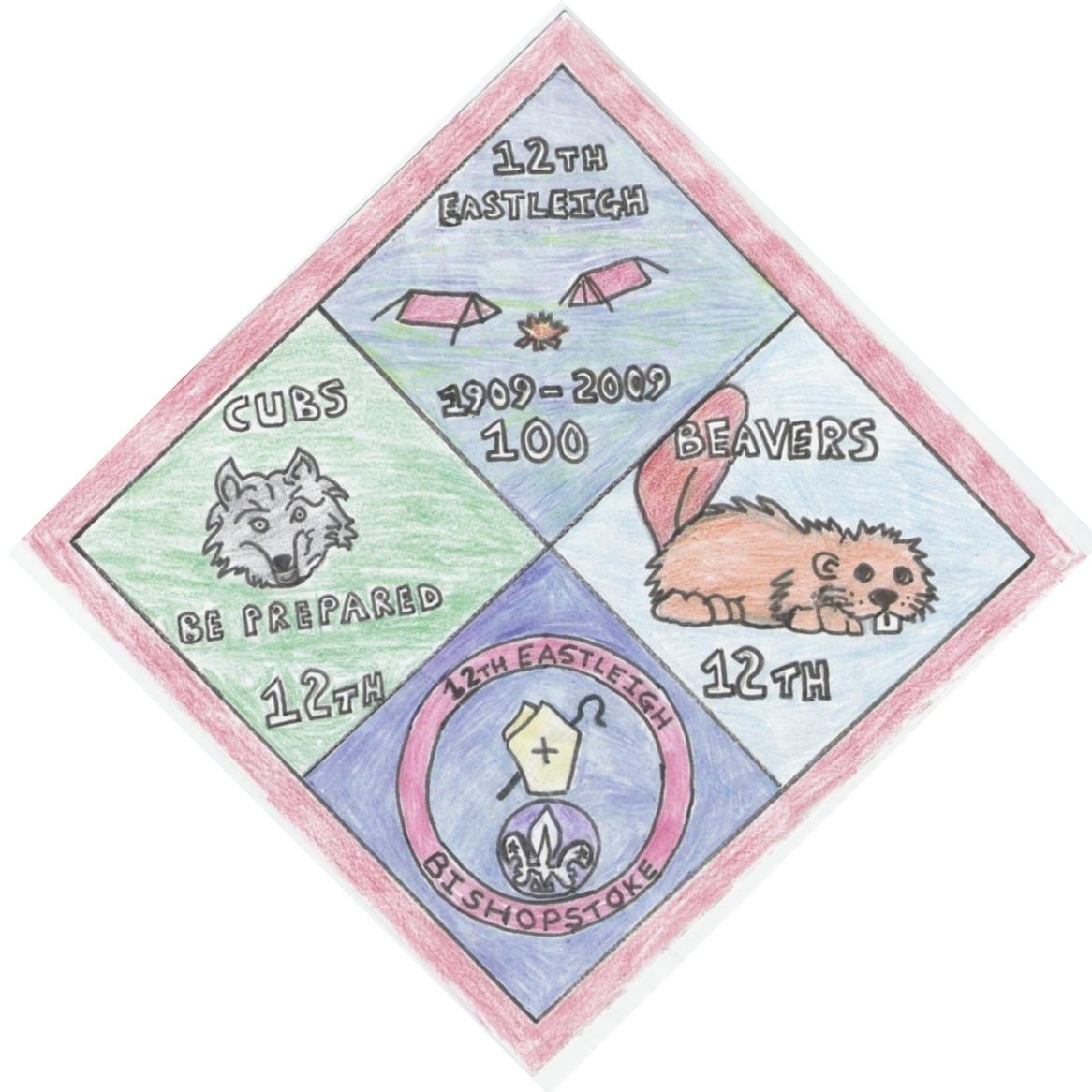


Annual Report



Annual General Meeting
12th Eastleigh Scout Group
Tuesday 11th May 2010

Agenda

Invited Guests:

- David McGregor, District Commissioner
- Margaret Patrick, Appointments Secretary, ADC Cubs
- Jim Vaughn, District Chairman
- Malcolm Young, Assistant District Commissioner

Welcome to all parents, guests and young people.

