

# Newsletter April 2024

**FUNDRAISING** 

The Trustee Board have made the decision not to

raise subs for 24-25. But that means we need a

huge push on fundraising to support the Group

financially. Please encourage friends and family.

### **VOLUNTEERS**



Everyone in Scouting is a volunteer. We are so fortunate to have our amazing team consisting of 1 Group Scout Leader, 13 adult leaders, 4 young leaders, 8 trustees, a quartermaster and a wonderful band of regular parent helpers. THANK YOU **EVERYONE** 

#### Why volunteer?

It's fun! You learn new skills, get to try new things and enjoy contributing to the group. We need all sorts of people so if you have a bit of time please consider offering to help our super-friendly teams. Expenses are covered and training and support are given to everyone.





### ST GEORGE'S DAY

Mid Sussex District are organising a gathering for St George's Day on 28th April in St John's Park, Burgess Hill.

St George is really important to Scouts because our founder, Lord Baden-Powell, chose St George to be the patron saint of Scouts. He chose St George because he shows the key Scouting values of bravery, doing the right thing and taking care of others.

# We will have a stall at this event to raise money Come along and win a plant (or sweets!)

#### Quiz night with fish and chip supper 26th October

Human fruit machine at Lindfield Village Day 1st June



St Joseph's School hall 7pm. Quiz, and fish and chip supper included in ticket price, bar available

# Other ways to support the Group **Easy fundraising** Just Giving

# What are we fundraising for?

We are considering purchasing a minibus. And we always need new equipment. Sometimes it is to replace old gear (which we recycle, upcycle, reuse as much as possible) and sometimes it is so that we can do new things.

- -A full set of '5th Haywards Heath' branded hi-vis
- -New tents
- -A new Cubs flag
- -Event gazebos
- -Sport/activity equipment
- -Good quality compasses and a storage case

**OUR AMAZON WISHLIST** 

We would love to see everyone there as this is such an important occasion. It will also be the very first time our Squirrels join us and we would really like to get a group photo.

Meet: Cypress Road car park at 1.30pm in full uniform Parade to St John's Park Short ceremony including renewal of promises. Parents welcome to stay

Finish: About 2.30pm



## **AGM**

# CHANGE OF DATE 10th JULY 6.30pm

Due to availability of key people we have had to change the date of the AGM from it's previous Saturday slot to a Wednesday night. Ordinary section meetings that week will not run

The AGM is the meeting of our Group Scout Council (all parents are automatically members of the Scout Council) and is your chance to have your say, vote on key issues and express your thanks to the Leaders. Please come if you can.



There will be a free BBQ and water play for everyone that attends. Euros semi screening if England make it that far.

### **COMMUNITY GARDENING**

All sections are working this term with Haywards Heath in Bloom to create an edible community garden in a patch of unused ground at the back of the Orchards. They will be planting food plants which will be free for the community to take.

## **SQUIRRELS**

We are so thrilled that after 3 successful taster sessions last term we will be launching our brand new section, Squirrels, for 4-5 year olds on 25th August. This will run in a room at St Paul's church as the hut is not available.



#### **PROGRAMMES**

Spring term saw our young people enjoy climbing, pancakes, swimming, learning new skills, DIY, animal handling and visits to farms, mosques, the fire station and local chip shops, Outside of regular sessions young people also participated in the Checkpoint Challenge, the Monopoly Run, camps, Overland hike training and the Overland competition itself. We are immensely proud of all our young people and their willingness to try new things, support each other and gain #SkillsforLife

This term once again we have a packed programme including hikes, cycling, spaghetti towers, visits, wide games, campcraft skills and lots more. In addition there are camps, district events and competitions.

#### DATES

#### **Diary dates:**

19th April - Cooking Competition

25th April - Squirrels Launch

28th April - St George's Day

11th May - District Cub Hike

1st June - Lindfield Village Day

2nd June - Church Parade - CANCELLED

4th June - Trustee Board

8-9 June - Cub Camp (with Squirrels visit)

9th June - Go Beavers!

29-30 June - Hardy Cup

10th July - AGM

27th July - 3rd August Scout Camp

26th October - Quiz Night

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#### CAN YOU HELP US DRY OUR TENT?

We need a space to dry our big Mess Tent 4-5 times a year usually a Sunday afternoon to Tuesday morning. Any large-ish, dry,indoor space such as a garage would do. Please contact Fred if you can help