OF CUBS HE WILDEST JOURNEY EVER



Cubs 100 is a fantastic year-long celebration of the centenary of Cub Scouts. Across the UK, over 150,000 Cubs, their leaders, families and friends will be celebrating 100 year of fun, friendship and adventure.



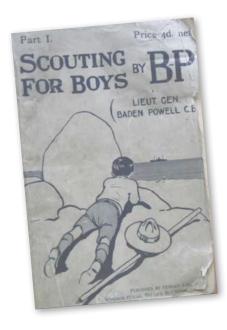
YOUR STORIES

Why not add your own local Cub milestones to this timeline? You can add your own Group dates in the memory paw-prints and stick others near the appropriate date.



The beginnings...

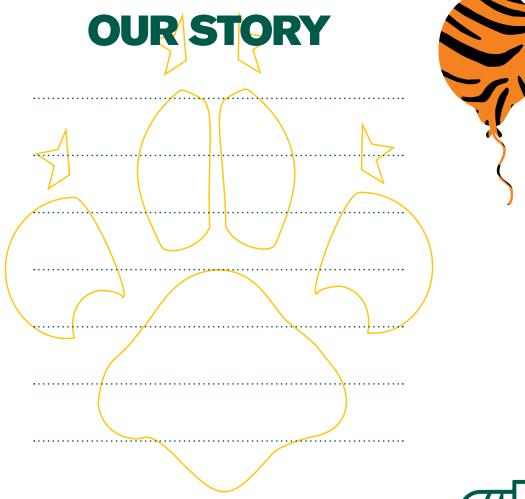
January 1908



Scouting for Boys

The first of the six fortnightly parts of Scouting for Boys is published. Boys start Scouting in their patrols across cities, towns, villages and the countryside and the Scout Movement is born.

Robert Baden-Powell wants to inspire young people to learn new skills and have adventures. These young people aren't restricted to the Scout age group and soon there is a call from younger children wanting to join in with Scouting activities.





January 1910

'Why we want Training Squads'

One Scoutmaster describes the activities he has set up for younger boys who are desperate to become Scouts.

These training squads are unofficial but the fact that they exist demonstrates the demand for Scouting from younger boys.



WHY WE WANT TRAINING SQUADS-

Why We Want Training Squads—continued.

of secrets; our laddies are proud of it and it often keeps them loyal, besides cementing the brotherhood.

A badge has a mysterious psychological influence, and our Training Squads will rejoice when an official badge is issued.

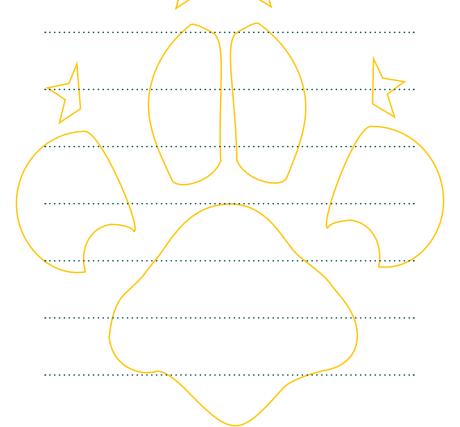
On our Training Squads flags we have an Arrow—and we suggest this as distinct yet connected with the Scout's Badge, and as being quite simple and suitable for the purpose of the Training Squad Badge. An arrow must be clean, and pointed and feathered; if it is not it will never gain its mark; and we want to help the youngsters to be clean, sharp and intelligent, so that one day they will gain the honour of Scout-hood.

If any other Scoutmasters have had experience in organising younger boys, I should be extremely glad to hear from them, and anyway I hope that some competent person will without delay provide us with the needed Text Book, and that Headquarters will see its way to issue a button hole badge.

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button hole badge.

Would it not also be valuable to have an Efficiency Badge for Scouts who prove their interest and their useful. ness as Sergeants of Training Squads?









December 1913

Last month the Chief Scout in his Outlook mentioned many schemes about Junior and Senior Scouts, training of Scoutmasters, and the like, which have aroused great interest throughout the ranks of our workers. Many interest throughout the ranks of our workers. Many interest throughout the ranks of our workers. Many interest have come to me, and I have no doubt, also to Headquarters, for further particulars, and a certain amount of criticism as well. I am sorry it is not possible to give further information this month, but I may just explain that, while the Chief is the author and inventor of these ideas, while the Chief is the author and inventor of these ideas, the details naturally have to be worked out for him by sub-committees of the Council, then their reports have to be presented to the Executive and the necessary new regulations and alterations to the old regulations approved. It, therefore, takes some little time before the final details can be published, and my readers must be final details can be published, and my readers must be apatient. With reference to adverse criticism, I often remember the reply which I received some four or five remember the reply which I received some four or five at Headquarters; he wrote, "I have sometimes, in the past, felt inclined to disagree at first with some Scouting proposal of the Chief, but I have always found that, in the end, the Chief was right." Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right." Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right." Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I covalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I Loyalty to the Chief, then, in the end, the Chief was right. I l

Junior Scouts

A trial scheme for younger boys is announced by Baden-Powell.

