

**Scouts Harrow**

**ALL-SECTIONS**

**5 A-SIDE FOOTBALL Competition**

Date: Sunday 3rd April, 12pm onwards  
Venue: Kodak Youth FC, Harrow  
Cost: £10 per group payable by 11th March  
Groups can register a max of 3 teams (1 per section)  
All details in Leaders Pack shared with your GSL

Leaders will be expected to referee atleast 1 game

**REGISTER YOUR SECTIONS NOW AT**  
[activities@harrowscouts.org.uk](mailto:activities@harrowscouts.org.uk)  
**STRICT DEADLINE for booking your group teams for this competition: 11th March 2022**

**Renewal Of Promise St Georges Day**

**Sunday 24th April 22**

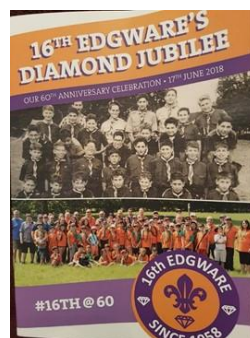
12.30pm - 1.30pm  
Pinner High Street

This month we feature another one of our Scout Groups, 16<sup>th</sup> Edgware, many of whose members are Jewish. You will find on page 5 an interesting article about the Jewish festival of Pesach or Passover that will be taking place in April – plus some ideas for how you might share this as an activity night with your section.

Many of you have been out and about this month, travelling into London and elsewhere for camps, trips and sleepovers. Check out the 'Around the District' sections for some updates and new ideas. Our Useful Info this month is all about planning and executing a camp or other residential experience – just in time for the main camping season!

The next District Event is the 5-a-side Football Tournament on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The Groups that have registered are excited to be involved and see who is first to lift the cup! Then later in the month we have the St Georges Day Parade and Fair in Pinner, where many of our WSJ2023 participants will be fund-raising, so please come along to support them. .

## Introducing 16<sup>th</sup> Edgware Group



From Colin Glass, GSL 16<sup>th</sup> Edgware and ADC(Development) for Harrow District

The 16<sup>th</sup> Edgware Scout Group was founded in 1958 and we are very proud of our long, distinguished history. We are now

investing Beavers whose grandparents were Cubs and Scouts many years ago.

When we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 we found the original minutes from the committee that established our Group. One of the parents lent the group £100 to "get going" which equates to an astonishing £2,073 in today's money!! I was pleased to read in later minutes that the loan was repaid a couple of years later. We were very fortunate to track down the original Scout Leaders from 1958 who joined us in our Diamond Jubilee celebrations 4 years ago. Scouting has certainly come a long way since then.

We have carried on their vision and are pleased to report that we have a full complement of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. It was great to be able to restart our regular group camps in January when we held our annual winter camp (indoors) at Gilwell.

We are looking forward to celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at our annual May Group Camp (in June this year!) at Skreens Park. The Scouts will be attending the Kent International Jamboree and are looking forward to meeting Scouts from around the world in the summer.

Finally I wish you a Happy Passover and Happy Easter

## UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, TRAININGS

**TRAINING:** For all your raining needs, check out the GLMW Calendar for 2022 [Training-calendar](#)

**DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Teams from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers/YLs have signed up for this exciting day – results and pictures to come! If you can help on the day, please contact [Reshma Patel](#)

**ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND FAIR:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Join the Parade in uniform, renew your Promise and enjoy the Village Fair with your family. Full details available shortly.

**DISTRICT CAMP:** 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Tolmers Campsite, Cuffley, Herts. There is still time to sign up! And we would welcome help on the planning team.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT (1)

## Out & About in London

### Buckingham Palace - Graham Franks ( 9<sup>th</sup> Kenton SL )

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March a group of 10 from Pegasus ESU and 9<sup>th</sup> Kenton Scouts were privileged to watch the "Changing of the Guard" ceremony from inside Buckingham Palace grounds. This was arranged by Pegasus Leader, Kate Barry. The Scouts were escorted into place by a Senior Police Officer once they had proved their identity.



First of all, the pipes and drums from the old guard marched from their barracks into the parade ground and formed up with the guards on duty. Then in the distance the band of the new guard could be heard leading the new guard into the parade ground. Once the two companies had formed up at either end of the parade ground, the officers in charge of each guard marched to meet each other in the centre.

