

The Eagle

Winter 2022



I ACTUALLY KNOW THAT ONE!

Record Breaking Quiz Night

November 2021 saw the Scout Troop organise a very successful Quiz Night. The Group has run Quiz Nights in the past, but nothing like this – record attendance and money raised! It was so popular that the evening was moved from the Hut to the Church Hall so we could accommodate more teams. What made this evening particularly special was that it was compared by the Scouts themselves! Scouts taking responsibility for raising the money for their own Group – it was great to see.

The evening raised £412, a combination of entrance fees, sale of refreshments and funny games during the breaks. Ages of contestants raised from Cubs all the way to their grandparents – all chipped in and all had fun. The leaders even had their own team, Smarty Pants (although they weren't!). Whilst each member of the winning team,

Remember your Woggle, went home with a big ego and a box of chocs each, the losers went home with something a little bit less tasty, although you may say more practical – masks and toilet rolls – a very pandemic joke prize!



The money has been used to buy new flags for the Group. I know that the Scout Troop and Cub Pack flags date back to at least when I joined Beavers in 1988 and are now looking rather tatty in places. Well done Shane and the Scouts!

Time for our Frequently Asked Question of the Evening...

Where Do The Badges Go On My Uniform?

Answer: Check out our website! www.1stselsdonscouts.org.uk/uniform/

GSL'S Report

First of all a belated Happy New Year to one and all! I'm writing my report as the Prime Minister announces the end of COVID restrictions and the Group has had their first camping experience in several years since – I'm optimistic for 2022, the spring and the summer! We are still being cautious with COVID but it appears that the end is in sight. On other positive notes the Group didn't suffer from the effects of Storm Eunice either and we had a successful Quiz Night raising over £400.

The Group has recently completed its census return for the Scout Association and it showed that we have healthy numbers in all sections. I always think that healthy numbers are indicative of successful section programs that engage our young people and keep them coming back wanting more – people vote with their feet after all! Well done leaders.

Success is also building a legacy so that Scouting can continue in Selsdon well into the 21st Century. As part of this legacy we are ensuring that our building is updated. With building updates in mind we are obtaining quotes to replace the Hut's entrance doors and making it accessible for all – watch this space!

As always, if you want to get in touch please do, it's best to send an email: gsl.1stselsdon@gmail.com

James, Group Scout Leader

BRRR – Its Winter Camp

The Scouts haven't been able to hold a winter camp for the last couple of years, but you wouldn't have realised from the way they took to it on a cold weekend in January. I don't blame you if it makes your teeth chatter just thinking about sleeping in a tent in winter – but this is what they did. I wouldn't say they were mad, simply up or a challenge!

Scouts – up for the challenge

The challenge started with a hike from the Scout Hut to the campsite. During the camp itself they sharpened their axe, saw and knife skills. The Scouts also built campfires and joined the 18th Purley Scout Group for a singsong as well. Wide-games were played where they attempted to avoid capture in the searchlights. The Scouts also explored tunnels and as always, had a go at the ever-popular rifle shooting. All this activity was fuelled by porridge – the Scouts loved it! With all the energy provided by porridge it didn't matter what the weather through at them - the Scouts kept going throughout the weekend.

A big thank you to the leaders who made it possible and are now in the planning stages for summer camp!



Scouts Camping in winter

THANKYOU & WELCOME

Our Beaver Colony has been one of the Group's success stories in recent times. At our 2016 AGM members were challenged – volunteer as a Beaver leader or the section closes. It was stark but that was reality. Thankfully Maddie agreed to take over the Colony. I can honestly say that I have never met a leader so organised and conscientious as Maddie. The Beavers took to Maddie straight away and the number of badges they earned over the years was outstanding. Maddie had so many ideas and took them out-and-about all over the place, from exploring the woods to District fun-days. Maddie stepped down at Christmas 2021 and we thank her for her years of service. You always remember the good

teachers, the same is true for Scout Leaders, and I assure you that her Beavers will not forget her.

So, welcome to Liz our new Beaver Leader! Thank you! Big boots to fill as they say, but we know you can do it. Liz has been in charge, with backroom support from Maddie (a Scouter never leaves!), since Christmas and is doing brilliantly. We still need another leader to support Liz, so if you fancy exploring the possibility of helping let Liz or James (GSL) know and have a chat with them.



Dates For Your Diary...

Not too many at the moment, but please lookout for more to come from your Section Leaders...

27th March – Mothering Sunday Church Parade

21st May (AM) – Family fun morning and AGM



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1st Selsdon & Addington Scout Group PRESENTS

BINGO Night

Saturday 5th March
Doors open 7PM, Bingo starts 7:30PM

RAFFLE-FUN-CASH PRIZES

£3 PER GAME, PER PERSON.
£2.50 FOR ADDITIONAL CARDS

BOOK YOUR TEAM AS SPACE IS LIMITED
www.1stselsdonscouts.org.uk/bingo-night-2022

Scout Hut, Rear of St John the Divine Church, Upper Selsdon Rd, Selsdon, South Croydon CR2 8DD

Group Bingo Night!

Saturday 5th March



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