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Latest news and dates for your diaries
4th Hinckley Scout Group & Endeavour ESU

1922-2022

Centenary Celebrations

With our celebrations starting with our first Church Parade of the year, the standard was set for a great year. The new flags, replaced after the break in, were blessed during the service. Bev Fretsme got the whole congregation joining in with an activity of our best Scouting memories. A reading was given by the Group Scout Leader which can be found on the back page.

In April we led the Hinckley District Scout Annual St Georges day with The Union Carried by our very own Aimee Dunphy and the St George Carried by Josh Bedford.

In May we held our whole group camp where we enjoyed a mix of traditional and modern Scouting activities. We invested Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, awards were presented by Phil Woolaston our District Commissioner, Liam Curtain - Youth Commissioner, Sport-Scout ADC, Vanessa Giling- Beaver ADC at our Traditional campfire.

June- We celebrated the Queens Jubilee and birthday

July we invited parents to join us for an activity evening and BBQ where again our DC presented awards- for Leaders this time- more about awards later.

November we had a great turnout for Remembrance Parade and are honoured to have made the front page of the Hinckley Times. All sections had discussions leading up to remembrance day, we remembered those Scouters that fought during the wars and those that worked at home taking the jobs of others who had gone to war.

As the end of the year draws near we prepare for our end of term activities including a District Carol service- see dates for your diary for details.



Centenary celebrations got off to a flying start at Church Parade at St Mary's Church on 6th February 2022
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Badges & Awards

Badges awarded this year total 566

You Shape Awards 8

Chief Scouts Awards * not all have been presented yet.

- Bronze 5
- Silver 8
- Gold 1
- Platinum 3

Leaders Wood Beads Awarded

Lorne Bedford

Gill Dunphy

Gareth Lewis

Wood Beads Completed

Clare Taylor

Congratulations to all our award recipients

Harry Proctor -Winner of Fox Coverts 70 years Badge design



New Setion flags being paraded in February to Mark the start of the centenary Celebrations



Gallery A few of our highlights



New Leaders

Welcome to Teresa- Beavers and Abbie at Scouts



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II- Our Patron

We celebrated the Queens birthday and Her Platinum Jubilee this year, Badges were presented to every member of the group to commemorate this incredible achievement



Sadly we also presented a remembrance badge to our members on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We followed the nations mourning and for those that were sharp eyed will have noticed the black drapes over Her Majesty's portrait in the Scout Hut.

Following the proclamation of His Majesty King Charles III we have hung a new portrait in his honour, we have carried out our first investitures using our amended promise offering loyalty and Duty to the King.



Leader changes.

Clare (Ikki) moved to Scouts

Gill (Raksha) moved to Beavers to support after the Summer break and will be returning to Cubs after Christmas, Obi-wan will be returning to Beavers to support Lorne- and Teresa - we need more leaders at Beavers and Cubs, Lorne will be working shifts so will not be available every week, if you can help on an adhoc basis or wouldlike to join our little team please get in touch.

Dates for Your Diary

December 2022

Sunday 4th December Christingle Service- Full uniform St Mary's Church 10.05-11.20 am All Sections

Monday 5th December Beavers and Cubs Fox covert Campsite- campfire, carols and hot chocolate- Warm Clothes , a hat and necker, usual times

Tuesday 6th Dec Explorers Evening out- Christmas lights and Waffles

Thursday 7th December- Scouts TBC

Monday 12th December no meeting

Tuesday 13th December District Carol Service



This will close our year celebrating 100 years scouting looking forward to the start of the next 100 years at 4th!!

January 2023 Week commencing 9th January Scout group will reopen.

Coming soon

District Cub Camp

Scouts 4 Point Challenge

Explorer Expedition

St Georges Day - April

Group Camp



From the Archives



On February 8th 1922 The Scoutmaster for 4th Hinckley Boy Scouts registered the Scout Troop with The Boys Scout Association

Originally meeting in the Druid Street mission rooms the Scout troop moved into Scout HQ (the Scout hut) in 1925- this still stands and is very much in use today.

