outdoors for a photo shoot.



*Pictures by Steve Bridges*

## Newslink Question of the Month

Why are the Yearly Reports in a language we all understand except for the Treasures Report?

Okay so maybe I'm the only one, but am I?

# Cub Scouts Silver Awards

On Friday 19th June Sevenoaks cubs were invited to the Town Council office's at Bradbourne Vale Road to receive their Silver Awards

The Town Mayor, councillor Stephen Arnold presented the awards along with the DC and ADC Cubs

17 Cubs attended this special presentation from:

1st Braeside, 1st Hicks own, 3rd Stanhope, 7th Halstead and 15th Waingunga

The Mayor expressed his admiration for the hard work that they had put in to get the award and had his picture taken with each of the young people.

As an old scout himself he remembered fondly his time in scouts especially a particular wide game his troop played.



***Cubs with their leaders celebrate receiving the  
Chief Scout Silver Award  
Lots of work from all concerned***

*Picture by  
Roger Perkins*



## 16<sup>th</sup> Ide Hill Cubs Visit D C's House

Yes, of course it was the other D C and if they look a little tired it's because they have just done a Monopoly Run type of treasure hunt around London.

In the interest of good reporting I asked Mandy, their Akela, for the route and walked it with my substantially better half the very next day and what a great time we had. As the cubs had before us we discovered many interesting facts about London and saw some great landmarks some of which the cubs will have had some good giggles over – Farting Lane for one!

I absolutely love this kind of challenge and this route was ide hill, *oops sorry* - Ideal.



## A NEW Exciting Event for the Cub Section

The Cub leaders are being invited to send a team of cubs to take part in a new event that Richard has thought up called the DC's Challenge.

The teams will have three hours to set up their camp site make their camp gadgets and brew a cup of tea.

The teams are expected not to have any help with setting up their camp site unless they are a young inexperienced team.

Teams:

Five cubs with one leader. (*The leaders will swap to help with teams other than their own*)

Task:

Pitch a dining shelter or something similar

Pitch a four/five person tent

Make two camp gadgets

Rope off the camp site

Make a small fire

Boil enough water to make a cuppa



Teams that are capable of setting up their camping areas on their own will have adult help with getting the main guy lines pegged out on their dining shelter or the equivalent.

A leader will also supervise the lighting of the fire from a distance.

This is a great new challenge event and will hopefully be successful and take the place of some of those that have become less popular over the years.

*Your intrepid Newslink reporter will be on site to report on events.*





# WOW!

It all starts here for the Otford Beavers - shelter building in the woods what could be more fun and loads more exciting times to be had.

*Mum... Look what we built!*



The Beaver Scouts have done a brilliant job but click on or copy the link below into your browser and watch what they could be achieving in just a few years' time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=538&v=nCKkHqlx9dE>

## Newslink

There will not be an August Newslink so please send all your special Summer Camp photos and reports in for inclusion in the September edition. I know there are loads of stories around The Big Night Out and two are printed below but where did your Group/ Section camp and what did you get up to.

Have a great couple of summer months (as I type it is sweltering hot) and soon we'll all be together again for the lead up to Christmas!!!



# SCOUT SHOP

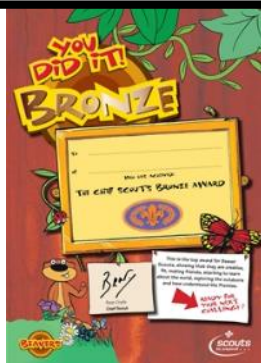


## Chief Scout's Bronze Award YOU DID IT

This is the top award for Beaver Scouts. This is to show that you have made Bronze, explored the outdoors and learnt about the world. It also shows that you have completed all of the challenges and have been awarded the Bronze Award. Well done! Ready for your next challenge?

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
of: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has achieved the top award for the Beaver Scout section, the Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

*Beaver Scout Leader*  
Scout Shop



## CERTIFICATE OF INVESTITURE

This is to certify that

was invested as a Beaver Scout

in the \_\_\_\_\_ Beaver Colony

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Beaver Scout Leader)



## Chief Scout's Silver Award YOU'VE REACHED THE TOP

This is the top award for Cub Scouts. This is to show that you are adventurous, have helped your community and have learnt about the world. It also shows that you have completed all of the challenges and have been awarded the Silver Award. Well done! Ready for your next challenge?

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
of: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has achieved the top award for the Cub Scout section, the Chief Scout's Silver Award.

*Cub Scout Leader*  
Scout Shop

## CERTIFICATE OF INVESTITURE

This is to certify that

was invested as a Cub Scout

in the \_\_\_\_\_ Cub Pack

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cub Scout Leader)



## Chief Scout's Gold Award A REAL ACHIEVEMENT

This is the top award for Scouts. This is to show that you are adventurous, creative, have helped your community and have learnt about the world. It also shows that you have completed all of the challenges and have been awarded the Gold Award. Well done! Ready for your next challenge?

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
of: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has achieved the top award for the Scout section, the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

*Scout Leader*  
Scout Shop



## Chief Scout's Platinum Award HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Congratulations on receiving your Platinum Award! This means you have completed a highly challenging experience, developed a skill, undertaken a personal challenge, provided service and have undertaken an adventurous expedition. It also means that you have explored international and environmental issues. Ready for your next challenge?

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
of: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has achieved the Chief Scout's Platinum Award.

