

# Personal Challenge Badge

This issue we take a look at the personal challenge badge. This is one of the badges that your child needs to complete in order to attain their Chief Scout Award.

To achieve this badge they need to complete two challenges - one they set themselves, and one set by their section leader - both must be agreed by the leader as suitable personal challenges.

Personal challenges are dependent on the child - so for example a shy child may be asked to look after another new member for half a term. So the tasks must be both attainable and challenging! Or it could be something they find a bit scary - like conquering their fear of heights.

While the Leaders will monitor progress towards the challenge they set there is ample opportunity for you to help your child achieve their own challenge at home.

Some examples include:

- Remembering to brush your teeth twice a week for two weeks
- Trying something new that they are a bit nervous about
- Organise a fundraising event
- Plan an activity for scout/cub/beaver camp
- Give up their games console for a week!

So - with new year's resolutions just around the corner - why not help your child set their own personal challenge and start off 2020 by helping them achieve a challenge badge!

Find out more at <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources>



## Scouting Matters

The newsletter from the 6th Farnborough Scouts Group

December 2019

### Celebrating 50-years of scouting

Next year is an important year for the 6th Farnborough Scouts Group as it will be 50-years since the group was re-constituted - so we are going to hold a big party at our AGM, and are looking to celebrate our Golden Anniversary throughout the year.

We have already had the children designing a badge that we will get made up so they can wear it on their uniform, and while we haven't yet picked the winner we hope to announce it in the new year!

If you know of any former members of 6th Farnborough Scouts, or were a member yourself in years gone by we would be interested in hearing your stories from those days and what you liked about Scouting. We'd like to write a story for the local paper, and it would be lovely to include some fond memories from former members about the last 50-years.

Looking ahead to the next 50-years we hope to bring Scouting to the next generation - helping young people to reach their potential and teach them skills for life, and hopefully give something back to the local community.

Liane Frydland, Group Secretary



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# Messages and updates

## We have a new Treasurer!

Oliver Nash has kindly agreed to fill the vacant treasurer role for us and will be sworn in at the next AGM. The committee would like to thank our previous treasurer, Andy Wray, for this years of services in the role and bringing the group up to date with internet banking! We also welcome Oliver to the committee and look forward to working with him.

## Fundraising subcommittee

Dates for the fundraising subcommittee are now available via our "friend of 6th Farnborough" Facebook group. Please come along if you can -we still have a long way to go to reach our £10K target to replace our aging storage garage. The dates are: Sat 18th Jan 2020, Sat 21st Mat 2020, Sat 23rd May 2020, and Thur 23rd Jul 2020. All meetings will be at the Snow Goose Pub and start at 7pm.

## Amazon smile

With Christmas around the corner it's a good time for online shopping - and why not help your Scout Group in the process! Simply switch you Amazon

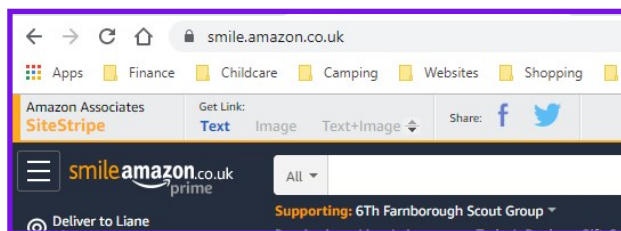
bookmark to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and choose 6th Farnborough Scouts as your chosen charity. Then shop away as normal! You don't need to do anything else other than make sure you always use the Smile version of Amazon, and the group will get a small referral fee for each transaction.

## New look hut!

Thanks to a grant from Rushmoor Borough Council and the Monday Night Crew (A group of retired Scouts who go around the District helping Scout groups with odd jobs- amazing considering their average age is around 80!) - we will be improving the hut with some new storage and a new ceiling.



Hopefully you will start to feel the benefit with a nice warm hut in the winter!