As this article by the editor of the Headquarters' Gazette shows, not everyone is convinced it's a good idea!



June 1914

A pilot scheme for **Wolf Cubs is launched**

The basic programme, summarised in the Headquarters' Gazette, introduces the Wolf Cub salute: two fingers to mimic a wolf's ears.



Before being awarded his second Star a one-Star Cubmust:—

(a) Have, at least, three months' service as a one-Star Cub.

(b) Have a knowledge of elementary first aid and bandaging. (See Scout Chart 16, excepting fracture of thigh).

(c) Know the semaphore or Morse signs for every letter in the alphabet.

(d) Follow a trail half a mile long in thirty minutes, or, if in a town, describe satisfactorily the contents of one of four shop windows, observed for one minute each, or, Kim's game, to remember sixteen out of twenty-four well-assorted small articles after one minute's observation.

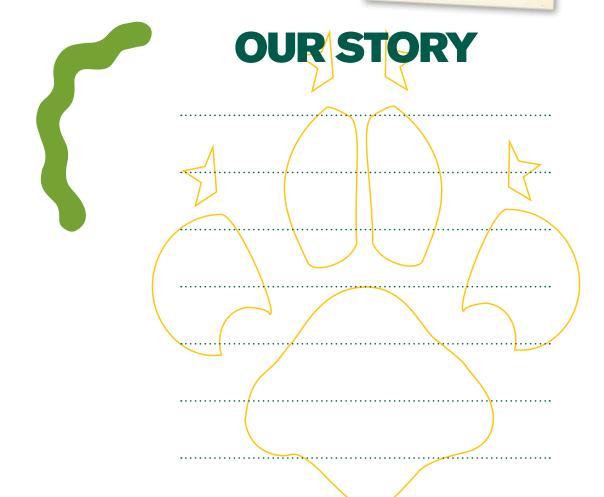
(e) Go a mile in fifteen minutes at "Scout's pace."

(f) Lay and light a wood fire in the open, using not more than two matches.

(g) Cook a quarter-of-a-pound of meat and two potatoes without cooking utensils, other than the regulation billy, in the open, over camp fire, if possible.

(h) Have at least sixpence in the savings' bank.

(i) Know the sixteen principal points of the compass.





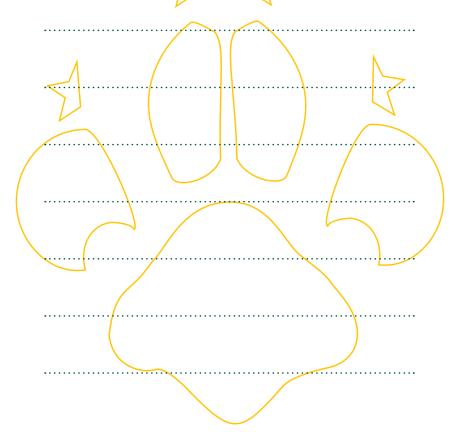


January 1914



Royal approval

Wolf Cubs take part in the London Royal Rally. Queen Alexandria meets the Wolf Cub mascot, a real furry wolf cub. After giving it a cuddle she asked if it bites!





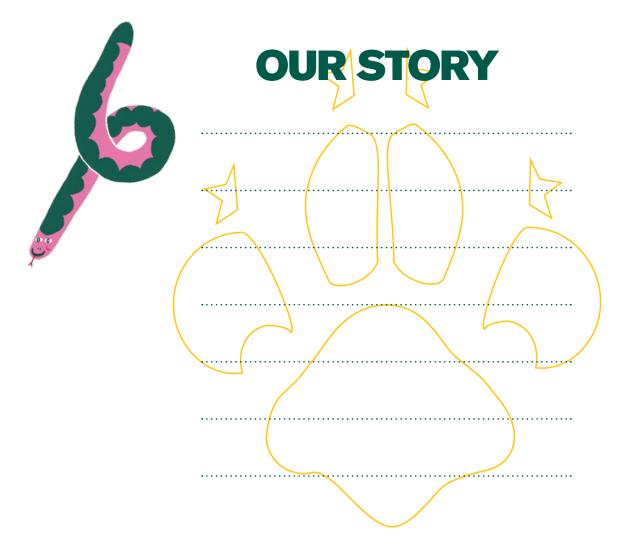
<mark>1914 - 1918</mark>

Doing their bit

On 4 August 1914 Britain enters the First World War. During the War Cubs do jobs to support their communities. Through Cub activities they learn skills that could be useful in war-time such as First Aid, cooking and knitting. Some packs knit socks to be sent out to soldiers in the trenches.



Badges were awarded to Cubs for 28 days War Service. A Cub had to do three hours war service a day for it to count towards a War Service Badge.







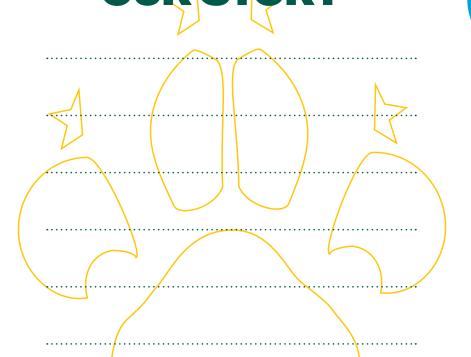
December 1914



The first list of Cubmaster warrants appears in the Headquarters Gazette. Listed is Vera Barclay who will become very important in the section's development.