Awards

Minutes of 2009 AGM

Reports:

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Group Scout Leader

Election of Officers:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Chairperson
- Executive Committee Officers

Presentations:

- Beavers
- Cubs
- Scouts

Minutes of 2009 AGM

Presentation of Bronze Award to Beaver Michael Butcher by David McGregor the DC.

The Scouts were presented with their Global Challenge Badges

Carol Collins from the PO has undertaken a great deal of fundraising on behalf of the Scout, Cubs and Beavers at 12th Eastleigh; recently running the Marathon amongst others. The members of the AGM and all the members of the Group would like to extend formal and huge thanks to Carol for all her hard work and dedication over the years – THANK YOU CAROL!!!!!!

Minutes of 2008 meeting – agreed.

Election of officers:

Dottie Goble – Treasurer: Proposed and seconded.

Emma Butler – Secretary: Proposed and seconded.

Committee meets every 2nd Weds of the month and the invitation is open to all to attend.

Elected parental reps – seconded.

Chair:

The GSL is an appointed not an elected post. Currently Louise Unsworth helps with Cubs but would like to be uniformed however one cannot be uniformed until a Chair is appointed. Sam Hanslip – Volunteered.

Chairs Report:

There have been changes in the line up over 2009, Dottie has taken over as Treasurer, Mike did a fab job previously before Dotts took over.

David McGregor has moved on to the District as GSL, Lynn took over in Sept and has done a great job!

The toilets have been renovated and officially opened / flushed! The kitchen has also been renovated and has made the hut more viable as a rental property and generated an increased income.

Kathryn has been hiring the hall and taking bookings, managing keys etc. Andy has been managing the maintenance and the grass. Janet is the longest serving committee member and does a valiant job making tea and coffee for us all. A big thank you to you all.

GSL Report:

Thank you to the Volunteers and the newly appointed Chair. Centenary year this year – commemorative badge was designed as per the cover of this year's report and is to be worn on the member's scarves. This was presented at Group Camp on Sunday with a Hog Roast

celebration. Thanks to the leaders for all their time and effort over the last year and they have enjoyed this immensely. Bear Grylls is the new Chief Scout and as he is a local man we may be able to invite him to join us for a meeting!?

Treasurers Report:

This is Dott's first ever AGM as a parent or as Treasurer. Dottie took over in Sept and has undertaken a very steep learning curve with Mike's fab record keeping system – it has been an interesting few months.

Review of last year's monies show very strong financial accounts; which are up approx £4k overall. Income due will be reduced resultant from less grant applications which is due to the Scouts structure changing.

Kathryn's rental programme produces a very strong basis of income with over 30 hours of hut hire. As a result less fundraising has occurred - bag packing at Sainsbury's however produced a great return and was very much enjoyed by the Scouts at Xmas.

Carols £400 is very welcomed and we extend a big thank you especially considering that utilities costs are up including fuel etc. Overall accounts are very strong and healthy.

Next year- structure re subs costs breakdown: subs are less than the cost of providing groups however the cost of subs will remain - Dotts will provide a breakdown of these costs should anyone require. A proviso is also in place should the revenue go down subs may have to be increased.

Grants x 2 have been agreed and these have been allocated to new guttering and fascias and also for a new sign for the front of the hut. Feedback will be sought from parents and section members for the design of the sign.

A grant will be applied for next year for the tarmac to improve access for all members including the disabled.

Budgets have been set for each section for badges, equipment etc and sections have been requested to stick to subs rather than increase expenditure and ask for costs re activities etc. There are subsidised centenary activities planned for over the next year.

Accounts have yet to be formally audited this is a works in progress. Carols funds raised will specifically go towards the Centenary badge making and the 'first one off the press' will go to Carol!

