



TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2025

# THE HERMES HERALD

## ALL HAIL WSIJ'S KING'S SCOUTS!

During Scouts and Guides own, Lauren Parisi and Rebecca Hull were awarded their King's Scout Awards (the highest award a Scout can earn). The pair began their Scouting journey together, progressing through Scouts and Explorer Scouts, earning their Chief Scout Gold, Platinum, and Diamond Awards before taking on the challenge of completing their King's Scout Awards.

As part of the award, they completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which included challenging hike expeditions in the New Forest and Yorkshire Dales. Alongside being Explorer Scouts, they volunteered for four years as Young Leaders, and both developed their Paddlesports skills for the physical section.

For the skills section, Rebecca focused on developing her rifle and pistol shooting, whilst Lauren achieved her Grade 6 Clarinet. To complete the final part of their Gold DofE, they each spent a week away with people they had never met before- Lauren travelled to Lourdes to support a pilgrimage, while Rebecca joined in with a National Citizen Service (NCS) week, enjoying activities including sea kayaking and paddleboarding.

Beyond DofE, they took on additional challenges for the King's Scout Award, including travelling on Explorer Scout expeditions to Sweden and Bavaria and volunteering at the Big Church Festival.

Rebecca also created and led a Remembrance Sunday service for the local community, while Lauren spent a term supporting children at a local Baptist church, alongside many other challenges.

Reflecting on her achievement, Rebecca said gaining the award had been a challenge that created many memories. Lauren added that she was really pleased to have completed the challenges and achieved her King's Scout Award- a true mark of all she has accomplished through Scouting.



# BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AT WSIJ



We caught up with Kaye and Michael from guest services who met at WS 2013, and have since got married.

The pair celebrated the 12 year anniversary of their meeting on Saturday, and have been married for ten years. They said their first date was on the Tuesday night of WS 2013, when the DJ was playing Sandstorm by Darude.

Michael has attended the last five WS camps, and Kaye has attended all WS camps since 1992!

They volunteered together with guest services in 2017 (which was their first WS camp since getting married) and this year they have taken on the responsibility of running the guest services team, who oversee everyone who comes on and off site. They both said that they enjoy running events and so are loving the opportunity to run guest services.

## WSIJ LEGENDS SHINE LIKE STARS

Rev. Sally Mitchell welcomed everyone with a powerful, positive message about how everyone has something to give. We are all true legends ourselves and we choose to make our own mark. She went on to say we all shine like stars, learning from each other and making new friends, regardless of differences. She then lead everyone with three cheers to Guides and Scouts right here in this place, and the song 'If you're happy and you know it' before encouraging every young member to add a star to their ribbon. All the ribbons were then lobbed across the crowd for every person to pick one up. She then taught everyone the 'make new friends' song.



## WELL DESERVED AWARD FOR VICKY

Wendy Colson, County Commissioner for Girlguiding for Sussex Central, had the pleasure of awarding Vicky Cobb with her Girlguiding 20 years long service award. Over those 20 years, she has held lots of roles throughout the county.







## WELCOMING BACK OLD FRIENDS

1<sup>st</sup> Northgate Scouts are SO happy to welcome back St Johannes Scouts, they are very happy to see you again.

## PERFORMING ARTS FUN

Andy, Oscar, Sophie and KB from 2<sup>nd</sup> Chailey Scouts had fun with boomwhackers yesterday!

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

For your crock of gold challenge, you need to complete one activity in Atlas, the international hub.

Special offer for Tuesday: hand one badge - get five in return.

African adventures will be here Tuesday evening in Atlas, come and speak to them regarding your trip.

A reminder to international participants - your boards at Ambrosia cafe.

## MOUNT OLYMPUS NEWS

Any bad conduct in front of the stage will result in the stage activity stopping, the white lights being turned on and the crowd will need to be calmed before the activity resumes.



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# **BIRTHDAYS, PROMISES AND INVESTITURES**

Congratulations to Niamh, Luca and Reggie from 2<sup>nd</sup> Goring Scouts for your investitures and Silver Scouts awards.

Congratulations to Richard, Charlie, Charlie, Mattisse, Brennan, Sonny, Wyn, Hamish, Jack, William and LuHa from 1<sup>st</sup> Cowfold Scouts on your investitures at WSIJ25!

Congratulations to Taurus Explorers Jessica, Lucy, Katy and Sophie on your Investitures.

Happy Birthday to Suzanne P from the service team, Alfie S from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ilfield Scouts, Ruby M from 9<sup>th</sup> Haywards Heath Guides, Alice W from Mid Sussex Scouts and to Charlotte W from the Service Team who is turning 18 today.

## **PHOTOBOOTH OPENING TIMES**

Tuesday- Legends of the Mountain  
10:30-12:30 / 3-4pm / 7:30pm

Wednesday- All Sections Day-  
11-1pm / 2-4pm

Thursday- NO PHOTOBOOTH

Friday- Urban Legends  
10:30-12:30 / 3-4pm

## **DAILY LAUGH**

Scouts, don't worry about us losing our sense of humour. We have NEW interest badges for that! #laughter  
#happyhabits

## **A REMINDER**

Please make sure you wear footwear across the camp site at all times.

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