



Newsletter #2 - Spring 2003

# Hawley Scouts

6<sup>th</sup> Bramshill (Hawley) Scouts Registered Charity No. 272775

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## Newsletter - Next Edition

Hawley Scouts are a small group sandwiched between a big brother of the 8<sup>th</sup> (Frogmore Green) and the units in Cove and Farnborough.

With the spread of urban conurbation the hamlet of Hawley is now centred on the church, village green and the Scout Hut. We want to maintain our separate identity and preserve our proud history which goes back to the start of Scouting.

We rely on the Leaders and Executive to maintain the running of the Group and look to the parents to provide help for the sections and committee when needed. So if we ask for your help don't say NO!

### GSL Report

We have an excellent record of providing our young people with all sorts of opportunities both centre and field based. There are however areas where we have skill shortages and we are looking to contact adults in our community who may not have any specific involvement with Scouting but who can bring a new perspective or skill to the Group. We are keen to talk to people who have project management skills, water activity skills and craft skills."

Call me on 1276 514606 if you can help.

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## Blast from the Past

This picture was taken at an Autumn Apple Pick at Greigs Farm, Fleet around 1988. Can you put names to the faces? Can't see them properly then go to [www.hawleyscouts.co.uk](http://www.hawleyscouts.co.uk) and navigate to the Gallery where you can see the big picture.

Send me an email message so that we can record the history of our Group.





**New Cub Uniform**



*"A Scout does not use a showy uniform, because it would attract attention; but Scouts in a Patrol should as far as possible dress alike"*



**The Uniform 1967 Style**

## New Programme Offers New Opportunities

The new programme was initiated in the autumn of 2002 and we are working towards some of the new awards were introduced then.



All units have made a start on the Nights Away award. The badge award starts with just one night spent away from home either camping, hosteling or on a boat. Progressive awards are made for 5, 10, 20 and 50 nights away.



We are also keen to take advantage of the benefits of the International Award. See later report.



The Participation Award recognises the time spent in Scouting. On the anniversary of their joining the movement they receive the next stage of this award.

## Scouting in Hawley



The 6th Odiham (Hawley) Scouts became the 6th Bramshill (Hawley) Scouts in 1985.

The Scout Troop consists of two Patrols. Kingfisher has recently split, with the Patrol Leader moving across to form a new Patrol 'Tigers'. The APL of Kingfishers steps up to Patrol Leader. See new flashes on Page 1.

## Hawley in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

The website continues to grow in content and has information about the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.

Parents, boys & girls and ex-Scouts can find out about the activities that take place on a troop night or the special events that happen during the weekend. You can keep up to date with the Patrol Competition, issues

## Scouts Reunited

You've probably heard and seen the success story of the Friends Reunited website, well now there is a Scouting version of that site! Specifically designed by the Association for current and ex-movement members it allows you to keep in touch with other people from your own Scouting past and present. You can register yourself at no cost and identify the Scout Groups you belonged to or were associated with. Why not take a few minutes to register with our Group? For information go to:

[www.scoutsreunited.co.uk](http://www.scoutsreunited.co.uk)

that affect Scouts and Scouting and see the dates and venues for future activities.

Take a few minutes to visit us at:

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## Section Reports for Spring 2003

### Beaver Scouts

Our Beaver Colony is an active group that is seeking more members (boys or girls). We are having a recruitment drive and an **Open Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Hawley Scout H.Q. If you or your friends have children who would like to join our Group then please drop in on a Thursday night between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### Cub Scouts



Congratulations to the Cubs who entered and WON the District Handicraft Competition - AGAIN!! The shield will be engraved with the group's name and remains with us for the rest of the year. You can see

pictures of the Cubs and their entry on our website. Click on the CUBS button. They also took their annual visit to Slimbridge during March and as usual a great time was had by all.

### 2005 and 2007

Too early to start thinking about the future? We think not!! 2005 will see a European Jamboree in England and 2007 will see the Centenary Jamboree held here as well. We are starting work on our International Award Badge. This is not an individual achievement but a Group Award, which involves everybody. We are going to have a sponsored event in May to raise funds for a 'Clean Water' project in Uganda. A contingent from Bramshill is heading out this summer with the aim to repair wells and watercourses in some local villages.

Please give generously



*Is it true the Federation uniform was modeled on our Group Necker?*

## And All Sections Continue Their Hectic Schedules

### Land Scouts

As we don't have a Scout Leader at this time we are still holding a joint meeting with the 8<sup>th</sup> Frogmore.

We have had a full programme for the Spring Term.

We've had a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' evening and you can see the results of our efforts on the web!

As part of our International Award we visited the local supermarkets for a survey during Fair Trade Fortnight.

We had a weekend at the YHA Hostel at Wantage and spent the weekend walking the Ridgeway. Again see the website for pictures.

We are about to start a new Patrol. The 'Tiger' Patrol will be formed from existing & new Hawley Scouts.

### A.G.M.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

7:15 pm

Parents, ex-Scouts and members of the community are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bramshill (Hawley) Scouts in the Scout Hut. We'll be presenting badges and awards to the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and showing off our new tents and equipment we have recently purchased.

*also remember*

### St. George's Day Parade

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

10:45 am

Holy Trinity Church, Hawley





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## What's Up At The Hut?

The lease of the current hut was granted in 1977 for twenty years and we have recently negotiated a renewal on a two-yearly basis.

We are continuing to petition the Council to extend that to a ten-year period so we can justify spending more money on improving the site.

Watch This Space!

## New Tents - New Tables

You may have heard of the recent sale of the Hawley Working Men's Club. As a result of the Trust that was set up established when it was established charities in the community have received funds for capital projects. This has enabled us to buy some sorely needed tables for the Group and modern tentage that can be used by all the Sections.

## New age provisions for Scouting

**Beavers** - The core age range for this section will be 6 - 8 years. Leaders may welcome young people into the colony, at anytime in the 3 months before their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday (from 5¾). Beaver Scouts may remain with the Colony until they are 8½.

**Cubs** - The core age range for this section will be 8 - 10½. Cub Scouts

may transfer to the Troop from the age of 10 and they may remain within the Pack until they are 11.

**Scouts** - The new core age range for the Troop will be 10½ - 14 years. They may join from their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and whilst some Scouts may wish to leave for the next section at 13½, others may remain until they are 15.

## And the new Explorer Section . . .

**Explorer Scout Section** - With a core age of 14 - 18 years, this is a new Section with a new approach. It is not Venture scouting with another name, but it will inherit much of the best of Venture scouting.

*If you would like more information about our group, how to become an uniformed leader or a non-uniformed helper or to assist with the running of the group then please contact Mike Dawson via phone/fax/email.*

*If you can fill in some details of the history of Scouting in Hawley in the 60's, 70's and 80's then we'd also like to hear from you. Notes and annotated photographs are most welcome. We'll copy and then return the originals to you.*