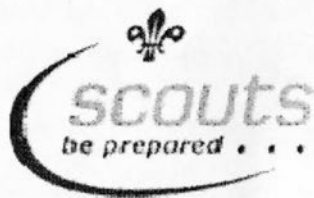




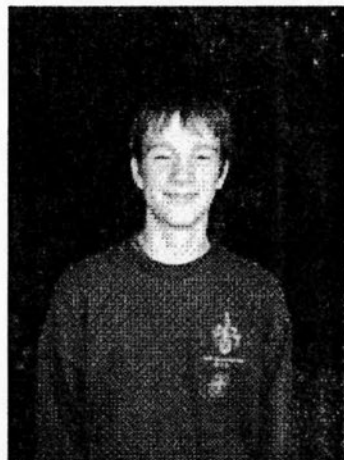
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# 44th Gloucester Explorer Scout Unit



**Paul Edwards**  
Unit Chairman



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Unit Secretary

## About the Unit

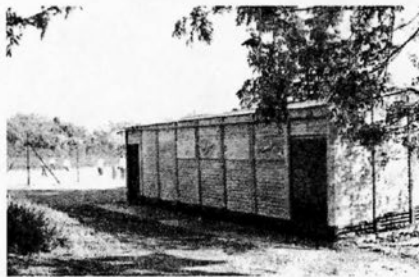
The 44th Gloucester (STRS) Explorer Scout Unit is a unique organisation which is an integral and vital part of Sir Thomas Rich's School. One of the first Venture Scout Units in the District of Gloucester, when it evolved naturally in the late sixties from the school's own Senior Scout Troop, the 44th was again one of the first in the District to make the transition to Explorer Scout Unit, following the Scout Movement's Millennium Review and restructuring. Thus the 44th has a proud and unique tradition within local Scouting.



In the 44th we aim to develop a sense of responsibility and caring, leadership and involvement, adventure and belonging. The unit belongs to the members and is run by the members, who through a wide range of activities seek to better themselves by their best personal efforts and in the process develop lasting and rewarding friendships.

We meet every **Friday** at our own Scout Headquarters from **7pm to 9pm**.

Anybody from **Year 9 upwards** can join and be a member of our fantastic unit. You can come along to our hut any time it is open once you are a member. You get free access to a pool table and a stereo to play your own music.



However if you are not a member, sorry but you cannot come into our hut otherwise it would be unfair on those who have already joined. Just talk to either **Paul Edwards, Richard Young** or **Mr Brown** and come along to our meeting every Friday.

## Our Appeal

This year many of our scouts who are Upper Sixth Form members will be leaving us so we need new recruits to join us. Please come along and see the wonderful opportunities.

If you are already a member of a different unit then you can still join us, it does not make a difference, you just double the enjoyment!

## Your Invitation

**On Friday 15th July there will be a BBQ for anybody from Year 8 upwards. There will also be some games organised and a chance to talk to some of the members about their fantastic experiences.** We would like at least one person from every form to come along on Friday so they can tell their classmates about the fantastic opportunities on offer at the 44th.

### What do we get up to?:

- Every Friday evening we meet at our hut by the bike sheds and do some sort of activity
- We have our own free pool table for use whenever the hut is open
- Various field games e.g. Capture the Flag
- Darts
- Basketball and Softball
- Swimming
- Plus training session for our various competitive activities



### Other activities this year have included

- Visit to Motiva Rope Centre
  - Indoor Rock Climbing at The Warehouse
- and we are always open to new ideas!

## District Events

The unit is very strong within district events. Here are some of them:



**Cotswold Marathon** — a night to remember in February with a race around the Cotswolds. We have always done very well at this event and hope to continue this trend. There are three categories — Bronze=12 miles, Silver=18miles, Gold=36miles.

### **Dragon Boat Racing**

In last year's race we came an admirable 2nd with the Beaufort Unit, by a couple of seconds. Lets show them who's boss next year!



**Five Valleys Walk** — We do this every year to support the Meningitis Charity.

## Duke of Edinburgh



We run our own Duke of Edinburgh course within the Scouts but unlike the school we support it all the way to Gold. If you are serious about D of E then I suggest you do it with us.

***Please come along on Friday to our BBQ, we guarantee you will have a good time and will want to join!***

***Thank You.***

***Paul Edwards & Richard Young***

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