Baden-Powell reports:

"By the end of the Wolf Cubs first year there were already 10,000 Cubs in Britain."





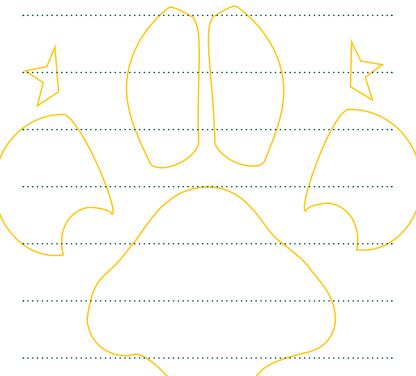
January 1915

"How a lady can train Cubs"

Many of the first Cub leaders are women. Vera Barclay writes an article about the demand for Cubs in her village and how she went about setting up her own Cub Pack. She describes the games and adventures they have every week.

During the First World War there is a drive to recruit more women volunteers for the Movement, particularly as Lady Cubmasters. The term Cubmistress doesn't become popular for several years.

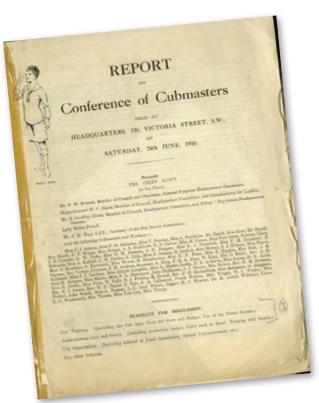






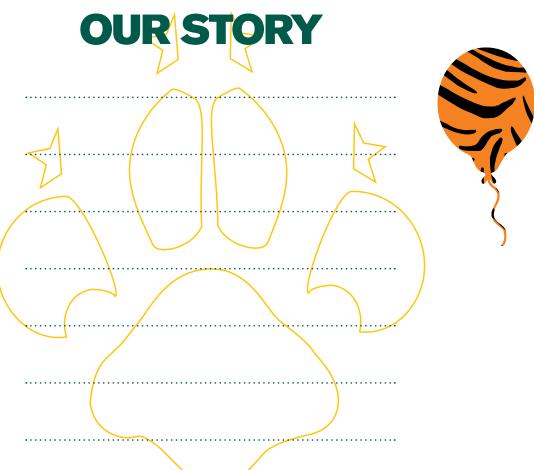


June 1916



Cubmasters in Conference

The first conference shows that big changes are on the horizon for the Wolf Cubs. The section is a success and it was time for the Association to consider the future and how the programme is to be formalised. In attendance is Vera Barclay for whom the next month will bring exciting news!





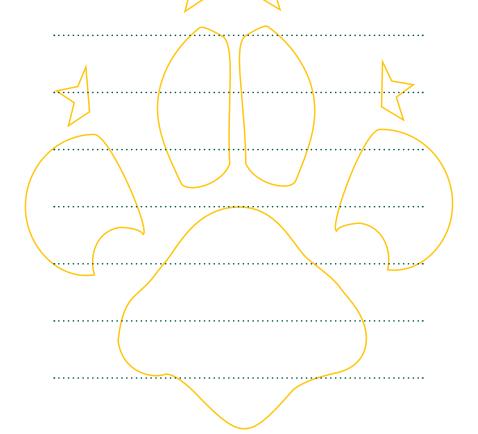
July 1916

'I can at all counts "Do my best!"' Vera Barclay

Whilst working as a Red Cross nurse, Vera Barclay receives a letter inviting her to take up the role of Assistant Secretary - Cubs. This is to be the first member of staff specifically focused on the Cubs section.

She is tasked with developing the new Wolf Cub programme and working with Baden-Powell to develop the Wolf Cub Handbook.







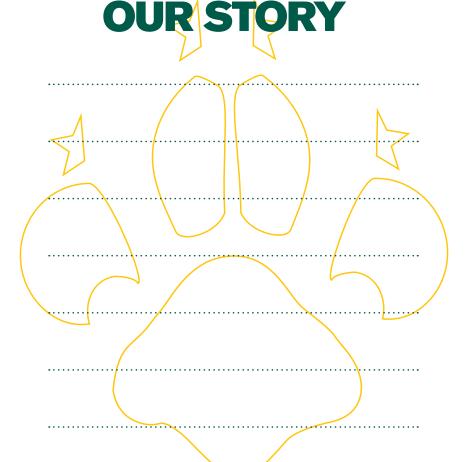
November 1916



Wolf Cubs in print

Following the Council's decision in October 1916 to formally accept Wolf Cubs into the Movement, the first Wolf Cub Handbook and the Wolf Cub monthly magazine are launched.

The handbook uses stories from the Jungle Book and many Cub leaders are named after Akela (the Wolf who is the leader of the pack) or other characters such as Baloo, Bagheera and Kaa.





CUBS OFFICIALLY BEGINS!





