

Tales from the Scout Hut

The term ended for Beavers with Easter Craft making, the Cubs ended with a nerf gun battle while the Scouts made Easter flower arrangements and had a go at egg blowing. The reason I couldn't write more about the Explorers Top Secret project last month was that I couldn't risk the fabulous WCN coming out early and ruining the surprise! The Explorers were engaged on a secret mission to create Mother's Day jewellery for their Mum's. Much metal bashing was undertaken to create silver necklaces or silver bookmarks under the guidance of Mrs Gandy (Carol) who creates silver jewellery as a hobby. The results were fantastic and I hope all the Mum's were very happy with their gifts.

On St George's Day, 23rd April, we will be taking part in the District St George's Parade at Walmer Bandstand when all the groups come together to renew their Promises. We will parade from Deal Castle to the Bandstand on Walmer Green where the service will be held. By early May all the sections will be beginning the work on our Scarecrows for the village Scarecrow Trail, look out for our Scarecrows near the Post Office.

We continue to look for volunteers to help out in Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, and to be a Secretary to the Committee. If you are interested please contact us on the Wingham Scouts email address – winghamscouts@gmail.com In September we are planning to move the Scout Section to twice monthly meetings, meeting one Friday evening and one Saturday for a full day, every month. John our existing Leader, cannot continue with the group after the summer and at present we do not have a leader who can commit to running the section every Friday evening. So, we have taken the decision to try a radical new approach to Scouting that is already being used by a number of groups throughout the country. We know that it won't suit everyone, but by meeting for a whole day once a month, this opens up huge potential for longer hikes, trips further afield and the ability to complete badges in a day and also enables the existing leaders to continue to support the group. We have space for new scouts, so if you are aged between 10 ½ and 14 and you like the thought of a day a month away from your parents, please contact us – we are truly open to everyone.