The two officers then march back and forth across the front of the palace to complete the handover from old to the new guard. After they had done this a couple of times, they marched straight up to us and we thought we were in trouble, but he was asking where we were from. We told him we were from Harrow to which he said that he knew Harrow well as he had attended Harrow School and still lives in Harrow.

The two officers returned to their companies and the bands started to play again. The new guards on duty took their positions, those not on duty marched back out of the parade ground following their band. The old guards' pipes and drums started and played as the old guard marched out of the parade ground.



The senior police officer then came to escort us back to the palace gates, but before leaving we managed to take a couple of photos. This was a very memorable day out in London!

### Monopoly Run "Live"- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kenton, 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Edgware and 13<sup>th</sup> Roxeth

5<sup>th</sup> March saw thousands of Scouts, Explorers, YLs and Leaders from across the UK converge on central London for Monopoly Run 'Live', an app-based challenge day, competing, just like in Monopoly, to visit all the places on the Board and win the most money.

Along the way Chance cards, extra challenges and quiz questions can win you extra points. A fabulous day out, if a little exhausting! Highly recommended!



#### Results (from 980 Teams)

13 <sup>th</sup> Roxeth:	Team Madness 18 <sup>th</sup>
13 <sup>th</sup> Roxeth:	Team Tractor 97 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kenton:	Team Oranges 99 <sup>th</sup>
13 <sup>th</sup> Roxeth:	Team Tango 105 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kenton:	Team Blackberries 111 <sup>th</sup>
1/6 <sup>th</sup> Edgware:	Team Watford 158 <sup>th</sup>
1/6 <sup>th</sup> Edgware:	Team Newcastle 161 <sup>st</sup>
1/6 <sup>th</sup> Edgware:	Team Liverpool 207 <sup>th</sup>
1/6 <sup>th</sup> Edgware:	Team Manchester 259 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kenton:	Team Apricots 284 <sup>th</sup>
1/6 <sup>th</sup> Edgware:	Team Ruislip 549 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kenton:	Team Limes 743 <sup>rd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kenton:	Team Lemons 784 <sup>th</sup>



## AROUND THE DISTRICT (2)

### Winter Camp : 9<sup>th</sup> Kenton & Pegasus ESU

Finally, after months and months of no camping, 9<sup>th</sup> Kenton Scouts enjoyed a freezing, wet weekend away at Southall Activity Centre from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. This was mainly an indoor camp with the Explorers joining us for an outdoor sleep out Saturday night.

Friday evening was indoor games and quizzes, followed by a film night. Then after breakfast on Saturday, the Scouts headed to the Assault Course for some team challenges - getting their complete team from one end to the other without touching the ground, and then completing the course again carrying a couple of beakers of water with them. The same exercise was then repeated on the vertical tyre climbing tower. In the afternoon we continued with practising putting up and taking down tents and this was followed by a hike along the canal path.



We were joined in the evening by Pegasus Explorers and after supper, the Explorers, who have been discussing homelessness were given cardboard boxes, some plastic sheets, etc to build their own outdoor shelters for the night. Once the Explorers had completed their shelters, they joined the Scouts at a campfire. Hot chocolate was a nice warming treat, before the Scouts went to their bunk rooms, and the Explorers took their sleeping bags out to their shanty town of cardboard boxes outside.

Sunday morning started with a full hot breakfast for everybody. We invested Jayshree, a new Leader into our group and then the Explorers cleared up their "shanty town" while the Scouts packed their things. Afterwards, in groups the Scouts produced a "Scout code of conduct", which they then presented to the leaders and the rest of the scouts. The Scouts and Explorers then joined together in a pioneering activity with an objective of making a rope bridge, but this exercise was cut short due to torrential rain and the group went inside for lunch. The final activity of the camp was rifle shooting, before a final clear up and heading for home.

### Comments from our Young People

"great fun", "freezing cold", "missed my mum", "made me wash up", "good food", "kept awake all night by the girls talking", "veggie bacon !?"