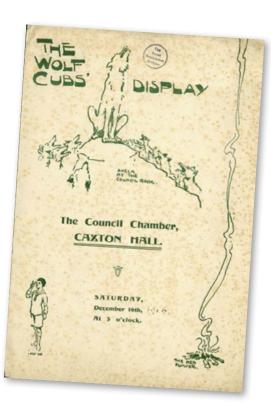




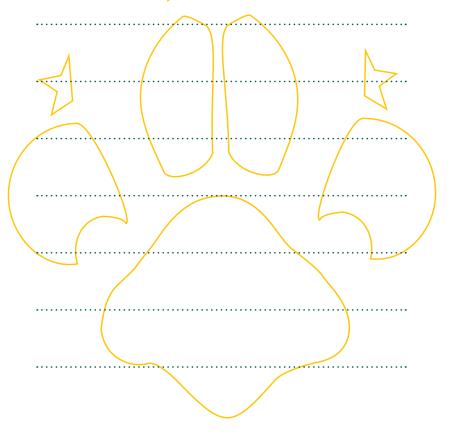
December 1916

The Wolf Cubs' Display

With a demonstration of first aid, a Grand Howl and a new Cub being invested, The Wolf Cubs' Display shows the world what Cubs has to offer. The Wolf Cubs have formally arrived.









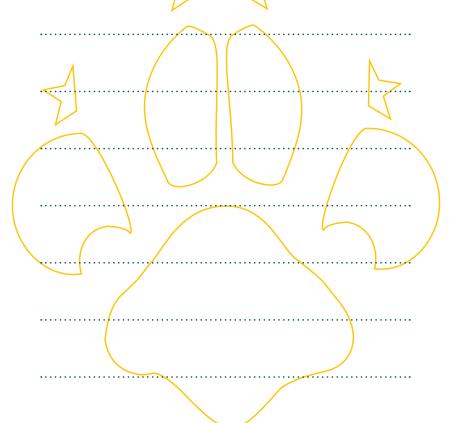


April 1917



Cub Bravery

A Nottingham Cub, Wolf Cub Weldon, saves a boy from drowning. He becomes the first Cub to receive a bravery award, the Medal of Merit.







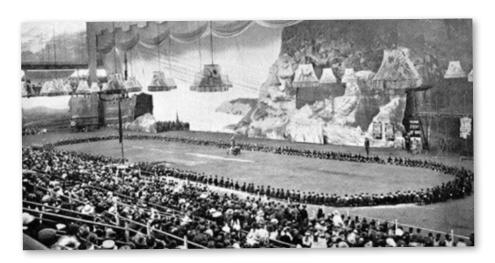


August 1920

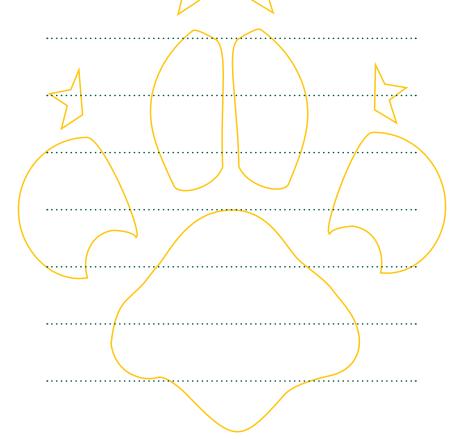
The Grandest Howl

500 Cubs from across Britain come together to take part in a Grand Howl at the first ever World Scout Jamboree, held at Olympia, London.

Cubs also take part in gymnastic displays and created a miniature world called Cubland.











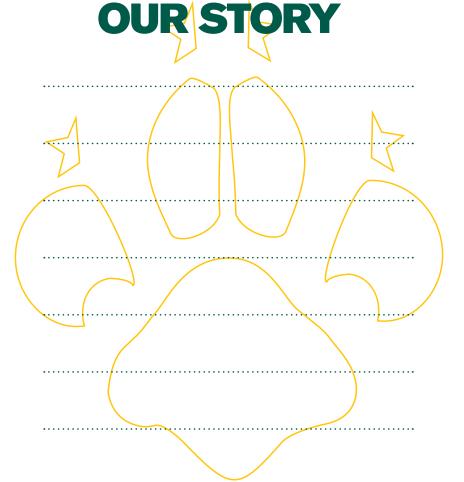




Chief Wolf Cub

Peter Baden-Powell is one of 20,000 Cubs who attend a rally to welcome home the Prince of Wales (later HRH King Edward VIII, Duke of Windsor) who is on an international visit.

Peter was the only son of Robert and Olave Baden-Powell. His link with Cubs started when he was a baby. One of the first Cub Packs, 1st Westminster (Peter's Own), was named after him and he was given the nickname of Chief Wolf Cub.





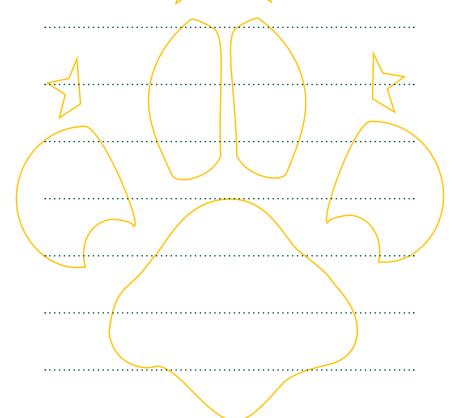
1939 - 1945

Keep Calm and Cub On!