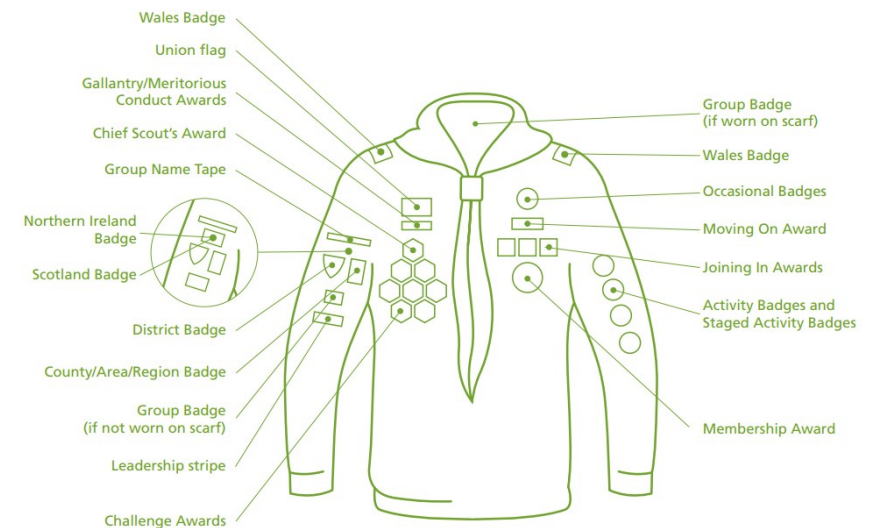
# Dates for your diary

Key : **Beaver Events** ; **Cub Events** ; **Scout events** ; **All sections events**

Date	Section / Activity
Fri 6th Dec	Scouts - Christmas party
Sat 7th Dec	Group - Pantomime trip
Wed 11th Dec	District - Camp fire carols - @ Runway's end
Tues 17th Dec	Joint Pond/River Beavers Christmas Party
Wed 18th Dec	Cubs - Christmas Beach party!
Sat 18th Jan	Fundraising sub committee meeting

# Where do the badges go?

Below is a quick reminder of where on the uniform the badges go. This is an example cub jumper, but the basic placement is the same for all sections.



# Section updates

## Scouts update

We have returned from a great summer camp at Broadstone Warren where we enjoyed some fantastic activities from Axe throwing to the Zip Wire.

Building on this, the Scouts learnt skills for preparing and setting a campsite by making model ones.

We experimented with some exotic fruit in making smoothies. My favourite was Mango, Pomegranate and Papaya!



Making smoothies!

Some great news is the team we entered into the District Master of Arms competition came in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Well done to them!

We have celebrated a Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) by speaking with scouts from Ivory Coast, Indonesia, Malaysia, USA as well as several European

countries.

The Scouts then tried to build their communication skills using some Lego and found it a little harder than they thought.



At the JOTI

We had a hike, looked into the different faiths around the world, had a go at some teamwork and problem solving and took part in district events like the swimming gala and the remembrance parade.

We have started preparation for our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations next year by having members design a badge that we will be able to wear on our uniforms for 6 months.

All in all a great term!



Our master at arms competition winners!

## Where do your subs go?

You currently pay £120 a year for your child to attend our Scout group - so we thought you might like to know where your money goes.

The first big chunk of money we need to pay goes straight to the HQ and District sections of the Scouts Association in a "capitation" fee. At the moment this is £44.85 per child, per year, and is set to increase over the next few years. This is a fee we have to pay as a group in order to be an accredited Scouts Group, but it means that around 38% of your fees, goes straight out of our account each year.

