This newsletter will be issued monthly. Please provide any content (pictures, stories, events) to Gillan.Barnard@harrowscouts.org.uk by 18th

Scouts

Harrow

December has been a busy season of Christmas crafts, cooking and parties at section meetings with many awards presented too (see later in the newsletter). Our District Awards lead, Paul Turner has been busy getting adult leader awards distributed with some of these already handed out and others still to be presented. Taking a cautious approach in the light of the increase in Covid infections, some Groups and Units decided to cancel their physical meetings in December and we do not yet know for sure if we will be able to return f2f in January. Let's hope so!

We have a few events planned at District level for the spring term – key dates below and more details to come. A few Groups are also off to camp – some indoors and some braving the elements at February Freezer or a similar winter camp. If you want support in getting involved in something similar please speak to your DDC who can help make the connections

First edition of 2022 will be around 25th January – please send in any articles, pictures or updates in plenty of time.

Six Months of Harrow District

I hope you had a wonderful and restful Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Other than recovering from COVID whilst trying to make ready the Elizabeth line for its opening this year, I have been reflecting over the festive break on the last six months as Harrow district. It has been fantastic to see some amazing scouting across the borough. We have had hundreds of awards & badges for our young people; great group and district events including lots of fundraising activities and skills based awards, all during a continuously manic and uncertain time.

I am immensely proud and humbled by the efforts of all our volunteers and thank you for sticking with it. You really have made a difference and kept our young people engaged, excited and supported whether each week at the hut, or behind the scenes making sure it happens!

We have lots of plans and have some great opportunities for young people and volunteers. Events, permit training, social events, camping and lots, lots more! I hope whatever you are looking forward to this year, you celebrate and have lots of fun.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a successful, healthy and fun-packed 2022, and thank you again, for all your continuous hard work.

Tyler Skerton, District Commissioner.

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS & TRAINING

TRAINING: The GLMW Calendar for 2022 is already looking fairly full, so please book ahead for the training you need – especially First Aid. **Training-calendar**

DISTRICT AWARDS NIGHT: Provisionally scheduled for 19/20 February 2022 to celebrate the achievements of all our Young People and Adult Volunteers. Please add to the Diary!

DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: Sunday 27 March. Harrow Leisure Centre. Teams from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers/YLs welcomed. If you are able to help with planning or on the day, please contact Reshma Patel

GLMW LEADER SKILLS WEEKEND: with a focus on Scouting Skills for Leaders who are not from a Scouting background - Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March at Paccar Scout Campsite. Sign up here **: Skills Weekend** or any questions to Sanjay Chandarana

AROUND THE DISTRICT (1)

Awards and Presentations for many....

4th Harrow Group

Gold Chief Scout Awards for Patryk and Pawel

Bronze Chief Scout Award

Jack Petchey Award for Pawel

AMAZING LONG SERVICE!!

40 years Service for Linda Lawrence

50 years Service for Richard Bong

16th Edgware Beavers & Scouts

One Beaver Bronze Award with Mouse & Squirrel

A Jack Petchey Award for YL J. Gross

And an astonishing 9 Gold Chief Scouts Awards!!

3rd Kenton Cubs and Scouts receiving their Awards
Both September and December ceremonies….. Beavers to come in January

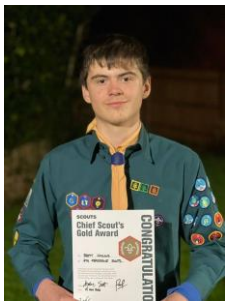
7 Silver and 7 Gold Chief Scout Awards in total !!

And a Wood Badge for Abha Mehta after 6 years supporting Beavers and then Scouts

AROUND THE DISTRICT (2)

More Awards!!

3rd Pinner awarded a Bronze CSA .



Brett and Josh from 4th Headstone Scout Group with their Gold CSAs

5th Pinner were very proud of their Jack Petchey award winner...