During the Second World War Cubs raise money for the war fund by collecting scrap paper.

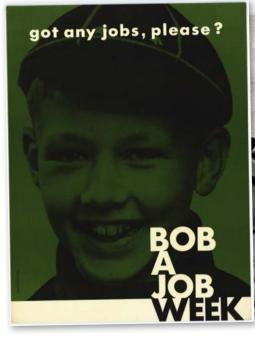
Children are moved to safety in the countryside. Some Cub Packs are moved too, so the boys have a familiar activity to help them settle in.











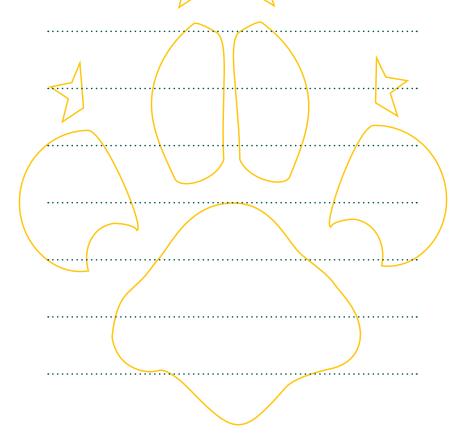


Bob-a-Job

Bob-a-Job is launched as a fundraising campaign for groups.

Cubs (and Scouts) do small jobs such as cleaning shoes, gardening and washing cars. They would be paid a 'bob,' slang for a shilling for each job completed. A shilling was worth five pence.





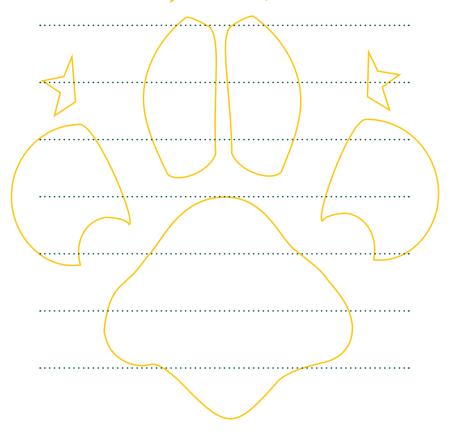


Happy 40th Birthday Wolf Cubs!

Cubs across the country join in with celebrations to mark 40 years of Cubs.









August 1957



World Scout Jamboree
Over 1,000 very soggy
Cubs visit the World Scout
Jamboree, held at Sutton Park,
Sutton Coldfield.

The World Scout Jamboree (held alongside a leader Indaba and Rover Moot) marks 100 years since the birth of Robert Baden-Powell and 50 years since the experimental Brownsea Island Camp.

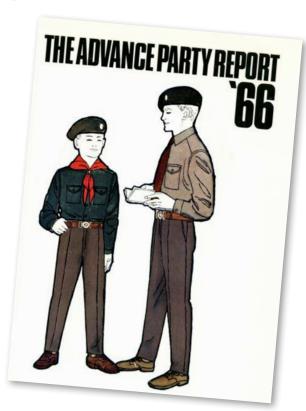




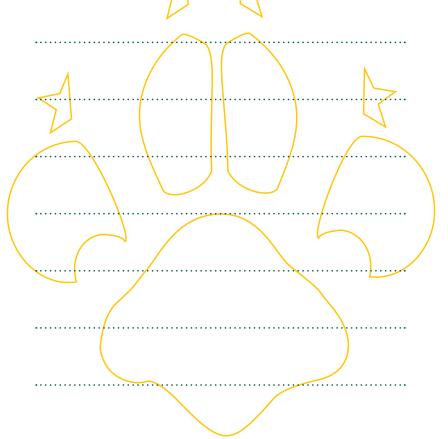
A new direction

In 1964 the Chief Scout's Advance Party was formed to examine all areas of Scouting with the aim of ensuring Scouting remained relevant and appealing to young people.

In 1966 the report is published and changes start to be made. In 1967 the Wolf Cubs name changes to Cubs Scouts. There is also less emphasis placed on using The Jungle Book as part of the Cubs programme.













A Royal Cub!

Prince Andrew becomes the first Royal Cub when he joins the 1st St Marylebone Cub Pack. The group moves its meetings to Buckingham Palace. He later moves to another Pack at his school.

There had previously been discussions about Prince Charles becoming a Cub in 1956 as part of the 40th birthday celebrations for the section, although in the end this did not take place.





