



THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

# THE HERMES HERALD

## A TASTE OF THE WORLD AT WSIJ!



Last night at Mount Olympus, the air was filled with delicious smells, laughter, and the buzz of excitement as Scouts and Guides from across the globe came together to taste international foods! Campers brought traditional dishes from their home countries allowing them to share not just food, but stories, customs, and culture with everyone.

Participants didn't just eat, but they learned. Scouts and Guides explained the meaning behind their dishes, taught local food traditions, and even showed how to say "delicious" in their languages! There was plenty of badge swapping too.

1<sup>st</sup> Easebourne Guides and Rangers had a fantastic time!

**"THE MISO SOUP WAS AWESOME"**

**"THE CURRIED SAUSAGE WAS REALLY GOOD!"**

**"THERE WAS SOUTH AFRICAN BREAD, IT WAS TASTY"**

**"WE DID SOME BADGE SWAPPING AND I GOT A HONG KONG BADGE!"**

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**"I ENJOYED THE GERMAN SAUSAGES, I SWEAR I NEED THE RECIPE!"- CERY'S- MOUNTAIN LEGENDS.**



The BBC Radio Sussex interview with International lead volunteer Janet S and Ranger Poppy M was broadcast yesterday on the Sarah Gorell show at 11:10am. Tune in to catchup and hear what they said!



# MORNING MAGIC AT WSIJ

Every morning at WSIJ begins with a unique and unforgettable blend of cultures and energy! As the first rays of sunlight stretch over the camp on Wednesday morning, the sound of bagpipes drifts through the air. Mid Sussex Scouts had bagpipes played this morning to wake everyone up and played a variety of songs including Happy Birthday!

Next comes a calm and peaceful moment: Tai Chi, led by Japanese Girl Scouts in the Mountain Legends sub camp. Participants of all ages gather at 06:30 and move in graceful unison. It is a beautiful way to stretch, breathe, and connect with the day ahead, no matter where you are from.

But we don't stop there! The Wednesday morning litter pick team (that consists of 1st Rudgwick Scouts) took part in a drill alongside their Kenyan volunteer. They grabbed gloves and bags, and the camp centre buzzed with cheerful chatter and teamwork. It isn't just about tidying up, it is about caring for our shared space and showing respect for both each other and the environment.

WSIJ mornings are more than just routines- they are a celebration of unity, responsibility, and global friendships. Whether you are waking up to bagpipes, flowing through Tai Chi, or keeping the camp clean, every day starts with purpose and a smile!



## HOW TO MAKE A DRAGON



### Start with Imagination

Sketch a rough plan of your dragon.

### Find Your Base

Source an old electric wheelchair—this will provide the motor and frame.

### Build the Structure

Create a steel frame to shape and support the body.  
Attach the wheelchair's motor and frame to this structure.

### Add Key Components

Neck: Use a stainless steel tube to support the head and channel smoke to the nostrils.

Tail: Form it using an old fishing rod.

Wings: Repurpose tent poles to create wing frames.

Head & Legs: Carve them from scrap material and insulate as needed.

Neck Form: Use netting and spray foam to give shape.

### Mechanics & Motion

Use the electric wheelchair seat ram to move the head and wings.

### Finishing Touches

Cover the entire body in spray foam for texture.

Attach lights to the eyes and mouth for dramatic effect.

Borrow a smoke machine for realistic smoke breathing.

Make spines using pool noodles for a dragon-like silhouette.

Paint the whole structure red and name your dragon "Scrappy".

### Power It Up

Don't forget: you'll need five batteries to power everything and a fire extinguisher.



# WSIJ- THE HOME OF ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Drake Explorers who won the Urban Legends' volleyball tournament, beating 9 other Explorer and Ranger teams to come out triumphant!



Well done to Sophie W from 1<sup>st</sup> Horsham Rangers who managed to create the longest orange peel in camp!



Bella from 1<sup>st</sup> Easebourne Rangers was invited to join the Chailey Scouts by the camp inclusion team to take part in crate stacking and look how high they got!



## TONY, TONY, TONY & TONY



We've located one of the four Site Services' Tonys!!! Can you find the missing three...?

## OUR GUIDE CAMP CHIEFS HAVE A MESSAGE...

The Guides are learning how to read maps, find directions by the flight of migratory birds; they can even use the stars to find a street address. They are learning this in case they ever find themselves out with a Scout!!!





# BIRTHDAYS, PROMISES AND INVESTITURES

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Miriam M, Shakleton Explorers.  
Brian B, International and Site Services team.  
Jessica C, East Grinstead Explorers.

Ann Macaulay, County Commissioner for Sussex West presented Susan from activities with her 30 year long service award. Congratulations and thank you for all of your years of volunteering with Girlguiding.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO 1<sup>ST</sup> BILLINGSHURST SCOUTS  
WHO GALLANTLY CAME TO THE RESCUE OF 1<sup>ST</sup>  
BEEDING AND BRAMBER, 2<sup>ND</sup> SOUTHWICK, 1<sup>ST</sup>  
SOUTHWICK AND 1<sup>ST</sup> SOMPTING SCOUTS WHEN THEY  
HAD TROLLEY ISSUES**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Isaac S, 1<sup>st</sup> East Grinstead Tuesday Troop for achieving your Chief Scout's Gold Award! Congratulations also to Toby O from 4<sup>th</sup> Horsham who has been invested here at WSIJ and to Emily M from 1<sup>st</sup> Crawley Down Guides who made her Promise in front of the Guides and Brownies.

Also huge congratulations to Eva from 1<sup>st</sup> Cowfold Scouts who has been awarded Scout of the year and Lotta who was invested here at camp!

## BEAT THIS...

Chris Evans (from High Adventure) has come to camp with his wife, 2 sons, his brother and sister-in-law, 3 nephews and his mum. There are representatives from the family in each of the four sub camps and 10 of them in total. Beat that!!!!

**REMINDER: THERE WILL BE INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT ON STAGE TONIGHT!**



## PHOTOBOOTH OPENING TIMES

Thursday- NO PHOTOBOOTH

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

## THANK YOU

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