



...EVERYDAY ADVENTURE

## 15<sup>th</sup> Wallington Scout Group

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Welcome to the 15th Wallington newsletter. It is our chance to share what we have been doing and what we are going to do as well as communicate any changes that take place.



### GSL's Greetings

Thank you to all of the leaders for their dedication over the last term to provide the best possible Scouting for your children. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, helped at and supported our tombola stall at the Wallington Network Winter Fair, we raised over £100. A particular thank you goes to Sue and Paul who organised it and ran it on the day.

In 2018 several leaders are anticipating that they will not be able to volunteer to the extent they currently are. This means that we need to find new volunteers to help with all the sections fairly urgently. There is a small team planning a recruitment drive. We are creating posters and considering advertising in local publications. From January we will be starting a campaign to try to gain more leaders. Please think about who you can ask to get involved or where you might put up a poster. We will need everyone to help with this task if we are to find the right people to help with the group and ensure that we can continue running the excellent activities that currently take place.

I wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year! **Catherine Keen - Group Scout Leader**

### Congratulations – new babies!

We would like to congratulate both Amy and Sarah on their new arrivals.

Amy (helps at Beavers) had a little boy Joshua James on 27<sup>th</sup> October weighing 6lb 12oz



Sarah (helps on occasions at Scouts) had a little girl Olivia (Libby) on 5<sup>th</sup> December weighing 4lb 12oz

### Dates for your diary:

**Pantomime – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**Term starts:**

**Beavers and Scouts – 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**Cubs – 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**Subs of £30 will be due on the first week of the new term. Cheques should be made payable to '15<sup>th</sup> Wallington Scout Group' or ask about paying by bank transfer or Standing Order. Please use the brown envelopes available from your leader if you would like to pay by cash.**

## 2018 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Next year the Group will have been running for 20 years. We are celebrating this at a camp for the whole group around the beginning of May half term. Please do keep that time free and look out for further details in due course.

We are also planning to make a 20th Anniversary Badge for people to wear on their uniforms. The 'design a badge' competition for this will be closing at the end of December so if anyone else would like to enter then please do email us your designs.



## About the 17th Holborn Scout and Guide Group



The 17th Holborn Scout and Guide Group was started in 1957, when two long term patients wished to continue their Scouting whilst in Hospital.

Their Group Scout Leader made contact with local Scout Alf Porter and along with a small team of fellow Scouters he made weekly visits to the Hospital, helping both boys to pass various Scouting tests and proficiency badges.

Alf went on to start a permanent group. Meetings were held in very much the same way as we do today. Leaders would visit the wards, but in the beginning, would invite only boys of eight years and upwards to go to Scouts. Sixty years ago, patients stayed in hospital for much longer than they do today, therefore boys often came for many weeks or months.

The meetings were run, as far as possible, like a normal Troop, with time being set aside each week for Scout badge work as well as games. This led to several boys being invested (becoming a member) as Scouts during their stay in Hospital.

On 23rd September 1987, having recruited some Guiders, a Guide Company was also registered and our Group officially gained its current title of the 17th Holborn Scout and Guide Group.

Today the 17th Holborn Scout and Guide group continue the legacy of what began in 1957, with new young people attending every week!

## Parking

Please can I remind you that we only have the use of 2 parking spaces outside the headquarters which are reserved for the leaders, therefore we ask that you do not



drive up to the building to drop or collect your child unless you have spoken to the section leader about doing so.

## Gift Aid

If the person who pays subs is a UK tax payer, we can reclaim gift aid from HMRC on the money you give us. This works out at £7.50 per term per person! We can only do this if you have returned the gift aid form. Please return the form (available from your section leader) if you are able to as it is an excellent way to raise money for the Group.





## Beavers

The Beavers this term have been working hard on their badges, starting with their animal friend badge.

They have also been working hard to gain their photographers badge, taking responsibility for their own cameras, taking pictures and creating a scrapbook with their photographs.

We are looking forward to the New Year and I wish all the Beavers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Sarah – Beaver Leader**

## Cubs

This term the Cubs have been working towards their Chefs badge (yum yum). They had a excellent sleepover with Robin Hood and his merry men enjoying lots of themed craft and different activities in their own 'Sherwood Forest'.

The Cubs have also been learning about the Scout Group at Great Ormond Street hospital and have completed some of the Neverland Challenges.

The Cubs have finished off the term with some Christmas themed craft.

**Sally – Cub leader**

## Scouts

The Scouts have been busy with badge work this term. We have completed our Digital Maker stage 1 and World Faiths badge.

We have also been working on the Neverland Challenge, an initiative from the Scout Group at Great Ormond Street Hospital. The 17<sup>th</sup> Holborn Scouts are 60 years old this year and instead of presents



they have set a fundraising challenge for the hospital. We have written cards for the young people who

attend the hospital Scout Group and made decorations to sell at the end of term party. The Scouts will get a badge for their camp blankets at the end of term.

We also joined the community to watch the Wallington Christmas lights switch on and have enjoyed plenty of games.

**Claire – Scout Leader**

## Jack Petchy Award for achievement

Max received his Jack Petchy award earlier this term, with the money we received going to Max's choice of activity - bowling – which the Scouts enjoyed just before the half term break.



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