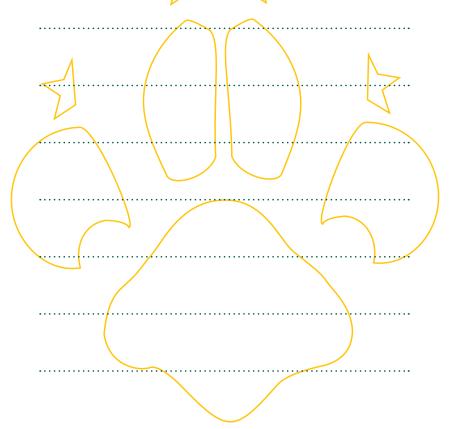
Cub Country

1979 is the International Year of the Child. Cub Scouts from around the UK join forces to raise money to support projects that helped young people in Nepal. These include the Nepal Scout Association's Seeds for Sufficiency project and Save the Children's Health Clinics.

Fund raising activities included a washing up challenge! Over the year Cubs manage to raise over £140,000.

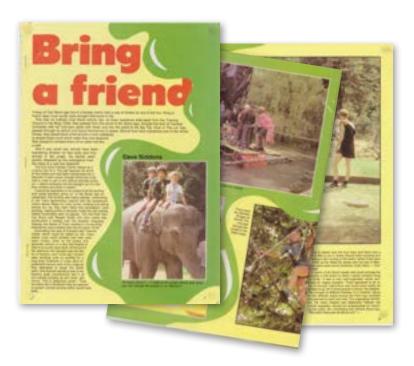






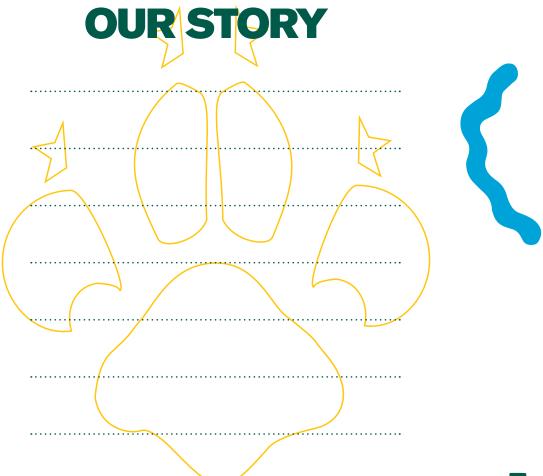


<mark>1981-1983</mark>



Bring a Friend Days at Gilwell Park

Four activity days are held at Gilwell Park and attract thousands of participants. Areas of Gilwell Park were turned into themed activity zones, including Stone Age, Camelot, The Big Top, Space, Safari and even Hobbit Land!



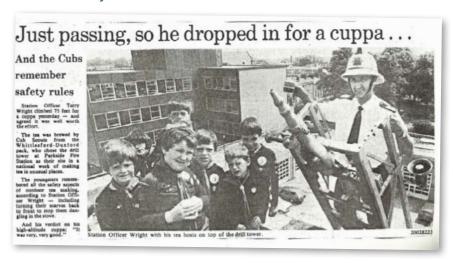


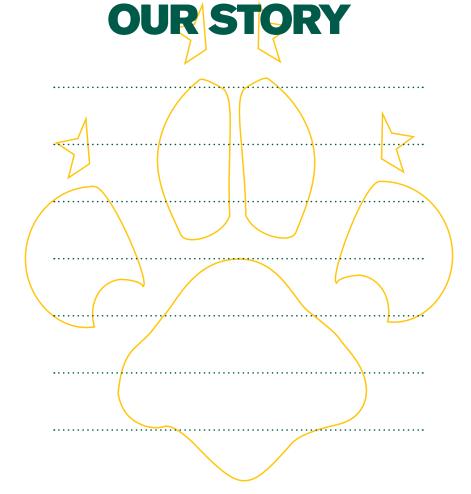


Fancy a brew?

Over 250,000 Cubs join in with a challenge to make a cup of tea in an unusual place during National Tea Making Fortnight.

Tea making locations include a blood donor clinic, at the top of St Alban's clock tower, in a tank at Catterick Army Garrison and even in a hot air balloon.







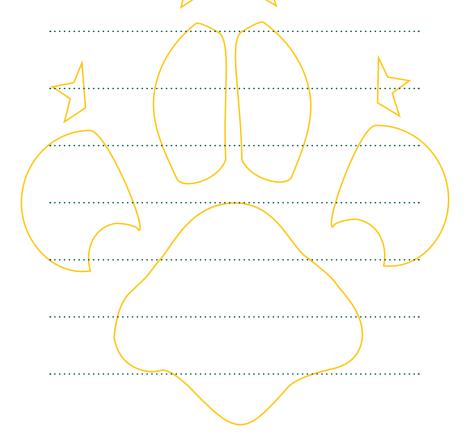




Cub Scouts' 70th Birthday - Rainbow Year

Cub Scouts celebrate their 70th anniversary with a rainbow of activities. The seven colours of the rainbow became different themed areas.

A national camp is held at Gilwell Park for Cub Scout leaders with themes based around fire, water, air and earth. On Saturday, Cubs tuck into a giant birthday cake, while the Sunday sees participants take part in a giant act of worship by following a yellow brick road around the site.



