

Scouts

5th Skipton Scout Group

Group AGM/Presentation Awards Night.

This was a great evening's event, so thanks to all of you who attended. It was an evening where we gave our thanks to all who have helped with the running of the Group over the past year. Thanks to the trustees for their work in ensuring that we comply with the Charities Commission, which is no easy task. The biggest thanks were reserved for the leaders and the helpers who run a full programme of events for all 3 sections. The District Commissioner Andy Stronach presented Catherine and Carol with their 5 Year Service Awards and Jacki with her 10 Year Service Award.



The main part of the evening was reserved for the youth members when some 6 investitures were carried out. 1 Beaver, 3 Cubs and 2 scouts. Catherine also presented just under 200 badges shared between the 3 sections, but the highlight was the presentation of The Chief Scouts Silver Award to Bentley Johnston, Teddy Phillip, Max Dodgson, James Gill and Thomas Hunter, which is the highest award in the Cubs Section. Well done to you all. Be proud of your achievements, we are.



GSL REPORT

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the AGM/ Presentation Awards Night, and I trust that you enjoyed it.



The number of badges gained indicates how hard all the leaders & the parent helpers work for the benefit of the youth members of all the 3 sections.

As I reported at the AGM, in scouting, we are all volunteers. The monetary rewards therefore are poor, but what is rich is the fun & friendship and being able to watch the youth members develop as they move from section to section and onwards into their adult life.

In January of this year, we had 50 youth members, and we now have 55 youth members. At that point we also had 4 leaders and now with James & Jackie joining us in the cub section, we now have 6 leaders.

There is a saying in scouting "that if you want a job doing - go and ask a busy person" so if your busy and you want a hobby to relax, then why not come and join us, you'll not be disappointed.

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Cub Scout Leader - James Metcalf - To be announced Assistant Cub Scout Leader - Jacki Eeles - To be announced

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Website - www.5thskipton.co.uk

Cubs



The cub pack have put the OUT into SCOUTING, by holding some pack meetings outdoors. They did some mapping and they had sessions learning how to use Kelly Kettles as well as how to use a knife to whittle wood for the fuel and to make an object. They also had wide games at Black Park, high above Embsay. It was a chilly for us watching, but the cubs didn't feel the cold as they were running about so much.

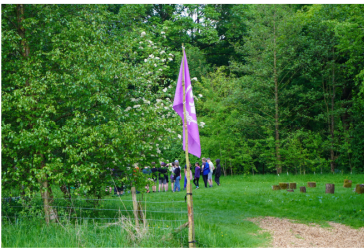
Beavers

The Beavers tried to put the OUT into SCOUTING by going to the park to pitch some hike tents, but the rain got the better of the evening, so they had an evening of games instead.

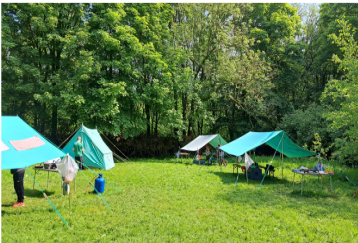
Welcome to our newest Beaver, who is Albert Beck, who was invested at the AGM/Presentation Awards Night.



Photo Corner



We are here



The campsite.



The scouts cooking.



Feeding time

Scout Camp

The scout camp was held at Play Away, Eshton Grange, near Gargrave when 13 scouts were joined by 6 of the older Cubs, the leaders and adult helpers.

The theme for the weekend was to set up a camp, including patrol tents, hike tents, dining shelters and cooking areas. The scouts then cooked their own food under camp conditions and ate it all up.

Sleeping accommodation was indoors so they had to set up their beds etc. before playing outdoor games. This was followed by a swim in the outdoor pool, supper, and finally bed..

The scouts also did some pioneering and for a treat they had a walk to Gargrave, learning about the country code, and the walk ended with an ice cream.

The evening event was a campfire with campfire songs and jokes.

A great camp where all enjoyed the experience, even if the leaders were a little worn out.



Some future events in June

Saturday 8th June, we are having a float in Skipton Gala, further details have been sent out. Thank you to the parents who will be helping by walking with the float. Our theme is Scouting at 5th Skipton and the meetings before will be concentrating on preparing the display for the float.

The cubs and scouts will be having a trip to Bolton Abbey for Conservation & wildlife evening.

The Beavers will also be out and about on an Alphabet hike – to find something for every letter of the alphabet. And another evening on teamwork challenges.

The scouts will be carrying out community work by litter picking around Skipton in conjunction with the Skipton Youth Council.

They will also be hiking up Sharplaw, so let's hope for lots of fine weather.

As always, more specific details will be posted on OSM nearer the date of the events. Can all parents, please keep checking their messages & reply when requested, as that will help in planning and running the events.

Finally, can parents please go on OSM and check that their child's details are correct especially any health matters.