

Scouts

5th Skipton Scout Group

A request for helpers – 4 Week Challenge

Have you or anyone else you know thought about volunteering at 5th Skipton Scout Group?

We still need more adult volunteers for the younger sections and to enable us to open a Squirrels Section so we can offer scouting to 4-6 year olds.

Are you unsure what it involves, then please join us for the 4-week volunteer challenge.

Week 1- Come along and see what we do.

Week 2- Start to help out- we will ask you to help with a task

Week 3- Get a little more involved- take more of a lead with an activity

Week 4- Is scouts for you? We will talk to you about your journey so far and how involved you would like to become with the group. Don't worry if you're unable to help every week, we welcome any support you feel you can give, and we are here to help with any training required.

Please talk to Catherine or Gary for further information and to register your interest.

Squirrels at the 5th

To enable the group to grow from the roots upwards we want to open a Squirrel Section for the 4 to 6-year-olds which is the youngest and newest section in Scouting.

To be able to do this we need some adults to volunteer as leaders/helpers as we require to minimum of three adults present at meetings. There is a lot of work to do with organizing this, but in the interim we would like to know if there any boys and girls that would like to join a new Squirrel Dray, and if so, we would like to enter there details onto a waiting list. Once we have enough boys and girls and leaders, then we will be able to circulate more details on when Squirrels can be opened.

Please talk to Catherine or Gary for further information and to register your interest.

Some future events - Please see OSM for further details

This year for the groups 110 years anniversary, we have many events planned. We request that parents/guardians keep checking OSM for details and reply to them ASAP so that planning can be completed.

Chocolate Bingo Family Fundraising evening 3rd April 2025. **Please send donations of Easter Eggs or any other Chocolate to the Dump ASAP.**

District Football Competition, 5th April – for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.
St Georges Day District Parade, 27th April 2025.

Group Summer Camp, Littledale 16th – 18th May 2025

110 Year Celebration Party Day at the Dump 12th July 2025

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GSL REPORT

As mentioned previously, we as a Scout Group will be celebrating our 110th birthday this year with various events planned throughout the year. We are in the process of having a badge printed that all members can wear it on their uniform. Spare badges will also be available to purchase for sewing on camp blankets.



In the last new letter (as this one) we were asking for adults to help in section meetings, and this request was also advertised in the Aspire magazine which you will have received through your letter box.

It is with pleasure that I welcome Matthew Illman and Miranda & Dominic Pargeter to the 5th. All three have relocated to Skipton and are fully qualified leaders, with both Matthew and Dominic taking out scout section appointments and Miranda a cub scout section appointment. We also welcome Paul Jacques as a helper in the cub section.

Many thanks to you all for joining us at the 5th & we trust that you will enjoy your scouting with us.

Gary Sorsby - GSL

Beavers

Congratulations to Stanley who has achieved his Chief Scout Bronze Award. We have also welcomed Emily, Elwynn, Lottie and Isaac into Beavers. Beavers have had a busy half term, we have focused on the International Badge and found out about Beaver Scout equivalents around the world. We have talked about the importance of healthy eating and teeth brushing as part of our challenge awards, and they completed a rather messy science experiment and ate Chinese food. Jacob, Luna, Albert, Beau and Sami took part in the District Swimming Gala, and they were all enthusiastic and determined, as they represented 5th Skipton Beavers, they should all be very proud of themselves.



Scouts

We welcome Florence into Scouts. We also welcome Matthew and Dominic who have joined us as scout leaders. Both are fully qualified leaders and have moved to Skipton from different part of the country and joined us at the 5th to continue their scouting. Scouts have developed their teamwork and knot skills by building and racing chariots; before a task master evening where they continued to build on their teamwork and cooperation skills. A disability awareness evening proved great fun, as the scouts took turns being blind (wearing a blind fold), deaf (using ear plugs) and wheelchair users (they had to remain seated) for a range of games before discussing how they felt.

Congratulations to John, JP, Matheo, Alice, Elsie, Olivia and Florence who represented the scouts at the District Swimming Gala.

A group of 9 scouts enjoyed a chilly overnight stay at Bradford Climbing Hut on a joint event with the 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts. They all had a go at both bouldering and climbing as well as working with scouts from another group within the district.

The scouts also enjoyed an evening hike, where they were split into two teams where they walked the route in opposite directions, using their mapping and compass skills.



Cubs

We've had a good couple of month at cubs we have focused on a few things this month from the disability badge to the Chinese New year where we tried some Chinese food and learnt about the year of the snake.

We have also been doing team building games and how to work as a team to achieve their goal.

We also did a Cub forum where we discussed what badges the cubs would like to achieve and how we can do this. I would like to welcome Hannah And Taiga into cubs and I hope they enjoy their time with us.

I would like to also welcome Miranda one of our new cubs leaders, and Paul who has joined as a helper in the cub section. A massive well done to do the cubs who took part in the swimming gala I hope you all enjoyed it.

I'm looking forward to the next term with cubs and the programme I have planned and hope you all have a lovely half term Jacki

District Explorer unit

We welcome the District Explorer Unit back to the Dump. The explorer Unit is available for all scouts to join once they have reached the age of 14 up to the age of 18. They meet every alternate Monday evening 7.30 to 9.30pm, alternating with meeting at Kildwick & Farnhill HQ in Crosshills.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Jonathan by email at jabbey2@googlemail.com



**5th Skipton Scouts
Beavers-Cubs-Scouts**

**CHOCOLATE
BINGO**

Thursday 3rd April 2025
6:00pm - 8:00pm

At The Dump, The Ginell, Newmarket Street, Skipton

£2 Per Book or  **3 Books for £5**
10 games per book

Refreshments available

Proceeds to 5th Skipton Scout Group's funds for scouting equipment



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