Graham Franks SL

## AROUND THE DISTRICT (3)

### Trampoline Park Sleepovers

Jump In Trampoline Park in Borehamwood is a popular choice for a sleepover. Both 1<sup>st</sup> Roxeth and 3<sup>rd</sup> Kenton went the same weekend in March (Friday night and Saturday night) and had a bouncing energetic time!! Leaders had as much fun as the Young People and it is a great bonding experience for the Group

This venue can accommodate up to 120 people sleeping in 2-3 rooms and you have exclusive/private use of the trampolines and slides in the evening (Saturday only) and before breakfast (Saturday or Sunday). A Pizza supper and a simple breakfast are provided as well as trampoline supervision and the overnight accommodation. All for £35 per head (Leaders free) Highly recommended!!

Pictures are of 1<sup>st</sup> Roxeth Group



Catch up with [Paul Turner](#) or [Gillan Barnard](#) for more details.



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

**First Aid Boxes:** The contents should be checked at least once every six months to ensure there are sufficient supplies and nothing has got lost/misplaced or become outdated. A record should be kept of the date of each check and the person who undertook it (maybe a simple sheet taped into the box?) Accident Reports should be kept in confidential filing and destroyed in accordance with GDPR



**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***

# DIVERSITY AWARENESS

## What happens at the Jewish Festival of Pesach?

By Michal, a Scout at 16<sup>th</sup> Edgware

Passover, or Pesach as it is called in Hebrew, is a Jewish festival which is celebrated by Jews around the world every year. It is eight days long and takes place around the time of Easter (15-23 April in 2022). Pesach commemorates the Israelites leaving Egyptian slavery over 3,000 years ago.

In summary, God sent 10 plagues to the Pharaoh and the Egyptians, which caused them great pain. The first plague involved water turning to blood, and the tenth plague was the death of Egyptian firstborn males. Following the final plague, Pharaoh eventually freed the Israelites from about 400 years of slavery.

On the first two nights of Pesach, we have a 'seder' which is a traditional Passover ceremony that includes reading the Haggadah (a special book containing prayers and songs that feature during the seder), drinking 4 cups of wine (or grape juice), telling the story of the Exodus, eating special symbolic foods, and singing traditional, fun and lively songs about the festival.



The Seder Meal where stories of the Exodus are told

Matza crackers traditionally eaten at Pesach



For me, the best thing about Pesach is celebrating with friends and family, singing as many songs as you want, and stuffing your face with delicious food! Talking of food, although we eat traditional Pesach food, we cannot eat any food which is leavened (risen) such as bread and pasta. This type of food is called 'chametz'. We eat matza (unleavened bread or crackers) instead of bread.

The night before Pesach starts, as part of clearing our house of any leavened food, we hide ten pieces of bread to make sure there is no bread left in the house. We take a feather (to sweep up all the crumbs) and a candle or torch and go for a hunt to look for the bread, before saying a special blessing that talks about us getting rid of all the chametz.

After eight days of not eating bread, pasta, rice, cereal and other certain foods, you finally get to enjoy some of the foods that you have missed out on during the previous eight days. Some people like going to the bakery for freshly-baked goods, some go out for pizza, or even keep munching on Pesach crackers!

Why not share this learning about Pesach at your section meeting?

You could follow it up by hunting for 10 pieces of bread and tasting grape juice and matza crackers (readily available in local supermarkets at this time of year).

Or try making and eating some of the traditional Pesach foods.

Traditional Pesach songs can also be found on YouTube

## DISTRICT UPDATES

### In Memoriam: Prue Llewellyn

From: Bryn, Gareth, Rachel and Roger Llewellyn

Thank you for all your support and messages of condolence following the passing last December of our mother, Prue Llewellyn. As most of you will know she did not want a funeral, but rather a party where, (as she put it), 'people can be as rude or kind about me as they desire'. This event will take place between **1.30 and 4.30pm on Saturday 25 June at the Verden Gallery on the first floor of West House (now the Heath Robinson Museum) in Pinner Memorial Park.** (As very young children, Prue would often take us to 'feed the ducks' at the lake which is overlooked by the Gallery, when we visited her parents in Love Lane.)

All are very welcome to join us for this occasion, so please do spread the word. Afternoon tea and a light buffet will be available so please let us know who and how many you may be bringing so that we have an idea as to how many to cater for.

We intend this to be a happy celebration of Prue's life and it would mean a lot to us if anyone has particular memories or photos which could be sent to us before early June which might then be a part of the slideshow to be seen on the day.

