



It was fantastic to see so many adult volunteers from across the District at our Founders Day social and awards ceremony on 22nd February – which included this campfire. More information and pictures page 4.

Our front page feature is the first in a new series introducing Groups across the District with 4th Headstone kicking us off – I hope to see more Groups doing this over the next few months Elsewhere in the newsletter we have an update on Nights Away Permits and adverts for many planned District events across the year. Please read carefully and sign up in plenty of time for the events you wish to join.

Finally a plea – to help St Luke's Hospice by voting for them every week online in the Asda green tokens scheme. Link here <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4688> and choose the Wembley store. Thanks everyone!

Introducing 4th Headstone Group



Hello, we are 4th Headstone (St Albans Own) Scout Group and we are based in our Scout Hut in Northumberland Road, North Harrow. We started as a group in 1930 by the then vicar at St Albans church, North Harrow and remain affiliated today. Over lockdown we had some work done on our hut to allow groups to do sleepover, this included showers, if you are interested in using our hut do let us know – gsl4thheadstone@gmail.com

Here's what our Young People like about 4th Headstone.

Scouts: Josh: We have a fun filled meeting with an amazing activity every week at our scout hut and a large range of boys and girls to become friends with. Also we do trips out including water sports, Scalextric and night hikes and every trip is thoroughly enjoyed by all our scouts. We also do adventure filled camps where you get to hang out with your friends, do more amazing activities and sleep over in tents, what could be better!

Cubs: Leo

I like Cubs because most of the time we do fun activities like learning how to do CPR for our first aid badge and making a presentation for our digital citizens badge. I enjoy going because everyone is welcoming and very kind. We sometimes play games and they are very fun.

Beavers: Shayni

We do fun things with Beavers that we wouldn't get a chance to do at school which is why I really enjoy it. My favourite has been making catapults using marshmallows. I have learnt so many things and have so many badges on my blue Beavers jumper. I want to try my best so one day my jumper will be covered with badges

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, TRAININGS

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 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: Sunday 3rd April. Teams from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers/YLs welcomed. If you can 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)

Winter Camps 3rd Kenton and 16th Edgware

The final weekend of January saw 3rd Kenton Scouts head out to Paccar for their Winter Warmer (indoor) camp. cooking



Highlights included making chocolate decorations,



cardboard ovens for pizza cooking



and a hike Sunday morning (with a coffee stop) where we met a very friendly horse



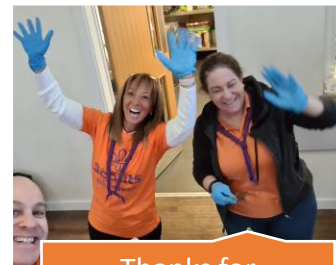
16th Edgware were also away at (indoor) Wintercamp at the end of January – at Gilwell Park. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all came together for this exciting camp.



First Wintercamp post-Lockdown!



Movie Night



Thanks for breakfast!



Ready to go up high!!



Incident Hike in the dark

AROUND THE DISTRICT (2)

4th Headstone Visit to the Zoroastrian Centre

Both the Beavers and the Cubs had a unique opportunity to visit the Zoroastrian centre in Rayners Lane. Whilst on this visit we learnt about the history of this religion, which is one of the oldest in the world and how they practice good deeds, good thoughts and good words. (Sounds a bit like Scouting!) We also learnt about the history of the building which was previously a cinema and bar – older local Leaders may remember!

We would recommend this visit to Cubs, Scouts and Explorers but not really for Beavers age - as much as our Beavers enjoyed it, it was pitched too old for their age group



Editor's Note: St Marys Church Harrow on the Hill also offer a very interesting (free) tour to uniformed organisations 😊



Safety Tip of the Month..... things we have seen 'go wrong' !

TWO Leaders who hold a current DBS must be present at all times - from the point young people arrive to the point the last one is collected or departs. This applies whether you are at your regular meeting place, on a trip or at camp. Make sure parents know not to drop-off YP until 2 Leaders are there....