The evening continued with a Beaver presentation and the investitures of Sam Cox, Liam Straker, Henry Legg, Rebekah Hanslip and Alfie Surtees. The Cubs were very busy with biscuits and raising funds for the Society for the Blind. Scouts received their Global Challenge badges and thrilled us with a presentation on Brazilian Rainforests, Australian Coal and Russian Gas.

DC David McGregor gave thanks to the Exec Committee and Group Leaders and informed us that Bear Grylls is very enthusiastic in recruiting new adult leaders and to get involved by visiting every scout district. Wayne Bulpitt has been promoted within Eastleigh and came to band and dinner evening. 2011 sees the selection process re the World Jamboree at a cost of approx £2.5k.

12th Eastleigh is one of the best Scouts Groups on the District!! This is displayed by the large numbers of members, parents and exec committee members. The groups challenge this year is to raise over £200 for the Scout Holidays Homes charity which provides holiday opportunities for disadvantaged groups, single parents and the disabled within the Scout holiday Homes Trust.

CRB forms given out 3 weeks ago need to be returned.

Gift Aid Forms are in the orange folder on the wall and all parents are encouraged to complete these thereby increasing our income from Government.

Chair's Report 2010

Over the past year the committee has continued to work towards maintaining and improving the hut, with replacement of gutters and fascias, and updating the electrics now complete. We are working on upgrading the driveway, a new sign and improvements to the doors from the foyer, as well as general ongoing maintenance. We recently discovered a major water leak to our supply beneath the hut and major repairs have been needed. Thank you to Andy Sheppard and Colin Biddlecombe for handling this on our behalf.

2009 was the Centenary of the group and all our young people have been given a commemorative badge to wear on their scarves. In addition, the Executive Committee purchased embroidered polo shirts for all Scouts and leaders for wear during activities. Later in 2010 we will be running a visit to Brownsea Island to complete our celebrations.

Rental of the hut continues to provide a healthy income for us thanks to Kathryn for managing the bookings. As a result we are able to keep subs at the current level while undertaking further improvements to the buildings.

I would also like to thank everyone for their help in putting together the details for the District Strategy which seems to be going very well at the moment. We seem to be heading in the right direction all round let's hope we can keep this up for 2010 and the future.

Sam Hanslip

Group Chair

GSL's Report 2010

2009 was my first full year as Group Scout Leader; a time to consolidate the Leadership and Group Executive teams and to cement working relationships. We have had a new Group Chairman in Sam Hanslip, who has led the exec, and especially the elected officers in familiarising themselves with their roles. Thank you Sam.

We started the year with a Group Camp at Wilverley Cottage in the New Forest, and a barbeque for all young people and their families, ably run by Jan, Sarah and the crew, in which we collected donations for the District's chosen charity: The Scout Holiday Homes



Trust. *holiday homes* This worthy charity provides affordable family holidays at popular holiday sites, with specially adapted accommodation for all families with a special need. These holidays are available to families, carers or groups who have a member with a disability, physical or mental or age related illness and to low-income or single-parent families. No Scouting connection is required. In total over the course of last year the group raised £307.00 for this cause.

Our section leadership team has worked tirelessly over the last year to provide young people with a range of adventures including meeting with members of Scouting from other areas. We have engaged with a number of Young Leaders from within the Scouting Movement and from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, who continue to support the adult leaders with running section meetings and activities. We have a total of 11 loyal adult leaders between the three sections: cubs being the biggest challenge since Akela (Sarah Kinloch) has recently returned from Maternity leave, and advised us that she wishes to take on a District role as ADC Cubs, leaving us with a serious shortage of adult leaders in the cub section. Any offers of help will be gratefully accepted!

Many of our leadership team have undertaken training during the course of the year. Darrel and Stuart achieved their CCBM certificates in Narrowboat management while Jan and John received steerer's qualifications with Hillingdon Narrowboats. Stuart also became qualified to run rifle shooting activities within Scouting. Jan and Sophie have been working towards their leader training. I am sure there are others I have overlooked. I want to recognize and thank these individuals for going over and above the 'two hours per week' commitment to ensure that young people enjoy their scouting properly and safely.