Please send your responses and any memorabilia or photos to  
[roger.llewellyn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roger.llewellyn@hotmail.co.uk)

### Design a Badge for the District Camp

Please encourage your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to design a badge for our First Harrow District Camp.

There will be a winner and a prize for each age section, and one of these winning designs will be used to make the camp badges for everyone.

There is no theme set for this badge to allow our designers to be as inventive and creative as they can be, however, the badge must comply with the following :

- include the words "Harrow District"
- include the Scouts Fleur-De-Lis symbol
- use a maximum of 5 colours

**ALL entries must be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022** to [activities@harrowscouts.org.uk](mailto:activities@harrowscouts.org.uk)

Winners will be picked and notified by 13th May 2022.



# USEFUL INFORMATION

## Nights Away – Things to Remember (1)

Whether you are a new Nights Away Permit holder, or have been planning and running camps for years, it is worthwhile reviewing the items listed in this article to make sure you have covered everything that is needed for your camp. Each camp is different, the list below is the minimum you will need to plan and run a generic camp, and you may find there are other areas you need to cover for the camps you are running, especially if there are specialist areas to cover.

### 1. Pre-Camp

Book the camp site

Produce camp documentation:

- Budget – including: income from Camp fees, all expenditure items, group subsidies, donations, etc
- Menu/shopping list - Check all attendees dietary requirements early so you can include these in your menu and shopping lists.
- Permission to camp forms for parents/guardians to complete (a new form is required for each camp)
- In Touch details of all young people and adults attending the camp. Remember the In Touch process includes being able to contact parents or carers at home.
- Programme for each day of the camp
- NAN
- Risk Assessments. This should include all parts of the camp, travel and activities. If you are using the campsite team or 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider to provide or run an activity, they will have Risk Assessments which you can include in the pack, but you will need to produce risk assessment for activities that you are providing and running.
- Personal Equipment list
- Group Equipment List

Book transport – for people and equipment – ensure drivers are available, where required. 2 adults (minimum) should be included for minibuses, and if on long journeys, then consider being able to swap drivers.

Send out Permission to Camp forms, track that everyone attending returns a completed form and that everyone pays the camp fees

Review the information provided by parents in the Permission to camp forms. Ensure dietary requirements are catered for in the menu planning. Ensure any medical requirements are taken into account

Send the NAN form to the Deputy District Commissioner (Operations) and receive approval for your camp. These should be provided at least 7 days before the camp, but sooner will allow for busy periods or holidays. It is also acceptable to submit an advance copy with key information – location of camp, dates, permit holder, with approximate numbers for the attendees, and then follow up with firm numbers 7 days before the camp.

Check group equipment to ensure it is all in good working order before camp

Communicate the Risk Assessment to all leaders and ensure they understand what is expected from them.

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## Nights Away – Things to Remember (2)

### During the Camp

Consider Site layout, including visibility of young people, safe storage of food and equipment, etc

Ensure all leaders and adults at the camp know what is expected of them, and ensure they know their responsibilities if they have been allocated specific roles

Catering – ensure all dietary requirements are taken into account, ensure safety when cooking, ensure good kitchen hygiene

First aid requirements – ensure any medical requirements from the permission to camp forms are actioned. Ensure all medicines are collected from the parents or young people at the start of the camp and administer the medicines when prescribed. Ensure all adults know where the first aid kits are stored

Ensure young people are aware of actions required from them to mitigate any risks identified in the Risk Assessment

Accident procedures – know what to do and who to contact, including adhering to any site specific requirements

Personal hygiene – ensure young people are aware of where the toilet and washing facilities are and that they use them.

### Post Camp

Thank all those who assisted or supported the event.

Carry out a post camp debrief with the other adults at the camp. What went well, what would you change next time, etc

Update your budget sheet to include actual spend and provide notes to explain where the actual spend is different to the budget. Submit the accounts to the Group Treasurer.

Check equipment for damage and carry out any repairs before next camp. Dry out tents (if required) and ensure all equipment is clean. Pack equipment away in the kit store ready for use at the next camp.

Store or dispose of any left-over food

Check information provided by parents on permission to camp forms against OSM, and update OSM where necessary

Shred Permission to Camp forms to comply with GDPR data retention policies