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

It would be great to hear from some different Groups or Units

DISTRICT EVENTS (1)

Founders Day Event – 22nd February 2022

What a great night at the DAC! We were joined by County and Regional Commissioners to give out lots of awards to some amazing Leaders and Volunteers – just a few captured below..... Well done to everyone who received an award – and all those whose awards were ready but they couldn't make the session

Order of Merit Award Winners Presented by Richard Williams, County Commissioner




**Silver Acorns presented
by Richard Williams
with 40 years service
awards presented by
Terry Kingham, London
Regional Commissioner**

For the rest of the evening, the 150 people present enjoyed drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), two delicious curries prepared by Reshma's mother-in-law plus pizzas and puddings. Some of the children were also toasting marshmallows on the campfire. Friendships were both made and renewed and many faces put to names



DISTRICT EVENTS (2)

Register Now to be in the Tournament



ALL-SECTIONS
5 A-SIDE
FOOTBALL
Competition

Sunday 3rd April, 12pm onwards
Groups can register a max of 3 teams
Cost - £10 per group (team size 5-7 players max)
Venue - Harrow (more details in pack)

Group Leaders will be expected to referee atleast 1 game

REGISTER YOUR SECTIONS NOW AT
activities@harrowscouts.org.uk
STRICT DEADLINE 11th March 2022



Harrow District Football
Competition

REFEREES
NEEDED

VENUE: Kodak Youth FC
DATE: Sunday 3rd April
TIME: 12pm ono

Leaders, if you can help with refereeing the 5 A-Side football competition, please email me:
activities@harrowscouts.org.uk



Heads Up for Future Events



Renewal Of Promise
St Georges Day



Sunday 24th April 22

12.30pm - 1.30pm
Pinner High Street



SCOUTS
BACKWOODS COOKING
COMPETITION

17TH/18TH
SEPTEMBER 2022

PACCAR, CHALFONT

(MORE INFO TO FOLLOW)



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES



Harrow Scout & Guide Swimming Club

We are delighted to confirm that the Club is up and running, post-pandemic and now has space for new members to join. The Swimming Club offer swimming lessons to Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides who are members of Groups based in Harrow District. Applications to join are via their Scout Group – Leaders (one contact point per Group) will need to collate names to send forward.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To keep the Club running and offer even more opportunities to YP in Harrow, we need more adult volunteers to train as swimming instructors. Full training and funding for professional qualifications is available for volunteers willing to commit. The club over the years has had numerous volunteers who have used this as part of the service element of their Queens Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Award and it is a great selling skill to obtain summer jobs or part-time work for University students .

The swimming club has been going for 40 years and is the only one of its kind in Scouting & Guiding – please support it so it can continue for another 40 years!

Venue: Harrow Leisure Centre
Day: Tuesday nights (term time)
Time: 7pm till 8pm
Age: 8 to 14 Cubs & Scouts
Current cost: £25 per term.

To volunteer or register your Scout members please email jean.gregson@hotmail.co.uk



Aye Aye Cap'n Tyler!!

Our DC, Tyler is arranging an amazing Tall Ships experience for our Young People for summer 2023... and he is looking for a team of adult volunteers to join him in making it happen.

The plan is for 40 scouts and 8 leaders across 4 yachts to sail for 5 days on a Tall Ship off the English coast. It will be an experience participants will never forget!! To make the trip accessible to everyone, even those from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, funding will be made available and we hope it will cost around £250 per person.

Please email Tyler (tyler@harrowscouts.org.uk) if you are interested in being part of this project and getting this fantastic opportunity off the ground.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Nights Away Permits

Do you want to take your young people on an overnight stay adventure? After all that is what Scouting is all about. If you do, then you will need a Nights Away Permit, it shows people in Scouting, the young people and their parents that you have the necessary skills and experience to be able to lead these important events. There are several stages of permit you can obtain relevant to the nights away you are going to run, whether you are staying in indoors accommodation, camping at a Scout Campsite, camping on a farmer's field or camping out as part of a light weight expedition.