The following year the Cub pack was registered with 18 cubs, the group continued to grow and evolve along with Scouting in the UK and in many countries world wide.

1939 saw the beginning of WW2 and as their predecessors had done in WW1 the Scouts joined the War effort taking on local roles left empty but those being called up to the war. during this time Scouting continued, a local Guide Leader took on the running of the cub pack until such a time that the Leaders would hopefully return from the war. Unfortunately that was not the case 4th Hinckley lost 3 members- we continue to remember them.

1967 saw big changes with Wolf cubs becoming Cub Scouts and Senior and Rover Scouts being combined to create Venture Scouts .

In 1976 Venture Scouts became the first UK section to welcome girls!

In 1986 the brand new Beaver Scout sectioned was launched for 6-8 year olds

in 1991 which doesn't feel that long ago to me all sections were open to boys and girls Hooray!!!.

Scouting continues to be more inclusive with changes made to the promise to include all beliefs and religions, and to ensure that Scouting is all inclusive and welcoming to all who share our fundamental values- (integrity, care, co-operation, respect and belief) all of which are part of our programmes and badge work.

Our scout group was mothballed for a few years due to lack of Leaders but reopened in 2004 and we have been busy!

In 2007 the Hinckley District hosted a Centenary Celebration camp at fox coverts- it was massive and so many great memories were made. At 4th we hosted a celebration and a renewal of our promise here in the church and afterwards in the garden of the vicarage- what started as a small group event ended with a church full of Scouters from across the District and lots of hungry mouths to feed after- we managed- we were Prepared and it was absolutely brilliant.

In 2008 2 very lucky cub Leaders, 1 Cub and a Scout met the then Chief Scout Peter Duncan National Grids launch of their sponsored Home safety badge- Our Cub and Scout made it into the national Press and on National Grids website! What a great memory.

Our Explorers were invited to wave the flag with Scouters from across Leicestershire When The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh with The Duchess of Cambridge came to Leicester Cathedral as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. 4th Hinckley also took part in the beacon lighting at High Cross Marshalling and keeping everyone safe.

Since the Scout group first formed there have been 3 Jubilees with a 4th for us to celebrate this year, 2 Coronations King George and Queen Elizabeth.

The introduction of TV, space travel, England won the football world cup, Woman got the right to vote, Slavery was abolished , organ transplants were introduced, vaccines and antibiotics have been invented, we have survived war, pandemics, droughts and bread shortages. We at 4th have travelled across the UK on foot, bicycle, kayak, trains, buses and boats, we have been to the International Scout Centre in Switzerland which was Baden Powells dream, up mountains, through mountains and around mountains.

2019 - We had to really change how we delivered Scouting during the pandemic, we did it- we zoomed and camped at home , those with tech skills found it easier than some of us.

With all the technology & the fast pace of life we all now seem to lead there is nothing more we enjoy (from the Beavers to the oldest adults) than to be at fox Coverts campsite, building shelters and campfires, singing daft songs and learning new skills and of course eating marshmallows.

We may look different from those Scouts back in 1922, have different beliefs, lifestyles and abilities but at our core we are the same, We are Scouts, we want adventure, to learn and challenge ourselves , have fun, to make new friends that will last a lifetime and we want to be prepared for whatever life may bring us.

I hope that in 100 years time someone is standing here celebrating 200years of Scouting at 4th and explaining how we celebrated back in 2022 and ensured that there would always be Scouts at 4th Hinckley St Mary's I don't think the Scout hut will still be standing in 2122 but we hope that with care and respect we will give it a few more good years. We really hope that Fox Coverts campsite will still be a beautiful natural woodland campsite that it is today and that those Scouts and Leaders that are not yet born get to camp there with 4th Hinckley Scout Group.

May the 4th always be with you.

Private Kenneth Charles Haynes 30-Oct-44 Royal Army Medical Corps. Aged 25 years. Killed on active service, 30th October 1944. 4th Hinckley (St Mary's) Group.
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***This was written for presentation at Church Parade In February 2022, little did we know we would see the passing of our much respected Queen and the proclamation of King Charles III- Long Live the King