

St George's Day Cyclists

The Brownlee Cycle Circuit was the venue for a new twist on St George's Day - over 250 young remembers took part in a cycle relay competition, raising funds for Candlelighters and gaining the Youth Commissioners Challenge Badge, and also renewing their Scout Promise.



Cubs and Beavers from 19th St Chads also gained their Youth Commissioners Challenge badge in a project to support the Leeds General Infirmary Scout Group. At a badge ceremony, the Mayor of Leeds, Jane Dowson, expressed her thanks for their efforts in supporting the badge that she has been a keen promoter of.



Million Hands Badge - 9th Oakwood Scouts had a long meeting with their MP Fabian Hamilton to describe their two and half year exploration of Mental Wellbeing and Resilience. They explained that they had discovered how much we can each do to improve our own Mental Health and Resilience including being kind to ourselves, Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Learn, Give; and how in our daily lives mental health awareness, emotional sensitivity, connection with others and small acts of kindness really can help the Wellbeing of those we individually interact with.





8 scouts | 3 hours | 171 trees

Salam Scouts hit the road on a little adventure to Dewsbury Country Park with a mission to help Hoyllbush Conservation Centre make a positive impact to the environment.

Arriving with enthusiasm and zeal, the troopers were determined to plant as many trees as possible. Through their brilliant leadership and teamwork skills they managed to come up with a strategy to achieve this. This was indeed effective and in only 3 hours, 8 scouts planted a total of 171 trees, even surpassing their parents bids.

Salam scouts were able to demonstrate that outcomes aren't measured by number of people in a team, but the power of a collective force driven by one mission



GSAL Cubs visited Morrisons

...in Horsforth, for one of their Pack meetings. They were given a tour of the store, shown how pizza and bread were made in store, given an explanation of the sourcing of the local food, The tour included the fishmonger, butcher, deli and cake shop areas. The Cubs asked about the issue of plastic packaging and how the waste packaging is recycled after use. The highlight for many was, however, the free edible samples that the Cubs were given at each point on the tour! An enjoyable hour for all concerned – well recommended for all Cubs!



St Edmunds Scouts visited the Leeds Grand Mosque for a tour and explanation of the main parts the Mosque, a demonstration of the call to prayer and the opportunity to watch Muslims from the local community talking part in evening prayer. We also spent a good amount of time discussing the Five Pillars of Islam (Faith, Prayer, Charity, Fasting and the pilgrimage to Mecca) and what came out was how similar the ethics of Islam are to the Scout Promise. Notably, the two Pillars of Faith and Charity had the strongest links. Faith being a key part of the Scouting movement (hence the visit) and our public commitment during investitures to help other people.



7th St. Matthew's beavers joined their group camp at Hesley wood. It was the weekend of snow but still managed the zip wire



Rhinos Rugby
Scouts from North Leeds joined many from across the County and took over a stand at Elland Road, to watch Rhinos narrowly beaten by Castleford. A great exciting night!

26th Meanwood Group Camp: was spent at Bradley Wood Camp Site. The cubs and some of the scouts arrived on Friday evening and stayed until Sunday morning. The beavers came for the day on Saturday. Among the activities organised for young people were: crate stacking, grass sledging, caving bus and the Troggart Trail. Troggarts were very difficult to find especially in the wet weather which failed to dampen everyone's enthusiasm. It was a great opportunity to get (almost) the whole leaders' team together.



Falkoner at Farnwoods

16 Scouts and 8 cubs from Headingley Falkoner Group enjoyed a 4 day activity packed hostel trip to Fanwoods Scout Campsite. Campsite activities with the cubs included Crate Stacking, Axe Throwing, Archery, Indoor Caving, Boulderling & Air Rifle Shooting The Scouts played a wide game in the evening and then the next day was a trip to Bradford including ice skating at Bradford Ice Rink and a mammoth 2 hour lazezone session and finally a low ropes session before heading





10th St Edmunds Gold pack cubs

visited the Fire Station at Moortown as part of our Fire safety badge. The cubs all said they had a really great time and the Fire Fighters were so helpful and informative, answering loads of questions and showing the cubs the engines and equipment. They even got to see them go off with blue lights flashing on a call out - thankfully a false alarm!



7th St Matthews

had much deserved Awards to leaders presented at their recent AGM



A ICV volunteering at Wike Campsite

Nine GSAL Explorers who are currently engaged in their Queen's Scout Award recently joined the Junior Service Team for two full days volunteering at Wike. They carried out a number of much needed tasks:

Clearing the stream of debris, trimming back trees, tree planting and repainting. From the Explorers perspective this was for the "Community" part of the ICV section of their Queen's Scout Award being ticked off; while from Wike's perspective it was very useful to have such willing and hardworking young people helping the permanent members of the Junior Service Team. Following their successful 2 days' work, six of the Explorers expressed an interest in joining the JST on future days.



Westminster Visit

Four scouts and leaders from North Leeds had a great day in London, with a small number of others representing Scouting to MPs at the launch of a new strategy ("Skills for Life") and logo

1st Moor Allerton Cubs

arrived on Friday very excited to our Pirate Camp theme at Curly Hill Ilkley. Activities commenced once our crew were selected into teams: Davy Jones, Blackbeard and Jack Sparrow. Tents allocated then the mayhem began in earnest.

The weekend activities included bandana and cutlass and boat building. A treasure hunt through Middleton Woods, boat sailing down at the river Wharfe along with dam building and stone skimming. A selection of wide games, water fights, campfire and backwoods cooking.



Half-marathon Water Bases

North Leeds Scouts from 7th St Matthews, 8th Staenwald, 26th Meanwood, 16th Alwoodley and 19th St Chads once again manned three water stations on the Leeds Half—a great effort and in hot conditions there were thousands of runners who were very grateful



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Cub and Beaver Fun Days

200 cubs and beavers from North Leeds joined hundreds others from the County for action packed days at Bramhope Campsite.

Our ACC Cubs, Carrie, received her Chief Scouts Commendation after the campfire.



Queens Scout Award holders from GSAL Explorers

at Windsor, with the Chief Scout Bear Grylls

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest training award that a member of the Scout movement can achieve. To complete the award they have had to be an active Explorer Scout over at least 18 months, have camped on numerous occasions, completed projects in the spheres of community, values and international friendship. In addition, they have to spend a year following a skill, engage in a physical activity and regularly volunteer for the benefit of others. They must also complete a five day residential course and a four day backpacking expedition.

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