Presenting a Jack Petchey award and welcoming a new Leader at 6th Harrow

United Kingdom
25 WSJ Korea

There was fierce competition for places at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in summer 2023. Our County (GLMW) had over 240 applicants for its 72 places (2 Units, no 28 and 29)

Scouts and Explorers age 12 to 16 were able to apply via a comprehensive application form and a challenging one-day assessment at Paccar Campsite Well done to each young person who put themselves through this.

The following Scouts and Explorers from Harrow District were successful in gaining places and we look forward to following their journey over the next 18 months!

Unit 28

Joshua Fearnley	16th Edgware
Oli Caplan	16th Edgware
Arjun Patel	2nd Rayners Lane
JJ Jebanesan	3rd Kenton
Isobel Freeth	6th Harrow
Chloe Young	Index
Lili Woolams	Index
Hannah Crease	Rayners Lane

Unit 29

Parth Gaikwad	13th/21st Harrow
Patryk Lukasik	4th Harrow
Veronica Loraine-Grews	4th Headstone
Emily Moriuchi	8th/19th Harrow
Lilia Annon	Archers
Sara El Jacifi	Archers
Abi Caplan	Phoenix

If YOU want to see your Group or Unit featured here, please send some photos and a short report in to the Editor: Gillan Barnard

DISTRICT EVENTS

District Camp 2022

Tolmers Campsite, Cuffley, Herts

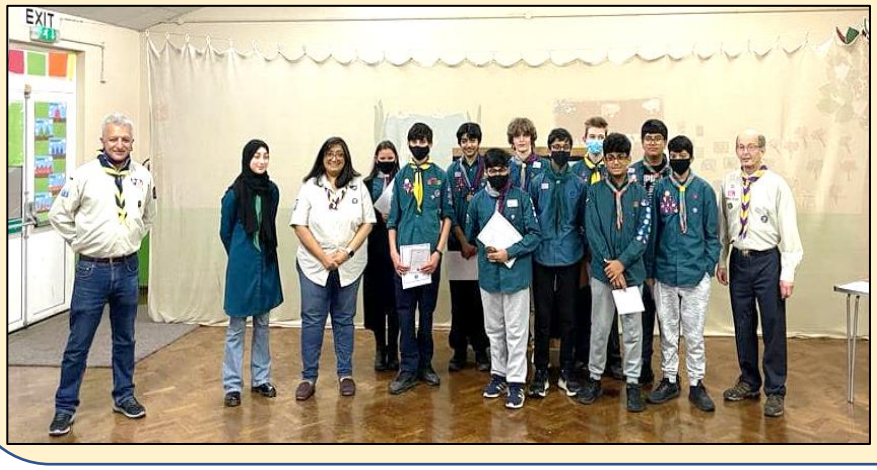
1st to 3rd July 2022

All sections, groups and units invited.

GSLs/ESLs PLEASE SEND IN YOUR NUMBERS SO WE CAN PLAN THE CAMP

Mail to *Reshma Patel* by 31st January 2022

THIS IS NOW URGENT TO ENABLE US TO PLAN THE CAMP



District Master at Arms Course

16 Scouts from across the District completed 8 weeks of training to achieve this Scout badge in Archery. Well done to each of them, and many thanks to Paul, Sanjay and Reshma for organising and instructing the course. Further training courses will be made available soon

Archery Troop Night

Here's one easy evening you can arrange for your Scouts this term!
On Thursday evenings instructors and equipment will be available for you to book an evening of Archery at the DAC for a maximum of 16 Scouts. Initially there will only be one evening available per Scout Troop – and if you will be bringing less than 16, please advise Paul Turner so we can pair you with another small group. Leaders from the troop must be in attendance to look after the scouts while they are not shooting.

Please click on this link if you would like to book a session:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thursday-evening-harrow-scouts-district-archery-tickets-236253970987

If you have any questions please get in contact with Paul Turner