

Milestones of Cub Scouting



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1914 Experimental junior section scheme starts.
1916 Wolf Cub section starts. 'Wolf Cub's handbook' published; Wolf Cub display at Caxton Hall, London; Wolf Cub Magazine published.
1917 Census figures: 1,338 Packs, 29,857 Cubs.
1918 1st. Wolf Cub Leaders Conference
1919 Wolf Cub Magazine closes.

1920 2,000 Cubs take part in first World Scout Jamboree at Olympia.
1921 1st. Cub Wood Badge Course. Cubs now in Canada, Hong Kong, Palestine, Malta, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
1922 20,000 Cubs attend rally for the Prince of Wales; Rudyard Kipling present.
1923 Cubs census figures top 100,000 for first time 104,463 compared with 85,154.
1926 Wolf Cub 'palaver' in City of London attended by 1,000 leaders including the Duke of York. (later King George VI).
1928 N.D. Power, first Chief Wolf Cub Commissioner resigns; succeeded by J.F. Colquhoun.
1929 Special rally for Cubs at the 3rd World Scout Jamboree at Arrowe Park Birkenhead.

1930 8th. edition of 'Wolf Cub's handbook' published.
1931 Leakage between Cubs and Scouts causing concern; training programme revised.
1933 Cub members down for the first time.
1934 300 Cubs take part in display in the Royal Albert Hall.
1935 1st. Wolf Cubs Annual.
1936 Conference of Cub workers, Belfast.
1938 1st. International Wolf Cub Conference, Gilwell. Revision of Cub programme J.F. Colquhoun resigns as Headquarters Commissioner after 11 years.

1942 Section flourishes despite war restrictions.
1943 ACC Wolf Cubs Conference at Imperial Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road.
1945 Census figures:156,511 Wolf Cubs.

1947 Leaping Wolf badge now awarded to Cub who has gained 2nd star and two special proficiency badges.

1948 Movement questioned on desirability of camping for Cubs.

1949 Bob-a-Job starts.

1950 2nd. International Cub Conference, Edinburgh; 220 people from 21 countries attend.

1952 Leakage between Cubs and Scouts causing concern.

1953 Number of Wolf Cubs gaining 'Leaping Wolf' increases by 3.5 per cent.

1956 Wolf Cubs' 40th. anniversary. 1,800 Leaders attend Wolf Cub Leaders camp at Gilwell; 50 'Leaping Wolf' Cubs at Queen's Scout Parade, Windsor; Hardy Amies designs new female leaders uniform.

1957 Cub open day at World Scout Jamboree, Sutton Park; 1,000 take part in 'Circus' pageant.

1961 Waiting lists causing concern.

1963 Barry Moule appointed Headquarters Commissioner for Wolf Cubs. Age of transfer to Scouts lowered from 11 to 10.

1964 Cub day at Gilwell attracts 22,500 Cubs.

1966 Wolf Cubs Golden Jubilee Year; Wolf Cub name changed to Cub Scouts - new uniform and programme introduced £5,150 raised to buy 23 guide dogs for the blind.

1968 Prince Andrew joins Cubs.

1969 National Cub Scout Leaders Camp at Gilwell attended by 1,600 leaders.

1972 ACC Cub Scouts Conference 'Focus 75'; National Cub Scout Leaders Camp at Gilwell.

1973 Cub Scout Adventure week, Butlins, Minehead.

1974 World Conservation badge introduced.

1975 Trials of modified Cub programme to allow more choice.

1976 Cub Scout Jubilee Year - Link to Adventure; service in St. Paul's Cathedral. Cub Adventure Days, Gilwell; sausage sizzles.

1977 Developed Arrow Scheme launched.

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1980 Cubs proficiency badge scheme reviewed and new badges introduced.

1981 'Bring a friend days' introduced at Gilwell; Sleep a night challenge.

1982 250,000 Cubs take part in National Cub Scout Tea Making fortnight.

1984 280,843 Cubs in the U.K.

1985 New Cub Scout handbook published.

1986 Cub Scouts' 70th anniversary 'Rainbow Year'.

1987 Review of Arrow scheme initiated.

1988 Gwyn Turnbull, appointed Headquarters Commissioner for Cub Scouts.

1991 New Cub Scout training programme; 75th anniversary of Cubs; girls allowed to join.

1993 Cub Law revised to take female membership into account.

1994 Road safety proficiency badge launched.

1995 Phil Pearson appointed National Commissioner for Cub Scouts.

1996 Cub Scouts' 80th anniversary year.

1997 Cubs continued to celebrate their 80th birthday this year with events round the country.

1998 Buddy Badge available nationally. Wizzy's Water world activity kit launched with the Waterwise Badge.

1999 The National Commissioner 24hr Challenge launched. Cubs linked up with the Scouts to do this.

2000 Millenium Celebrations – Ian Railton becomes National Commissioner for Cub Scouts, taking over from Phil Pearson.

2001 New uniform introduced for all sections including Cub Scouts.

2002 Queens Golden Jubilee – New programme with new badges and new publications.

2006 90th birthday – reintroduced badges – map reader, astronomer and athletes.

2007 Changes to the programme and new challenge awards introduced. Census increased to 132,853.

2008 New Cub Scout handbook and introduction of new membership packs, also new Powerpack. 3 new resources for Adult Leaders.