



# News

## 1<sup>st</sup> Harefield Scout Group

## Feb 10



Uxbridge District GLMW

Web Site: [www.harefield.org](http://www.harefield.org)

### Welcome

Welcome to the February issue of our news letter, aimed primarily at parents & friends of the group.

### GSL Report

I don't know if you've seen our Face Book page, but I reported there earlier this month that I am very pleased to welcome two new adult leaders into the group. Jim Pentelow has very kindly agreed to take over from Margaret Kirby as our Treasurer. Jim is a former leader at our group and has helped us out over the years. Welcome back Jim!!

Also, I am very pleased to welcome Marc Van Acker as a new Assistant Cub Scout Leader. Marc has volunteered his services to us and I look forward to working with him. The more leaders we have the better, and Marc has got straight to it. Marc is originally from Belgium, and now lives in Harefield. He has helped run a youth group in the past.

Some parents have indicated on the membership forms that they are willing to come and help either in the weekly meetings or on the committee. Thank you everyone for volunteering, I will be organising a meeting in March to kick this off and also the groups AGM will be coming up.

### New Look Web Site

If you've not already had a look, please visit our new web site [www.harefield.org](http://www.harefield.org) and sign up for the news letter to be emailed to you.

### Beavers

The Beavers have been busy this month, entering the Annual District CARQ (Craft and Reason Quest).



This year's theme was based on the Chinese New Year, and each

Beaver Lodge needed to make a Chinese Dragon. I'm sure you will agree that our dragon was superb!!!



The Beavers have also enjoyed making pancakes and as well as eating them, they finished off with pancake races. There was some brilliant pancake tossing during the relay races they had.

It's really good to see our Beavers enjoying themselves like this.

### Cubs

Some of the Cubs have been lucky enough to go to camp this month. They enjoyed a fantastic weekend staying in the Rowallan Lodge. They shared with 4 other groups from Hillingdon, Uxbridge and Ickenham, and I am sure they all made some new friends. They arrived on Friday evening and settled into their bedrooms.



On Saturday, they spent the whole morning building a cardboard box oven and baking some cakes. The cooking was very successful and later on in the afternoon they decorated them. Its

ages since I've seen baking done in a cardboard box, and some of the staff at Chalfont were also very interested. I think it brought back a lot of memories, especially to "old Fred". Once the cakes were mixed and the mixture put in cake tins, they were placed in the cardboard box ovens,

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heated by a disposable bbq. There were some excellent results.

During the afternoon, they took part in a number of bases that involved tracking through the woods, drawing a huge picture with string, and trek cart racing, On Sunday they had the chance to go climbing, air rifle shooting and skittles. Throughout the Saturday, we were awarding points for each activity they took part in. The group with the highest score won the White Trophy. This competition is held annually and the winning group keeps the trophy for a whole year. Unfortunately we didn't win, but had lots of fun taking part.



At the end of the camp, each group was presented with badges by the Assistant District Commission for Cubs, Liz Swatton.

## Scouts

I had the pleasure of testing our Scouts, with Marc for their first aid badges that they have been working towards. I watched while Jason gave them one last refresher before we started the tests and was quite surprised how they all sat and listened.

They then had one last practice on the resus doll prior to the test. They were tested on the resuscitation techniques, including chest compressions and mouth to mouth. What to do if you find someone unconscious and also types of burn and when you should seek immediate hospital attention. They were all so good that I believe each and every one of them could cope in a real emergency, but I hope they never have to put any of what they have learnt to the test.

Some of our Scouts took part in the District air rifle shooting competition in Uxbridge earlier this month.



This is an annual event and 30 Scouts took part from around the Uxbridge area. I am pleased to report that Adam Merritt came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition. Well done Adam.

## Personal Info & Contact Forms

We still haven't had all the personal information & contact forms returned. Please return them. If you need another form please ask, or download one from our web site. It is a necessity that we have emergency contact numbers in case your son/daughter does have an accident.

## ANZAC Parade – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Please make sure you have this date in your diary. Every year we attend the ANZAC memorial, no matter if it is a school day, or holiday. Your son/daughter will need uniform. Please make sure they have their uniform and group scarf.

## The Leadership Team

Pete Swatton 0791-7816827	Group Leader	Scout	Overall Responsibility.
Denise Shields	Beaver Leader	Scout	Section Leader
Jackie Merritt	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader		
Rod Mann	Assistant Scout Leader	Cub	Section Leader
Marc Van Acker	Assistant Scout Leader	Cub	
Jason Ryder	Assistant Leader	Scout	Section Leader
Keith Tysoe	Assistant Leader	Scout	
Jim Pentelow	Group Supporter		Treasurer

**Do you want to see your name on this list? Ring 0791 7816827 and volunteer today.**