



Newsletter

December 2018

Welcome to the December 2018 OGA Newsletter.

The OLD GOLD ASSOCIATION is an Association for ALL current and former Members of the 1st Chalkwell Bay Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, S.T.A.G. Venture Unit, Pioneer Fellowship and any other related 'institution' to the Group.

During 2018, our Members have spent time together, with an 'over and nearing 60' group walking in North Yorkshire, more about that below, and 20 of those mainly younger generation (i.e., about to hit the big 50) meeting together for the first time in years at the old haunts around Edale.



Two excellent weekends with decent walks and a few serious drinking sessions, all very reminiscent of STAG expeditions over the years.

The Group Wiki was duly demonstrated to the latter group and a few brave logged in and started adding info..

In this edition we have our annual keynote from our Chair Steven 'Ozzie' Rozario, an update on the 1st CB History web pages from our Secretary Geoff Clare and the usual News from the Group by Michael 'Mick' Hebden.

Hopefully there is enough here to keep you interested in both the Association and the Group. Please **share** any related activity, memories, past and future get togethers etc etc via the OGA email at oga@1stcb.org.uk or our Facebook page.

Ozzie's Musings

Another year gone by, they seem to pass ever faster as we get older. The S.T.A.G. veteran walkers (that's Tony, Keith, Geoff and I) assembled in Malham in March for a lad's weekend. Pleasantly surprised to discover we could still manage the slippery scramble up Gordale scar on a good circular route round Malham Tarn and Malham Cove. We also hiked up Ingleborough, one of the three peaks of Yorkshire.



It brought back memories of doing the full round of the Three Peaks of Yorkshire way back in I think, 1976. The trip was eventful as one of several I recall with major transport failures – this time the minibus broke down in a petrol station on the A1 near Doncaster. Attempting to restart it by pouring petrol directly into the distributor (whose bright idea was that?) We managed to cause a small fire on the station forecourt, which although quickly extinguished, was not quick enough to avoid some

helpful member of the public dialling 999 which resulted in a bit of a lecture from the boys in blue. I think we spent the night on the floor of a café, then drove on to Horton-in-Ribblesdale in the morning. I can't remember how the bus got fixed. The other memories I have of that trip are disappearing up to my armpits in a bog near Pen-Y-Ghent and having to be pulled out, and the huge mugs of tea in the café at Horton.

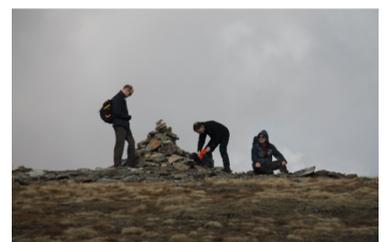
Memories of Scouting days bring us together and it's great to see the 1st CB wiki continuing to grow. Do have a browse and add your own memories to it.

We also held our first AGM with remote video-conferencing this year, Stewart Hawkins joining in from

France and myself from rural Northumberland. It all went pretty successfully, so if you'd like to join remotely for next year's AGM it's very easy, all that is needed is a laptop, phone or tablet with Google Hangouts. Just let one of us know in advance that you'd like to join in and we'll send you an invite.

I'm hoping to attend the dinner in person this year so I look forward to seeing you all in May.

Yours in Scouting
Ozzie



Current Association Officers

Chair - Steven Rozario
Secretary - Geoff Clare

Treasurer - Keith Newquist
Archivist - Mick Hebden

News From the Group

- Mick Hebden G.S.L

Group members currently total 104 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The Troop has increased its numbers allowing us to add two patrols to the existing Monday Troop, except the new patrols meet on a Tuesday ! This is a tester to see if it works, prior to declaring a formal 2nd Troop.

Eggy bread for 105 ... ?
We're hoping to take 105 members to camp in May to celebrate our 105th birthday.

We have two Young Leaders going to the World Jamboree in the States next year; and our Scouts are considering Kandersteg in 2020 as an alternative to Essex Jamboree.

As part of Remembrance Commemorations, the Scouts researched all the names in "Old Gold" listed as having died in the two world wars, and created various bits which went on display in the church for Remembrance Sunday. Just one name couldn't be found, namely, D MacMillan (1939-45) as there were two many possibilities to narrow it down without a definite first name
I suppose someone might know?

1st CB History Web Site

The 1st CB history "wiki" web site continues to grow. Here's how this year's stats (as at 4th Dec) compared with last year's:

	2017	2018		2017	2018
Number of pages	56	74	Number of other photos	58	102
Edits made since the wiki was started	1,360	1,994	Number of videos	7	7
Number of photos from 1st CB archive	263	515	Number of PDF files (marathon log books, etc.)	24	34

Notable additions this year have included:

- An invitation to the 75th anniversary dinner in 1989 in the form of a letter which included a four-page history of the group.
- A copy of *The Link* magazine from Oct 1988 and one of *Link 2* from Feb 1996.
- A lot of photos from the 1950s and 1960s mounted on large multi-photo display cards. There are captions on the cards giving the year and the location of camps, etc., but most of the photos still need people to be identified. If anyone who was active in the group at the time can put names to faces, it would be much appreciated!

Here is the new "top 20" of the 1st CB members who are mentioned the most times on the wiki:

34	Keith Newquist	21	Simon Barker	17	Roy "Bunts" Warren	13	Jon Hurley
32	Tony Groom	19	Andy Ross	16	Sean Kelly	13	Simon Lawrence
30	Mike / Mick Hebden	19	David George	16	Steve "Ozzie" Rozario	12	John George
23	Stuart Hinton	17	Norma Groom	15	Keith Bell	12	Neil Cooper
21	Ian Simpson	17	Norman "Skip" Vander	14	Dave Whitby	12	Nick Raggett

Keith is still top, but Tony has overtaken Mike / Mick for runner-up. Stuart and Ian also switched places. Below them there are some big jumps and Bunts is the highest new entry on 17. However, Sean's new entry on 16 isn't a jump, he was missing from last year's list! (This is because nobody had added him to the Members page, and the script which produces the stats uses that page as the list of names to look for.)

If you don't already have access to the wiki, it is quite simple to create an account. Just go to <https://history.1stcb.org.uk/wiki/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&type=signup> and enter a username of your choosing, a password (twice), and the answer to a simple maths question, then click the "Create your account" button.

Dates for Your Diaries

Annual General Meeting, Group Dinner and Church Parade Weekend

Saturday 11th May 2019

AGM: Kings Road URC** - refreshments provided.

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

Sunday 12th May 2019

Church Parade: Kings Road URC**

***Crowstone St George's and Westcliff URC merged in October 2017 to become the Kings Road United Reformed Church*