

### Hi there



We hope all the young people are enjoying our activities so far this year. There's been a huge variety - Scouts have been on camp, the Cubs have been 10-pin bowling and the Beavers have been into space – well, they did the Space badge.

### Membership Subs

We'll be e-mailing the link for this term's £36 subs shortly, via OSM (Online Scout Manager). If you've never paid online before, there's a short video about it at [Paying Online with OSM - YouTube](#)

Parents are still welcome to send cash if they prefer.

We're very conscious of the cost of living crisis and we've been able to keep our subs at the same level. However, no child should miss out on Scouting due to the cost. If there are any difficulties in paying please don't hesitate to let us know, in confidence of course.



### Group Camp – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May

Make a note. Our annual camp at Blackwell Adventure for all young people. Beavers will be sleeping in the heated pods and Cubs and Scouts will be in tents. More details soon. We hope to keep the cost to £68, the same as last year.

### Monday Night Quiz at The Sun

Don't forget the Quiz at the Sun Inn, every Monday at 8pm. All proceeds go towards our new minibus. Come along and enjoy a delicious meal, a drink and have a lot of fun with the quiz. Only £1 to enter and you can win a £20 bar voucher.

We're very grateful to Scott Jenkins and The Sun for running the night and Beechcroft Nurseries and Garden Centre for their support with raffle prizes.



### Other Dates

We're re-launching our 2 fund-raising events which have been on hold since the pandemic.

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**      **Family Quiz Night** at the Headquarters. There will be a bar, fish and chip supper and a children's room to keep them occupied while parents enjoy the quiz.
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**      **Village Fayre and Barbecue.** Our biggest fund-raising event. We will need help from parents on the night please.

More details of both events nearer the dates.

## New Minibus Update

Early in 2020, we decided that our minibus would need replacing in the next couple of years or so. It was still going strong, was safe and passes its MOT every year with flying colours, but due to its age it was becoming difficult to get spare parts and the bodywork was starting to go rusty in places. We estimated that a replacement second-hand vehicle would cost around £12-14,000. However, our plans had to be put on hold with the lockdown.

We're thrilled to be able to say that we now have £6,000 towards the new minibus. We received £4,500 from the Co-op due to the generosity of the customers, a wonderful donation of £500 from Romsley Parish Council and over £900 from Hillside Ladies' amazing Coffee morning. And we were delighted when we were told that all the proceeds from The Sun's Monday Night Quiz are being donated towards the minibus.

We're well on our way to reaching our original target. However, since the pandemic, prices have become volatile. Also, the government are currently reviewing the legislation for minibuses which means we may be able to buy something better than originally intended. After Easter we should have a better idea of how much a replacement will cost. And we plan to apply to Trust Funds for grants when we know more accurately how much we need.

In the meantime, our current minibus is still going strong and is perfectly safe. But it is going to need replacing soon. So please remember The Sun's Quiz Night every Monday.



## Scout Promise

As you know, all youngsters make a Promise when they join Scouting. The Cub and Scout Promises are very similar and the Beavers have their own Promise. Traditionally when taking their Promise, young people promise to do their 'Duty to God', or in the case of Beavers 'To love God'.

However, there are alternatives for members of different faiths, without a faith or are atheist. You can see all the Promises at [Our Promises \(romsleyscouts.org.uk\)](http://Our Promises (romsleyscouts.org.uk))

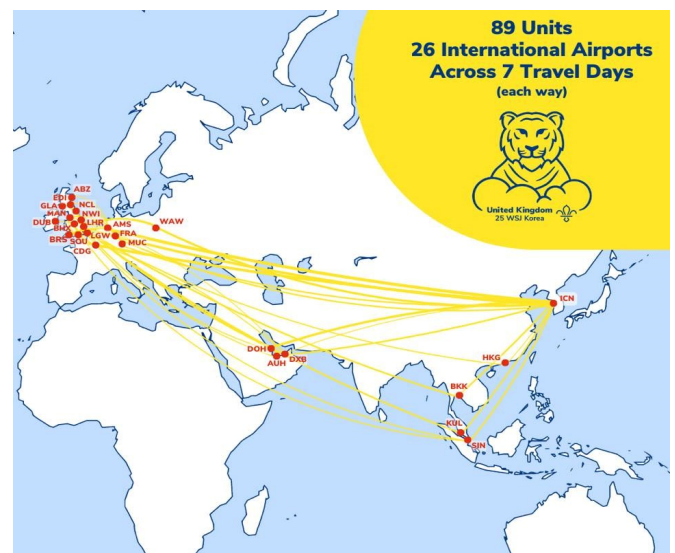
If you, or your child, would prefer them to take an alternative Promise please let us know.

## Jambo News

As you may know, we have 2 members of the Group who have been selected to go to the next World Jamboree in South Korea in July. Scout Alfie, and leader Emma, will be part of a contingent of 40 Scouts from West Mercia Scout County.

The World Jamboree is held every 4 years in a different country. It's larger than the Olympic Games with 40,000 Scouts from 196 countries taking part – the World's largest Youth Event.

The flight details have just been announced for the 3,500 Scouts going from the UK. Alfie and Emma will be flying to Seoul with Emirates Airlines from Heathrow, via Dubai. A great start to their Jamboree Experience.



## And finally ...

**During 2022 we presented a total of 750 badges. Well done to all our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts ... and parents and grandparents for sewing them on !**

