

NEWSLETTER

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- A LOOK BACK AT WHAT OUR SQUIRRELS, BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, AND EXPLORERS HAVE BEEN UP TO!
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

We are delighted to be able to bring you our latest newsletter for the 1st Holgate Scouting Community. We hope that you find the content interesting and that it gives you a wider understanding of the Group's activities.

Each half term, with input from our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers, our leaders plan and implement a broad range of activities that supports your children's interests, wider learning, and skills. Within this newsletter, we will highlight just a few areas of that activity.

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE ORDERS IN!

We are excited to announce that our Christmas Tree sales and collection service is back again this year. We have been supplying trees to many families for a few years now and have a growing list of happy customers who return every year. Please see page two for details on how to order.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS / FUNDRAISING SUPPORT!

Please see the final page of this newsletter to see how you can help support us!

NEXT ISSUE... DUE W/C 8TH JANUARY 2024

We hope you find the newsletter interesting. If you have any suggestions for future newsletters or any comments, email: emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

Thank you Marek Lichtarowicz!

On behalf of everyone at 1st Holgate Scouts, thank you for your incredible service!

After many years of service to the group, Marek Lichtarowicz has now stepped down from the role of Group Chair. Under Marek's support and guidance the group has developed a thriving Executive committee and I'm sure you will join me in thanking Marek for all his hard work over the years. Over the years Marek has also been heavily involved in our Active Support Unit (ASU) too and I'm sure some of us remember the many 'Ogniskos' Marek kindly hosted! I'm pleased to hear that Marek will be staying involved with Scouting through a District role.

It gives me great pleasure to let you know that John McCarthy has now returned to 1st Holgate as Group Chair. For those that don't know, John was GSL for 21 years before I took over at Easter this year and he comes with a wealth of experience. I look forward to working with John over the coming years to continue our mission to deliver top quality Scouting to all our young people.

Yours in Scouting,
Chris Rodaway
Group Scout Leader



Place your Christmas Trees Orders now!

We are excited to announce that our Christmas Tree sales and collection service is back again this year. We have been supplying trees to many families for a few years now and have a growing list of happy customers who return every year. We are now able to deal directly with the grower, which means we can supply a large quantity of non-drop Nordman Firs in various sizes. All of our trees are sourced from Stockeld Park, ensuring that they are of the highest quality.

[Complete this simple online form](#) before 26th November to reserve your top quality Nordman Fir and book your discounted collection for January!

If you'd just like to book collection for January then [please complete this online form](#) before 23rd December.

Please share this with friends, family and work colleagues etc. in the York area - all profits go towards our new minibus fund to help us provide even more adventurous activities to our young people!

Merry Christmas from all of us at 1st Holgate Scouts!

Chris Rodaway
Group Scout Leader



Jamboree scouts of the future!

The World Scout Jamboree is one of the largest outdoor educational events for young people on the planet. Our Young leaders who had attended this year's Jamboree in South Korea gave the Squirrels an insightful and inspiring session on what they had experienced this year and what the future could bring for our Squirrels. The Squirrels really enjoyed looking at the items that our Young Leaders had brought back with them and asked some fantastic questions about their experiences.

What is a Jamboree?

Tens of thousands of Scouts from all over the world come together to camp outdoors and join in fun activities where they make new friends, learn about other cultures, and develop leadership skills that will last a lifetime. This event is open to Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 and is held every four years. The 26th World Scout Jamboree is scheduled to be held in 2027 in Gdańsk, Northern Poland and for some of our Squirrels (who would like to), they will be just old enough to attend the 2031 Jamboree in the Czech Republic!



Squirrels at Snowball!

The Squirrels headed to Snowball for a fun filled afternoon as they explored the forest to complete a wide game, made their own yummy pizzas for lunch, sang lots of songs and toasted their marshmallows around the campfire.

They showed real team work - brilliant work Squirrels!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Saturday 2nd December
Squirrel and Beaver District
Party - 1.30pm - 3.30pm.
Manor School.

Sunday 3rd December
Church Parade & Toy Service 10.15

Children are invited to bring a pre-loved toy to be donated to children who find themselves displaced at Christmas because of domestic violence: Santa finds it hard to know where these children live, so we aim to help make their Christmas special.

Larkin 2024
International Jamboree at
Duncombe Park in Helmsley
27/07/24 - 03/08/24 (Squirrels
attend part of the week). New
Squirrels who have recently
joined, speak to your leader if
interested.

Developing life skills!

The Beavers have had a fantastic term, learning lots of new skills including how to send messages - the Beavers were let loose on the leader's phones and once they discovered emoticons and predictive text, they found this exercise particularly funny.

They have also learned fire safety skills, how to tie various knots, and how to help around the home too with some very impressive clothes-folding skills!

The Beavers were also able to demonstrate their creative skills as they worked towards their builder badge when they made some fabulous robots!