There are four categories of permit:

- **Indoor** – for staying in a building that has built in lighting and cooking facilities, toilets plumbed into a waste disposal system and running drinking water
- **Campsite** – for staying at a site that has toilets plumbed into a waste disposal system and access to running drinking water
- **Green Field** – for staying at any site where any of the above facilities do not exist – for example, a summer camp on a farmer's field
- **Lightweight Expedition** – for staying at any site for not more than one night before moving on. The core activity is a form of expedition, not residential, and all the equipment is transported with the participants. e.g. DofE hikes, expedition hikes, canoe expeditions

Those holding a Green Field Permit may lead residential events in the other three categories. Those holding a Camp Site Permit may also run indoor residential events. Those holding a Hillwalking Permit that includes lightweight camping in remote areas may also run Lightweight Expedition events. The process to gain the permit is the same for whichever type of permit you are applying for.

New Permits

There are no fixed, firm pre-requisites or required training ahead of gaining a Nights Away Permit, but it is recommended that you complete Module 16 (Residential Experiences) and Module 38 (Skills for Residential Experiences) to ensure you have the basic knowledge in theory. In addition to this, valuable experience can be gained by being part of the leadership team for residential events being run by someone else who holds a Nights Away Permit. Looking at this the other way around, gaining a permit is one way of validating modules 16 and 38.

After deciding which kind of permit you wish to apply for, you will need to plan and run a residential experience of that same type that is assessed by a Nights Away Adviser. The Nights Away Adviser will visit you about 2 weeks before the overnight stay to review your planning and look at your paperwork and will also visit you at your overnight stay to review how it is being run in practice. During this assessment you will be assessed for your skills, knowledge and experience. This assessment is not supposed to trick you or catch you out. It is to assess your level of technical competence, and your Nights Away Adviser should also be able to support and provide advice to you throughout the process of planning, running and evaluating an event, as well as assessing you.

USEFUL INFORMATION

New Permits Continued

Following a successful review, the Nights Away Adviser will recommend the permit type and any restrictions required. This will then be passed to the DC or their Deputy, who will check you hold the relevant Scout requirements, e.g. DBS, etc and they will then add the Nights Away Permit to Compass.

Only Permits that are held on Compass are classed as Valid Permits, and are able to be used to run Nights Away events.

Permit Renewals

A permit is time limited up to a maximum of five years at which point it will expire automatically if it is not renewed. If you wish to continue leading nights away events for young people you will need to apply for a new permit.

Renewal of a permit is conducted in the same way as the initial application, except the form of assessment is likely to differ. The permit holder will need to complete an application form and the Nights Away Adviser will consider the experience of the applicant and decide the most appropriate form of assessment. However, if the new permit is to exactly the same level as the old permit and you have been running residential events, there may be no need for a practical assessment. That decision is up to the Nights Away Adviser.

It is the Permit holder's responsibility to ensure that their Permit is valid at the time they run the Nights Away event. It is the GSL's and DESC's responsibility to ensure the events are being run by the holder of a valid Permit.

Valid Permits

If you think you hold a Nights Away Permit, that is not shown on Compass, then please contact Alan Sims, who will assess the evidence you have available, and will advise the next steps you need to follow to get this Permit approved and added to Compass. If your evidence is insufficient Alan will advise how you can obtain a Valid Permit and have it registered on Compass. Not all cases will require starting from scratch, it depends upon the experience you have relevant to the permit.

Further information

To apply for a new Nights Away Permit, renew a permit that is about to expire, or for further information about Nights Away Permits, please contact: Alan Sims – Deputy District Commissioner (Operations) – email: alan.sims@harrowscouts.org.uk.