



2007 marks the centenary of Scouting. In celebration of this we are publishing a series of articles about The Scout movement for Magna readers.

Principals of Scouting

The aim of Scouting is to help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

A busy Centenary Year

Apart from all our usual activities such as the Greenford Gang Show, District competitions, camping, games, badge activities, adventurous pursuits and of course the Scouting basics such as mapping, compass skills, tracking and knotting we have been busy marking the centenary with various activities and events including:

- The joint St George's Day Parade with Ealing and Hanwell Scout District.
- The planting of the centenary roses 'One Promise' by the Beaver Scout Section.
- A trip to Gilwell Park (home of Scouting).
- A trip to the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Essex.
- The Scouting Sunrise ceremony event on Horsendon Hill.
- Our Sponsored Hike to raise money for equipment to help the young members of the group get the best out of Scouting as we move into the new Scouting centenary.
- A trip to the 07 Scouting Festival at the 02 Arena.
- The purchase of a portrait of the founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden Powell and we have also purchased the History of Scouting centenary book and DVD to aid programmes in the sections.
- Join in Centenary badges and scarves have been available for those who took part in centenary events throughout the year.
- And if you are a regular reader of Magna you may have noticed that a series of six items have been published to commemorate the centenary of which this is the final article.

- And finally.... Coming up... Not strictly a centenary or a Scouting activity but a New Year's Eve Party at Betham Hall with a celebratory drink or two with friends to unwind and finish off what has been a busy year for all. Hope to see you there!



The Future

We have a relatively easier year coming up at least until next December when the group will start to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the 9th Greenford (Holy Cross) Scout Group. Scout Groups up and down the country rely on voluntary help and we are no exception. The quality and enjoyment of Scouting not only for the young members in the sections but the leadership team as well depends chiefly on the support that the group receives. If you feel you could help either as part of the Scouting leadership team, the Supporter's committee or with maintenance of the hut and grounds please speak to one of the uniformed members of the group at a future Youth Service.

Question: Apart from being famous. What links the following names?

The Very Revd. Edward Carpenter, MA BD DPh – Former Dean of Westminster. Sir David Attenborough. Ainsley Harriot. David Beckham. Michael Owen. Sir Paul McCartney. David Bowie. Billy Connelly. Prince Andrew. Former Prime Ministers- John Major and Lord Wilson. David Hockney, Neil Armstrong and Stephen Spielberg

Answer: They are all notable former Scouts

Over the last century many people have been members of the Scouting organisation including many who have gone on to become world famous, far too many to list here.

What they say.....

Peter Duncan The Chief Scout of the UK (Former TV presenter)

"I can think of no better organisation to provide a challenging framework for the positive development of young people"

Steve Fosset. The Explorer

"Scouting does a great job of making Scouts aware of character, integrity, and values incorporating them into their lives"

Sir Richard Branson. The Entrepreneur

"Great fun, great adventures. Lots of outdoor activities which I love. Experience of leadership. Never could learn to tie a knot though!"

Alan Titchmarsh. The Horticulturist

"Scouting remains strong and vibrant, and the teenagers who come through it have a strong sense of community spirit and of their place in society"

Nelson Mandela The Statesman

"Scouting inspires patriotism, sound moral values, courage, character-building, self-reliance and community awareness."

Adrian Moorhouse The Olympian

"Ever since I was a kid all I wanted to do was win an Olympic medal. Swimming was my life. Scouting helped me put things in perspective."

With Thanks to An Official History of Scouting published by Hamlyn and the official Scout web site.

And from a more local source...

It seems only fitting to finish this series of six articles for the Scouting centenary with views from the members of the group themselves.



Daniel Sullivan. Beaver Scout with 9th Greenford (Holy Cross) Beaver Scout Colony

One hundred years ago the first scout camp was held on Brownsea Island. I went there on my summer holiday. There is a statue of Baden Powell near the entrance. Also you get to do a activity sheet where you have to find different letters all around the island. We went down a path and we saw a scout camp and a shop. I bought a woggle and some badges.

I like Beavers because we play lots of fun games, and the arts and crafts are very clever. I enjoy the activity days. I liked the Beaver BAD day so much I wanted to stay longer. I am seven years old. I enjoy watching rugby and playing football with my friends. I also enjoy swimming and archery.



Conor Taylor-Brown. Cub Scout with 9th Greenford (Holy Cross) Cub Scout Pack

I am the Sixer for Red Six, my Seconder is Jordon Cadore. My Badges are Athletes, Collectors, Drama, Camping, 5 Nights Away, Swimming stages 1 and 2, the Outdoor Challenge, my Sixer badge, all the four Join-in-Centenary badges and my Chief Scout's Bronze Award. The best thing about Cubs is the camps that happen every May. Please can you bring your boys to Cubs. Thank you.



Thomas Adjetey. Scout with 9th Greenford (Holy Cross) Scout Troop

I like camping as we get to play lots of games like err well anything really. The worst thing about camp though is sleeping on the side of the tent as all the bugs and stuff you don't know about start sliming up your body and when you wake up you scream (literally).

On normal scout nights we have a rule that we take it in turns of whose games it is which is chosen by alphabetical order. We play loads of games like Runouts, Peruvian Puss Puss and loads more!

In the middle of Scouts we do an activity with our leaders depending on what event is coming up like bonfire night or Remembrance Day etc.



Ainsley Gilbert. Greenford and District Explorer Scout Young Leader with 9th Greenford (Holy Cross) Beaver Scout Colony

Beavers can be hard work, but they are great fun. Proof of this comes from what they do, including skidding down a ski slope on a giant rubber ring, dodging canal boats on the Grand Union and sitting on swings (which happen to be hurtling down a hill at untold MPH). It can take a lot of effort to get them doing things but once you do, they really enjoy themselves, and you might even get chance for a cup of tea. Talking of tea, a lot is drunk at Young Leaders, a group for all the helpers in the district under 18. We all go down to one of the huts and are trained in all the skills you need to be a leader, such as; how to be a big kid; how to play silly games; and some Scouting stuff as well.

I really enjoy my scouting and hope that the Beavers do as well.



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