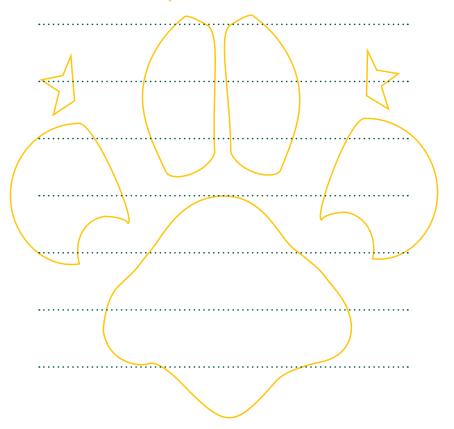


Girls allowed!

Following consultation, girls are admitted to all sections of Scouting, including Cubs. The first girls enjoy a wide range of fun and adventurous activities alongside the boys.









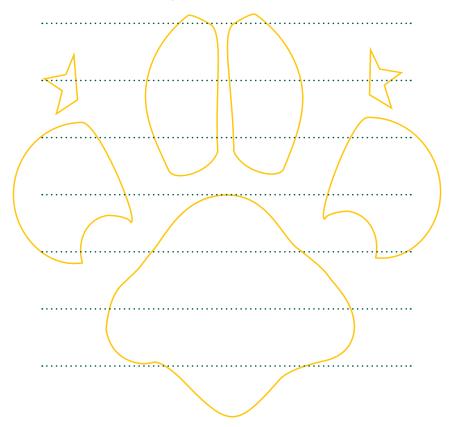




Cub Scouts' 75th Birthday

Packs are challenged to make their own flag and fly it in their local area – flying the flag for Cubs. A national thanksgiving service is held at Central Methodist Hall in London with 2,000 Cub Scouts attending from all over the county. A giant Grand Howl is led by the National commissioner for Cub Scouts, Gwyn Turnbull.







New Challenge and Adventure Awards

New awards are introduced including the Adventure and Adventure Crest Awards. These encourage leaders to offer a greater range of adventurous activities and expeditions to help make the Cub Scout programme even more challenging and exciting.



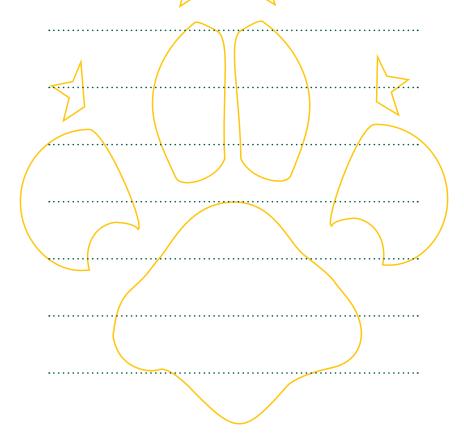




Cubs Scouts' 80th birthday

Cub Packs celebrate their 80th year by taking part in the 80 Days Around the World project. They are challenged to follow Whizzy the Wallaby around a wide variety of activities offered from different countries during the period September 28th to December 16th – 80 days of fun.

A giant post card album is produced as each Pack is encouraged to send in their best memories of the year. Cubs are encouraged to renew their Promise in December.









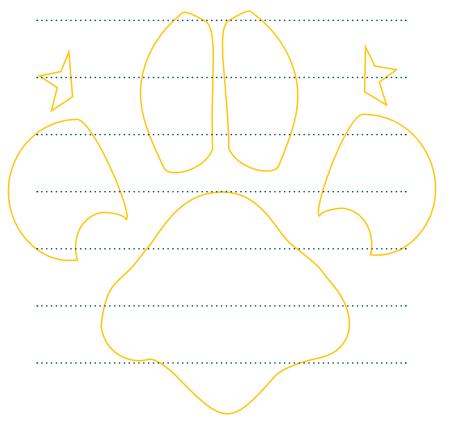
Wizzy's Water World activity kit launched

The Water Wise project is launched, aimed at educating Cub Scouts about the importance of water in our lives and raising funds for Water Aid.

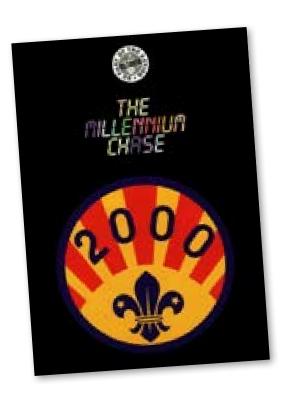
The project raises thousands of pounds to build fresh water wells in Africa. A national 'water advert' competition is held at B-P House and is won by 15th Huddersfield Cub Scouts.





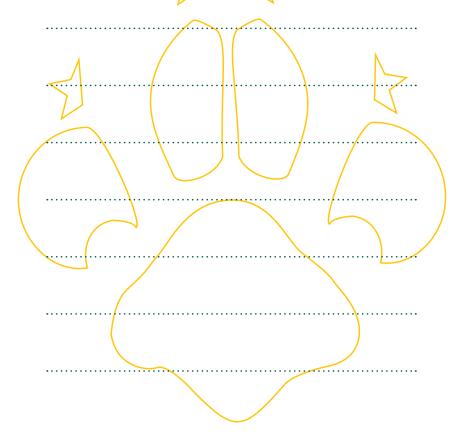






Cubs join millennium celebrations

Cub Packs are sent copies of the Millennium Chase, an activity pack which features ideas from different parts of the UK to help welcome in the year 2000.





