



# Newsletter

March 2017

## News

### Wiki WHAT??? - Recording our History

For those with Internet access the Group has created a website that aims to provide a 'living' history of the Group using photos and other associated records from both the archives and as they happen

It is in the early stages of development and uses technology known as a "wiki" (which is Maori for "Quick") and is basically an electronic version of a whiteboard.

Please have a look using the following link/web address:

[http://history.1stcb.org.uk/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://history.1stcb.org.uk/wiki/Main_Page)

Geoff Clare has kindly volunteered to start digitising the archives and at present is working his way through various physical records including photos and old Marathon log books etc.

The results of his endeavours are now appearing on the web site and all are invited to 'fill in the gaps' around names, dates, venues and any other relevant information that may be of interest now and in the future.

A good place to start is the link found part way down the home page entitled "Archive Photos that need a home" - if you click here, you'll see the photos loaded so far. Click the "edit" field above each photo to add your comments.

In order to make changes it will be necessary to register as a user so the Group will know who you are and prevent any unauthorised activity

Registration is easy and the Instructions are also on the Front Page.

Don't worry about getting anything wrong as every time it is changed, all previous versions are kept (for ever) and can be recovered at any point.

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## Annual General Meeting, Group Dinner and Church Parade

### Saturday 20th May 2017

**AGM:** 4pm at Crowstone St Georges URC - refreshments provided.

#### **Group Dinner:**

Affinity Restaurant, 1777-1779, London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 2ST.

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Cost: £20 per head

**Please let us know how many tickets you require for the dinner asap (latest Saturday 29th april)**

**Contact options can be found at the end of this newsletter**

### Sunday 21st May 2017

**Church Parade:** 10:30 am Crowstone St Georges URC

During the service the winning patrol will be awarded the Soper Trophy. (see below)

**Monday 24th April 6:30 pm Crowstone St Georges URC- Help Required!!**

The annual Soper Trophy competition is being held for the Troop and OGA members are needed to help the Leaders run bases. The tasks the Scouts will be tested upon include First Aid, Map & Compass and Pioneering amongst others. **The more support we have the more bases we can run.**

**Please Contact Kay or Lynda if you can spare some time to come along and help**

## News From the Group -

### Mick Hebden G.S.L

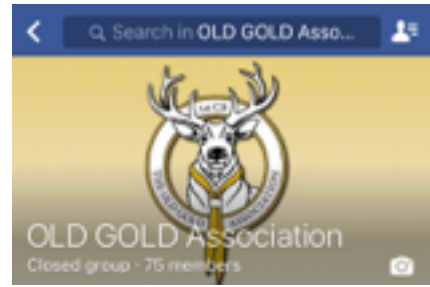
The Group continues to thrive with a current membership (2017 census) of 151 ! We formally opened a second Beaver Colony and a second Cub Pack in September and current breakdown is 41 Beavers, 35 Cubs, 21 Scouts, 19 Leaders, 1 GSL, 8 Active Support, 4 Exec; plus 7 Young Leaders and 15 Occasional Helpers (who don't count as members of the Group). All sections meet on a Monday evening which makes it a bit of a squeeze especially as each Section continues to grow!

Camping and activities continue to be many and varied with the Group well represented at the District Awards Day

for Chief Scout's Award holders. Our Scout Leader, Amy Hebden is now a Queen's Scout and so the Old Gold scarf appeared once again at the National Parade at Windsor in April, for the first time in at least 20 years.

We also heard that Tony Groom (latterly GSL in the 1990's), is now District Commissioner for part of Lincolnshire, whilst one of our younger Cubs and his mum have joined British Scouting Overseas in Dhofar whilst they're over there for a year. Nice to know that we continue to send branches everywhere, even if it is a bit too far away to have a cub camp!

## Social Media



The Association now has a Facebook presence with some 75 people currently registered as members,

There are actually two Groups one public giving general information and our private /Closed group (above) which requires a current member to add any new people. Therefore if you're on Facebook and not a member, please contact either Keith or Mick and we'll gladly add you.

**To drive the Association forward we are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to join the Organising Committee to help make it relevant in 2017 and beyond,** if your interested please contact us

Finally please share/pass this newsletter to anyone you know who has had a connection with the 1st CB and / or S.T.A.G no matter how small and encourage them to join, if this includes raising above the parapet and offering help on the organisational side even better.

### Current Association Officers

Chairperson - Peter Hammond  
Secretaries - Kay Bell, Lynda Beamont  
Treasurer - Keith Newquist  
Archivist - Mick Hebden

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## Annual Dinner Booking / Donation Form

Please send completed form to

The Secretary Old Gold Association, 78 Thames Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 2XD

or alternatively Email us at [OGA@1stcb.org.uk](mailto:OGA@1stcb.org.uk)

### **Delete as applicable\***

\*I do not wish to attend the Annual Dinner on 20th May 2017

\*Please reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ Places at a cost of £20 per head totalling £\_\_\_\_\_

Donation to the Old Gold Association Fund £\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose cheque payable to 'Old Gold Association' for £\_\_\_\_\_

Or send via Bank Transfer to account number 10250112 sort code 20-31-52 (please use reference 'AGM / Dinner' and email us to advise)

I am / I am not\* currently a member of the Old Gold Association

NAME..... EMAIL .....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE..... YEARS IN GROUP (if applicable) from \_\_\_\_\_ to\_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to be involved in the organising committee if asked YES / NO