

Scouts

5th Skipton Scout Group

GSL REPORT

Thank you for all the donations of Easter eggs and to everyone who attended the chocolate bingo evening. We are still waiting for a final figure, but we anticipate that we have raised around £500 for group funds. The surplus Easter eggs from the event were donated to the Skipton food bank who are giving them out with food parcels ready for Easter.

Please can I take this opportunity to request that you all check your child's personal details on OSM. We will all be making the most of the improved weather and getting sections out over the next few months, and this information enables us to contact you in an emergency and ensures that we have all the necessary details to best support your child within scouting.

Congratulations to the cubs and beavers who took part in the District Football Competition, you all played some great football and supported everyone on the pitch. I was very proud of each and every one of you!

Catherine Walton-Brown – GSL



St Georges Day Parade

26.4.2026- St George's Day Parade. Meet in the Dump carpark by 2:10pm. We are the duty troop this year so some members will be asked to be involved in the service, which this year will take place in the castle grounds as the church is closed for heating refurbishments. Unfortunately, this means if you want to watch, you will need to purchase a ticket to access the castle grounds.

We do need some parent volunteers to help with road closures, please let Catherine or Gary know if you can help.

Beavers

The beavers have been working out their location on a map, whilst walking around Skipton. They have also been pottery painting, learning about water aid, talking about their hobbies and collections, and making pizzas.

The next term we will be celebrating St George's Day with a range of outdoor activities (weather permitting), learning about the green cross code, Aborigine dot painting, and scout skills such as whittling and fire lighting. Towards the end of the term, we will be going back to Gargrave for the ever-popular river dipping.



Group AGM 3rd June

Further detail will be provided via OSM nearer the time but please let a leader know if you'd like to join the trustee board. This role involves meeting 5 times a year, to oversee what the group is doing and to ensure all decisions are in the best interests of our members. We do also need some more volunteers for the fundraising committee, please email helen.illman@5thskiptonscouts.org.uk if you'd like to join our fundraising team or for more information.

Skipton Gala

This year the Skipton Gala will be held on the 13th June. We have applied to have a float in the gala again this year, and we will let you know if we are successful. If we are we will need parents to help on the day.

Group Contact details

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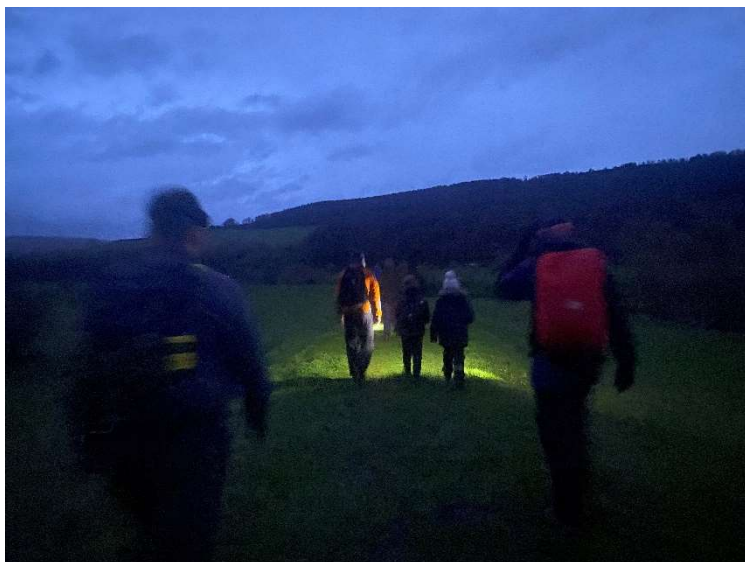
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Scouts

Last half term, the Scouts completed a night hike, had an evening fine-tuning our knots and lashings and we have played life sized Hungry Hippo. In the Summer Term we have four camps and outdoor climbing to look forward to.



Surplus Easter Eggs being donated to the Food Bank for them to give out with food parcels for Easter.

Cubs

Cubs have had a busy few weeks, and thanks to everyone who stepped in to help during our leader shortage. If you know someone who would be interested in joining the cub leadership team, please let me know.

We enjoyed a very informative talk from Judith all about the vital work of Water Aid. We have continued to work on our Navigation badge and started our science badge, making some very frustrating balloon powered cars. We also had a night on building teamwork, by using the giant Meccano sets and building a form of transport.

Welcome to Flora, who was recently invested into the Cub Section.



Some future Group Events

Please see OSM for further details

W/C 13.04.2026 - Section meetings start again.

17 to 19.04.2026 – Scout Troop Camp.

26.04.2026- St George's Day Parade and Service.

29.04.2026 – Trustees Meeting.

15 to 17.5.2026 - Group Camp at Low Wood.

03.06.2026 - Group AGM.

13.6.2026 - Skipton Gala Day.

23 to 25.10.2026- Group indoor sleepover at Hebden Hey, Hebden Bridge.

Bingo & Raffle Night fundraising for Oliver & Callum - 9th May

Oliver and Callum are Explorer Scouts in the District Explorer Unit. Callum has been selected for the 2027 World Jamboree in Poland and Oliver has been selected for the North Yorkshire inter-rail Europe Trip.

They are organising a Bingo & Raffle Night including Pie and Peas at The Dump, 5.45pm on the 9th May to fundraise for their trips, and you are invited to attend.

Tickets - £7 for Adults and £5 for U13s so if you are able to support them, call or text 07494 228837 to purchase tickets.