











# MardenScouts.org.uk WELCOME

## It's our first edition!!

Welcome to our first newsletter!! We aim to send this out at least once a term and keep you up to date with everything going on with the Group, including Section news, upcoming events, how you can help and much more...

Suggestions for future editions are always welcome, please send your ideas / articles / photos etc through to contact@mardenscouts.org.uk

#### CHRISTMAS POST

# Please support us this year with the Christmas Post

We are back again this year to collect and deliver cards throughout the village.

Please support us in 2 ways:

- Spread the word and tell your neighbours, friend and family about us, money goes to a great cause and of course we are cheaper than the main rivals!
- Join us on Saturday 16th
   December to help deliver all
   the cards, as they say many
   hands make light work

### **GROWING GROUP**

# Help us ensure even more can join in the fun

Did you know that Marden's first Cub meeting was held on the 21st April 1982? Since that time the Group has grown and been able to offer 100's of 6 to 25-yearolds fun & challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure & the chance to help others make a positive impact in communities. Scouting helps children & young adults reach their full potential developing skills including teamwork, initiative, communication, leadership, self motivation, cultural awareness & commitment. Scouting is a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express creativity & experience the wider world.

This growth & everyday adventure has only been possible thanks to our adult volunteers who support the Group in a wide range of roles from working directly with the young people, to help managing the Group or to being one of our Trustees. With the Parish itself ever growing we have secured our tenancy for the next 35 years and plan to continue to deliver fantastic Scouting experiences to as many of the local young people as we can but in order to continue to grow we do need the help of more adult volunteers. Whether it be for an hour or two a week, a month or even a year will go a long way to help us continue to deliver Scouting for our members now and into the future.

If you or someone you know are able to help in any way then please contact our Group Scout Leader, Kieran at gsl@mardenscouts.org.uk

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# **Diary dates**

### December 2017

4-5 Santa's Sleigh16 Christmas Post

January 2018







#### FROM THE SECTIONS

# A brief update on what our Sections have been up to this term

#### **BEAVERS**

- Beaver Bonfire Night
- Night Hike
- Rugby Night
- Lego Challenge

#### **CUBS**

- Learning Semaphore (more flag waving than a procession down the Mall!)
- Halloween themed night, with apple bobbing
- Hike around the village

#### **SCOUTS**

- Hike where the Scouts all got hopelessly lost!
- A wide game in the mist
- Balloon animals have been a highlight

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

# Opportunities for you to join us....

### **Group Secretary**

- Key responsibilities include collating and issuing minutes of bi-monthly Executive meetings and annual AGM
- A "must have" position for the Group to continue

## **Group Social Committee member**

- We are looking to form a Group Social Committee with parents to plan and coordinate social and fundraising events throughout the year
- As the saying goes, Many hands make light work, so please consider helping out when possible

#### **Uniformed Leaders**

- As you are aware we are lucky to have fantastic uniformed Leaders in each of our sections
- However we are in need of more volunteers to ensure we can first maintain this level and then look to possible start new nights to meet current and future demand

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# **EASY FUNDRAISING**

# With just a few clicks, help us raise funds when shopping online

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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Marden Scout Group?

With Christmas shopping underway there are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1. Head to
- https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mardenscouts/ and join for free.
- **2**. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever

There are no catches or hidden charges and Marden Scout Group will be really grateful for your donations.

# Contacts

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