



Happy New Year:

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2021 is being kind to you and your loved ones.

Progress: The Cub Pack managed two re-starts of face-to-face meetings before the most recent lockdown brought another temporary halt. The outdoor activity sessions proved to be very popular among the Cub Pack – it was great that they could all be together again in a different environment. We wait to see what the future holds but, when it is safe to do so, the **Beavers (boys and girls aged 6-8)** and **Cubs (boys and girls aged 8-10)** will be raring to go again. We remain ambitious to form our own **Scout Troop (young people aged 10-15)**; any keen leaders out there? Please step forward if you would like to volunteer your active support.

Films that spark Scout values:

We thought we would offer some variety to complement the children and young people's current home-schooling screen time. Here is a selection of films promoted in a recent edition of the UK 'Scouting Magazine' (acknowledged, with thanks). Each film has been chosen because it sparks thinking about the values that we promote in our activity sessions – values that are relevant to all of us in our community, particularly during these challenging times. These films may be on your shelves as DVDs or videos, currently. If not, they may be found on various TV streaming sites. DVD versions may be available to buy on-line - bargains on ebay?



Paddington (2014) – Scout values: Care, integrity and co-operation. Suitable for Beavers and up.

Michael Bond, author of the original books, grew up in Britain during World War 2. He watched his parents open up their home to evacuees fleeing persecution. Those early experiences shaped his views on the importance of kindness and hospitality and, ultimately, inspired him to imagine the story of a bear who travelled from the jungles of Peru to arrive at Paddington Station.

Song of the Sea (2004) – Scout values: Integrity, co-operation and care. Suitable for Cubs and up

The film's beautiful hand-drawn animations breathe life into the most magical of Celtic myths, capturing the story of the Selkies – mythical creatures capable of changing from animal to human form. The story follows Ben, who lives with his father, sister and sheepdog in a lighthouse near the Irish shore. His sister is a Selkie who must find her lost voice.

Beasts of the Southern Wild (2012) – Scout values: Integrity, care and co-operation. Suitable for Cubs and up

Set in the fictional landscape of the Bath Tub (often compared to areas of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina), this is the tale of Hushpuppy, a heroic 6 year old who – faced with a changing climate that threatens to flood what remains of her childhood home – decides to fight back and find her lost mother.

Mulan (1998) – Scout values: Belief, integrity and co-operation. Suitable for Beavers and up

Young Mulan is distraught to learn that her weak, ailing father must join the army to fight the invading Huns. Unwilling to endanger his life, she disguises herself as a man and joins the army in his place.

He Named Me Malala (2015) – Scout values: Belief, care, integrity and co-operation. Suitable for Scouts and up.

After the Taliban tries to kill her for speaking out on behalf of girls' education, Pakistani teenager Malala Yousafzai emerges as a leading advocate for children's right and became the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (2019) – Scout Values: co-operation and integrity. Suitable for Scouts and up.

A 13 year old boy in Malawi is thrown out of school he loves when his family can no longer afford the fees. He sneaks in to the library and learns how to build a windmill to save his village from a famine.

We look forward to reporting lots of 1st Haddenham Scout Group good news in the future.

Best wishes

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