

# 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.

**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 80<sup>th</sup> 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** 90<sup>th</sup> 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.