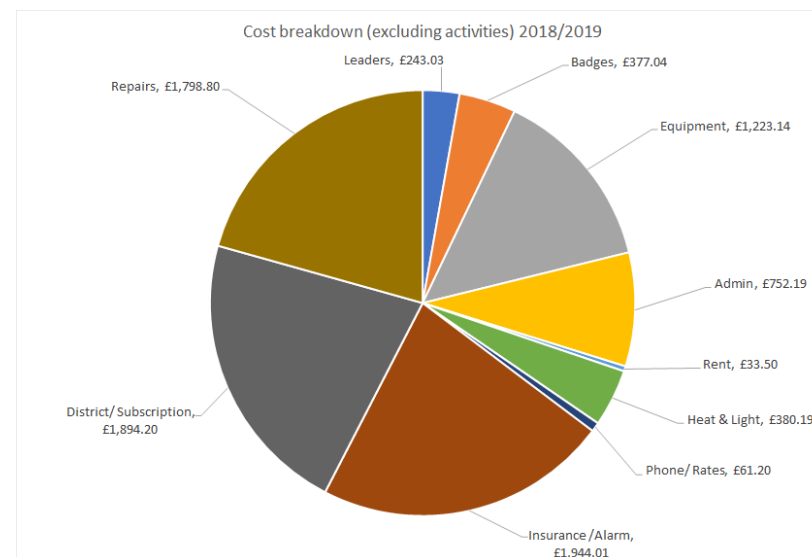
We are fortunate enough to own our own meeting hut - but this means we have to pay the utilities and maintenance costs

ourselves. This is where the biggest chunk of your money goes.

The graph below shows our main expenses last year so you can see the main areas where your money goes.

We have been fortunate to have won some grant funding to help pay for some of the upkeep - such as our new fire doors, and we have some new storage and ceiling going in the hut - but it is vital we raise funds to pay for all the camping equipment and other expenses associated with the building.

One simple way to help us with raising the funds is to register for gift aid with the group. You simply fill out a form and that's it. We are then able to claim 25p for every £1 of your subscription fees from the taxman - which means an extra £30 per child the group can claim.



## Section updates

### Beavers update

We have had one new Beaver Invested. Before the nights got too dark, we went out mini beast hunting. It was quite dark, but we were surprised to find a frog behind a log!

We have earned our Health and Fitness Activity Badge and everyone was very happy to have another badge to sew onto their uniform.

As a challenge, the lodges had to work together to build the longest bridge they could out of spaghetti and marshmallows. It ended up being a tie for the longest bridge!! The lodges had to work together really well and we all had a great time.



We were hoping to go stargazing, but alas, the English weather proved to be uncooperative. We made constellations out of magic stars and candy straws instead. The children really liked finding their own patterns in the stars as well.



Making constellations!

We are also working on our Air Activities badge and are hoping to have a trip to the FAST Museum next year to see some airplanes up close.

Upcoming events include celebrating St Andrew's Day and doing activities towards our book reader badge.

## Section updates

### Cubs update

We have had a packed programme at Cubs this term, with adventures and fun (mixed in with some learning) and we hope the Cubs have enjoyed it as much as we have.

#### Parliament week

The Cubs learned about Parliament and debated the motion "All children should have to wear uniform at school". We were impressed with their arguments and how they listened and responded to those with an opposing view.



Parliament week!

#### Bat Hunt

Chris from the Hampshire Bat Group joined us for an amazing evening learning about bats in the UK and around the world, and hunting for bats near the brook. The Cubs were mesmerised by the

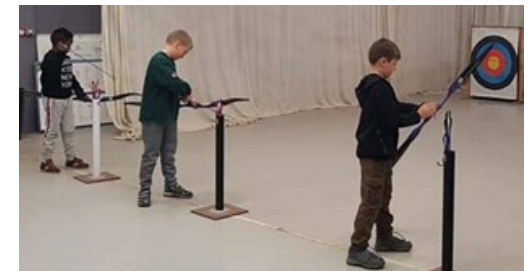
soprano pipistrelle bat that Chris introduced them to.



Getting batty about bats!

#### Runway's End

Supported with funding from District we spent an exciting evening trying archery and air rifles. Thanks as always to all our parent helpers without whom we would not be able to have such experiences.



Fun at Runway's End