At the start of the term, the Beavers headed to Holgate Windmill, the oldest working windmill in Yorkshire. The Beavers learnt all about this fascinating piece of our nation's heritage and showed great determination and bravery to climb the stairs to the top!



Great support for the Church Parade!

It was fantastic to see so many from across all sections attending the Harvest Festival Church Parade on the 1st October.

The Church has been our main home for many years and it is great that we are able to support them.

The next Parade is the 3rd December, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are all invited to attend and support our wider community.



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(Beavers attend part of the week). New Beavers this term, speak to your section leader if interested.

Fun filled term at Cubs!

The Cubs have had a great first half term, it started with Italian night and some fantastic pizza-making skills demonstrated.

The Cubs also got to grips with reading maps in preparation for a treasure hunt around York City Centre!

Our young leaders have also introduced the Cubs to the importance of recycling and how they can help look after our environment - well done Cubs!



Cub Activity Day at Snowball!

The Cubs were invited to join other packs from across the Ebor district for an Activity Day at Snowball.

There was fire lighting, backwoods cooking, knotting/pioneering, archery and paracord crafts.

This was a brilliant day and our Cubs had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and develop their team building skills.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

13th December

Ice Skating at Yorkshire Winter Wonderland

Sunday 3rd December

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New Cubs this term, speak to your section leader if interested.

Climbing, puzzles and teamwork!



Our Scouts have enjoyed another fun packed term. They have worked well together on a range of puzzles, and created some brilliant masterpieces as part of our cardboard creations session. The Scouts have also been working further towards their climbing badge, with a brilliant day at Brimham Rocks, the Scouts showed real determination to conquer the climbs - well done everyone!

Halloween Camp!

To end the term, the Scouts headed to Wike Campsite in North Leeds.

A lack of pumpkins did not stop the Scouts from inventing, and then celebrating, HallowPiña. The early November exotic fruit based scare fest!

The Scouts took part in a range of activities including pioneering and survived yet more rain and the mud!



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3rd December
Church Parade

9th-11th January
Winter Camp

Details will follow.

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Explorers Ignite!

The Explorers joined other Scout groups from across North Yorkshire at Castle Howard for a jam-packed weekend of activities.

The weekend provided a fantastic opportunity for our young people to explore their interests, challenge themselves, and connect with like-minded peers. From mountain biking and laser tag to climbing, archery, air rifles, and more, the activities on offer were a thrilling experience for all. The evening program, which included a silent disco, added to the excitement and left everyone feeling inspired.



Explorers Escape!

Escape is a catch and evade style wide-game held in October across the North Yorkshire countryside. Teams of between four and seven Explorers – ‘Escapers’ – are given 24 hours to navigate between set checkpoints.

Simultaneously, they are evading teams of Catchers, who comprise Network and adult Scouting Leaders.

The Escape team who are caught the fewest times, and hold the least amount of penalty points win!

The Explorers and Catches had a brilliant weekend in Nidderdale. A fantastic achievement and well done to all the Explorers (3 teams!) who took part, they all did amazing!



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3rd December
Church Parade

1-3 March 2024
District Explorer Camp

Details will follow and currently expecting the event to cost around £30 (subject to change).

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We need your help to raise funds for 1st Holgate!

By the end of 2024 we would like to have raised funds to buy a new minibus for the Scout group to help us provide even more adventurous opportunities for the young people at 1st Holgate!

We have a few fundraising opportunities coming up over the next few months and WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We need 4 parents to help from 9am-1.30pm on Saturday 25th November to serve refreshments at the Holgate Methodist Church Christmas Fayre. Please contact Chris Rodaway if you can help with this: gsl@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk.



We need donations of cakes and mince pies to be sold at the Church Christmas Fayre on 25th November. Please drop cakes/mince pies off at Holgate Methodist Church between 6pm-7.30pm on Friday 24th or 9am-10.30pm Saturday 25th. If every family could donate one cake we would be able to raise lots of money for the group!



We need 3 parents to help with our Christmas Tree pick up day on Saturday 2nd December, 10am-2pm. This involves helping people select their trees, cutting the bottom off to prepare them and helping people load up. Contact Chris if you can help.



We are looking for someone to coordinate a '100 club' for next year, starting in January. (people pay in to join the 'club' for the year and there is a cash prize draw each month!)



We are looking for someone to coordinate backpacks/bucket collections at supermarkets in February, March and April - even if you could help organise 1 that would be great!



We are also looking at arranging a full group sponsored walk and our own music festival next year! We really want to make the most of all these opportunities so if you can help at all, no matter how much, please get in touch: gsl@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



1st Holgate Scout Group needs dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

We urgently need assistant leaders for Windermere Squirrels (Saturday), Dakota Beavers (Wednesday), Pegasus Cubs (Wednesday), Hadrian Scouts (Wednesday), Explorers, Thursday), and Griffin Cubs (Friday). If you could help us at any of these meetings and would like to find out more then we'd love to hear from you - we fully embrace flexible volunteering! Why not pop along for a couple of weeks and find out what it's all about?

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