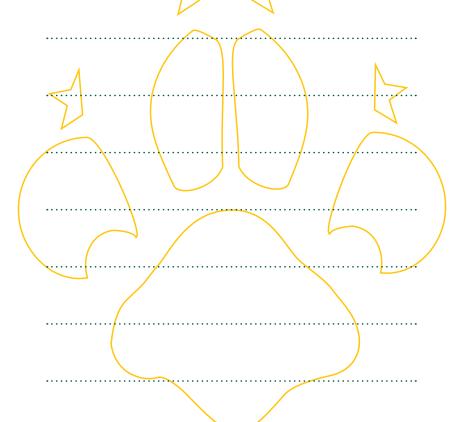


New uniform launched

After a large programme of consultation a new uniform is launched in 2001.

11,482 Cubs take part in the survey with requests as diverse as 'having a leather jacket', 'a top in luminous jazz orange' and keeping the 'mouldy green as we have now'. The new uniform is designed to be more activity focused with the Cub jersey being replaced by a green (mouldy!) sweatshirt and polo shirt and blue activity trousers replacing shorts.



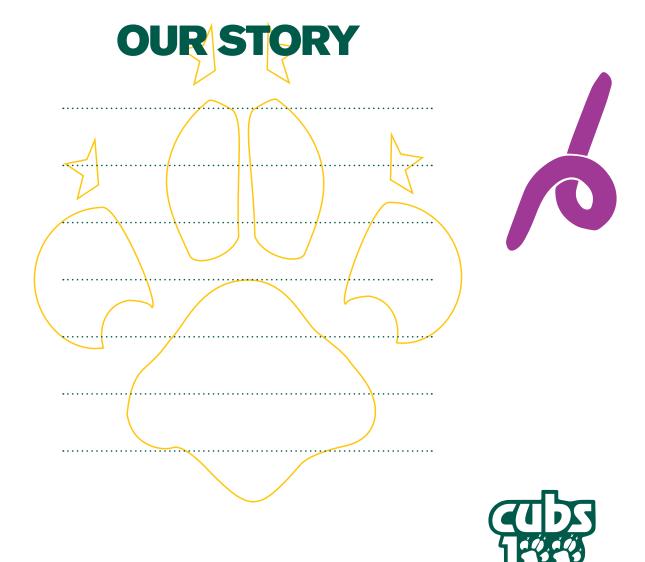








90th birthday celebration Snaggle, the Cub Scout mascot in 2006, leads the celebrations on the special commemoration badge proudly worn by tens of thousands of Cub Scouts across the UK.



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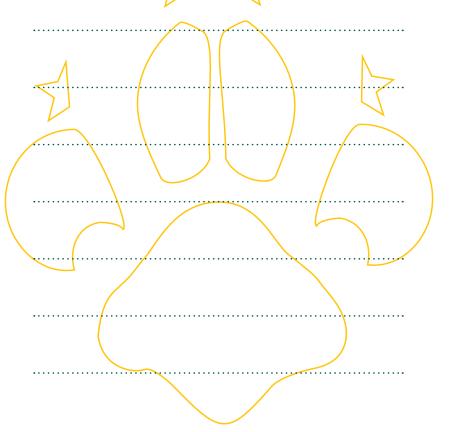
2007

Cubs at the 21st World Scout Jamboree

Cubs join in with the Centenary of Scouting celebrations by attending Cub Day at the 21st World Scout Jamboree held in Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex.













A year of adventure

As a build-up to the Cubs 100th Birthday in 2016 Cubs are challenged to take part in a series of adventurous activities between March— December 2015.

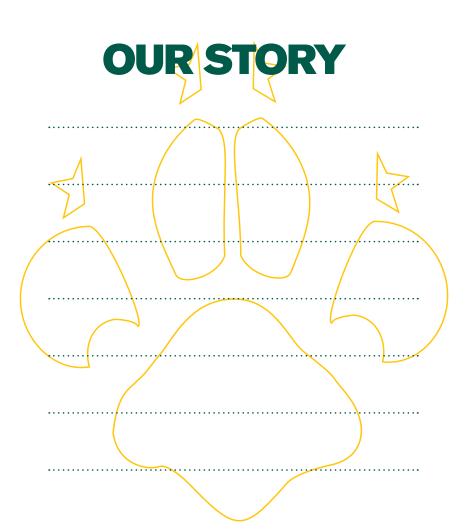
Cubs100

Across the UK, Thanks Events, Adventure Camps and Promise Parties are held to celebrate 100 years since the official launch of the section.

With thousands of local events, alongside national Adventure Weekends and Fundays, and 150,000 Cubs in the UK, the future of Cub Scouts looks bright.

Here's to the next 100 years!









HOW WILL YOU BE JOINING IN WITH CUBS100 CELEBRATIONS?

We would like to collect stories of Cubs100 celebrations and events to add to the Heritage Collection. Let us know what your Pack does to mark this special year. cubs100@scouts.org.uk









OUR STORY -

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