



2nd Tonbridge Scout Group



November 2016

Membership

The following numbers of young people are members of 2nd Tonbridge.

Beavers	23 - plus 9 queued (too young)
Cubs	19 - Vinell- 12, Cribb – 7
Scouts	28
Explorers	8
	78

Website joining enquiries

Since the website launch on 5th December 2015 we've had the following membership enquiries through the 'join in' facility.

Beavers	20
Cubs	6
Scouts	6
Leaders	1
	33

General

After many years dedicated service to 2nd Tonbridge and Scouting, Ted Jones is stepping down as GSL and has swapped his warrant to AGSL. Jon Launder steps up from AGSL to GSL for the group.

The equipment store to the rear of our HQ has significant cracks probably due to subsidence, we are contacting the insurers and as a precaution have advised all leaders to not allow young people into or past the store to the rear land until further notice. Adults can enter or pass the store at their own risk.

The 2nd leaders from every section as well as two SAS members had a great time running base 6 at Groombridge for the Founder Challenge. The 2nd Scout teams came 10th and 15th.

We have successfully recruited three new leaders, Francis Morrison for Beavers, Graham Still and Marta for Scouts.

The 2nd held a Jumble Sale on Saturday October 8th raising over £600 which will be put towards this year's running costs.

The 2nd Tonbridge website has had a content refresh and every section has kindly provided this term's programme, which has been uploaded and available for the young people and parents to view.

Nick Wells the Scout Leader and Jon Launder GSL spent an evening with the 17th Tonbridge for ideas and to see how other groups run larger troops as ours is growing. We thank them for hosting us and making us feel so welcome.

Beaver Report

The Beavers enjoyed the Rare Breeds centre in Ashford with the rest of the district to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of beavers becoming part of the scouts Association. Beavers went for a bike ride, made bread and have made sand art so far this term.

Cub report

The Cubs have worked on their promise and law, had two visitors, a Fireman and Tamsin Ritchie from TMBC who gave a talk on recycling. Cubs have held a games evening, had a festival and covered world customs, played world games and made faith posters, all for their world challenge badge. Cubs have also started on the emergency aid badge.

Scout report

Two Scout teams enjoyed founder, coming 10th and 15th. They have night hiked around Shipbourne & Ightham, cycled at night to Barden lake and the flood barrier, for knife, axe & saw the patrols made swedish torches and used them at a following backwards cooking evening. The troop has worked on their law and promise, the PLs and APLs have held a planning session and put together a piece for the upcoming Scouts Own Carols evening, this has been practiced and refined with the rest of the troop.

Explorer report

The Explorers have held a film night and a knots and lashings evening as well as knife, axe & saw. Explorers have held a parliament debate, run through shelter building and worked on their maps & compass skills.