*Scout Leader*  
Scout Shop



## Chief Scout's Diamond Award LIVE LIFE ON THE EDGE

Congratulations on receiving your Diamond Award! This means you have completed a highly challenging experience, developed a skill, undertaken a personal challenge, provided service and have undertaken an adventurous expedition. It also means that you have explored international and environmental issues. Ready for your next challenge?

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
of: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has achieved the Chief Scout's Diamond Award.

*Scout Leader*  
Scout Shop

**The Scout Shop is now closed for the summer and will not open again until 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

We would like to thank all our customers and the Groups that support us throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all on both sides of the counter over the next 12 months. Please remember that each year the Scout Shop makes a profit from its sales and that profit goes towards Scout Shop staff holidays to the Caribbean.

This is obviously not true but rest assured that when Jeanette, who manages the shop, reads it she *will* choke on her tea! Actually all the profit goes into District Funds and amounts to quite a large sum each year so keep popping in and don't forget your 10% leader discount and NO postage!



## Young Leaders' Scheme CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on completing the Young Leaders' Scheme! This award means that you have successfully completed all of the training for the 10 modules and been a part of a younger section to complete the four missions. Ready for your next challenge?

This is to certify that

has successfully completed the Young Leaders' Scheme.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Young Leaders' Scheme Leader*  
Scout Shop

All these certificates, posters and more are available at the Scout Shop

## Cubs Year of Adventure Activities Badge Set

**Code:106977**

**(Set of 5 for £5.00 save £2  
against individual price)**



This is a complete set of the ten Year of Adventure badges which fit together to make the shape of the cub paw print. Buy this set and save £2 against the price of buying individually. A fantastic way to celebrate the Year of Adventure activities with a puzzle badge.

The Year of Adventure is now well underway and what better a way to show everyone how much fun Cubs are having than with these fun badges! Each badge has been carefully designed to show what themes Cubs have undertaken throughout the year, whether it be water, air or teamwork activities, these badges are a great way to demonstrate the achievement of Cubs throughout The Year of Adventure. Details of the Year of the Adventure can be found **Here** [https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/YOA\\_FINAL\\_V2.pdf](https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/YOA_FINAL_V2.pdf)

Additional features:

Set of 10 badges which can be placed together to form the Cubs paw print

Different badge for each month's activity based challenge

Save £2 against the price of buying individually

Can be used on blankets, hoodies, t-shirts etc



The Big Night Out was an idea from Kent Scouts to get as many people in scouting as possible to camp out over the night of 27<sup>th</sup> June .Many Beavers, Cubs ,Scouts, Explorers, Young Leaders, and not so young leaders around Sevenoaks took part over the weekend with some extending the event to two nights.

Some Cub packs and Troops camped on their own sites and some joined together to share facilities but whatever all had a fine weekend for the camps with just a few drops of rain at about 4am on Sunday. Who else noticed that I wonder?

The District Beaver team joined forces with the Explore Scouts and set up camp on the field by the Ide Hill headquarters and about 80 Beavers joined them there for a day full of adventure and fun.

Below are a couple of reports from Groups and some pictures of others that I have found on the internet.

If you have a report or some special pictures of this event please pass them to Newslink for inclusion in the September edition.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks

At the 4th our Scouts camped for 2 nights and Cubs plus Beavers joined by 6th and 9th Cubs pitched their tents on Friday night to then arrive for a day of fun activities on our site on the Saturday morning, followed by camp fire & "some" sleep! This was a first camp for many and we had 16 of 24 from our new Greatness pack camping plus some Beavers and Cubs of only a few weeks joining us for the day's activities. The 4th also joined in with the "tweeting" which started with the creation of @4thSevenoaks at 5:30am with a photo of our quiet campsite ready for action!

We had a Water Aid theme - teams were named after things we take for granted - Toilet, Tap, Bath, Shower and Drain. The teams rotated through 5 bases:- our aerial runway and scramble net, water transfer challenge - involving a leaky bucket and our trim trail, soap carving, key ring knotting, woggle making and rope making, a water facts quiz and soft archery. Each team were also "trained" by 2 of our Young leaders to lead a camp fire song for later. Parents were asked to set their YP a personal challenge for camp and sponsor them to achieve it! This ranged from:- stay for the first ever night of camping, don't lose anything, try your hardest, sing a camp fire song and have fun! We are fairly confident that they all did have FUN from the fantastic feedback so far.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks

The 7<sup>th</sup> group had Beavers camping at Ide Hill all day and over Saturday night, cubs camping on the Friday and Saturday night at their headquarters and the scouts hiking into their site and camping for the Big Night.

Beavers joined in with the district beavers for a great day of fun and adventure whilst our cubs went on a late Wide Game in Andrews Wood on Friday and then went on different modes of transport up to and around London. The cubs popped into the O<sup>2</sup> to make a Sky TV news report and invested a cub in front of Sky cameras.

The scouts set off at lunch time on Saturday to walk from Otford through Shoreham and over the hills to Halstead. Two teams decided to take the planned route whilst the third thought that they would try an alternative more picturesque one, much to the amusement of the others when they came in a little late! The scouts went on to prepare evening meal and complete their monkey bridge project.

As with all other scouts in the area the weather was kind and allowed us to pack up dry and in record time.

Soopa Doopa!





Pictures from Ide Hill Beaver and Explorer Camp