As I mentioned, we have a new line-up in the Executive Committee, with Sam in the Chair, Emma Butler as secretary and Dotty Goble as treasurer (this role she took on around 18 months ago). My thanks to these, and to the longstanding parent representative and supporting members of the exec, especially Andy and Colin who have worked so hard in the last month (more later), and Janet, who always comes up trumps with the refreshments.

Scout Section Report

This year has carried on providing a varied and balanced programme, during which 39 challenge badges have been earned by the Scouts, along with many, activity & staged activity badges covering Hobbies, Music, First Aid & Swimming to stage 5 level.

June	5th-7th	District Centenary camp at Lyons Copse. Attended by 8 Scouts
	27th-28th	A patrol of 4 completed their Expedition challenge walking to Cheriton
July	11th	Mustard Trophy at Wilverley Cottage
	17th-19th	Group Camp at Wilverley Cottage 13 Scouts camping
Sept	13th	1 st Place Bishopstoke Carnival, 9 Scouts in fancy dress
	18th-20th	Jolly Boys 2 camp at Foxlease in Lyndhurst, 9 Scouts attended
Oct	17th	Swimming Gala. A team of 4 Girls + 1 boy from Cubs came 5 th overall and 2 nd in the relay.
	23rd-25th	Faithorne Manor Activity weekend. 10 Scouts
Nov	5th	Group Fireworks
	8th	Remembrance Parade 14 Scouts
Feb	7th	Clear overgrowth at the church hall as part of the community challenge.
	14th	Ice Skating in Gosport
March	23rd	Try Dive at Fleming Park, Thanks to Neil Morgans (cub dad) Group 1
April	6th	Try dive, Group 2
	23rd	St Georges parade. 15 Scouts attended

Training for future canal boat trips by taking the steerers course, Myself, Lyn & Darrel took the National qualification and should receive a CCBM certificate, and last month I took my NSRA qualification in air rifle shooting as so to teach at Scout level.

Digger

Scout Leader

Cub Section Report

Summer/Autumn 2009 No report available due to problems with e-mail

Early in the Summer term Akela put the name of her soon to be born baby on the waiting list for 12th Eastleigh Beavers. Baby Alexander was born at Christmas and Akela was on maternity leave until Easter. During that time Sophie and David ran the pack with Louise, who is making the transition from Chair of the exec to a uniformed position as ACSL.

During Summer/Autumn 2009 Cubs took part in the Group Camp at Wilverley Cottage, in the Activity Weekend at Fairthorne Manor and many other activities including Remembrance Sunday Parade. My thanks to Sophie, David and Louise for 'holding the fort'.

Spring term 2010

Last term went really well, we had loads of things planned for the cubs to do. A few of the things the cubs got up to are:

One evening the cubs brought in their bikes and we done bike maintenance, they learnt how to find and fix a puncher, check their brakes were working and many more things. One of the main things we covered that evening was road safety where the cubs produced posters on what they learnt.

Each cub learnt about the Chinese culture one of the cub evening as it was Chinese New Year on the 14th February. They had more great fun learning to eat with chop stick, making tiger masks as it was the year of the tiger, finding out which Chinese animal they are by the year they were born in. Each cub then went home with a fortune cookie each.

Another evening the cubs had great fun making pancakes and covering them in whatever they want from chocolate to lemon and sugar or even everything that was going.

The cubs got together one Thursday night to produce two marble maze's, they cut and stuck loads of pieces of cardboard together to make their maze for the other team to race, as you can imagine it was a great laugh. There were tunnels, holes, dead ends and sticky spots for the marble to get stuck.

We had a couple of evening of games where they learnt and enjoyed new games plus their older games.

Has the term was coming to the end and Easter was coming up, the cubs made great Easter gardens, made from take away tubs, soil, stones plus cress seeds to grow as that week past the cubs looked after their cress and watched it grew and then they brought it them in the following week to show each other on how well theirs grew, that same evening they done a Easter egg hunt with a slight difference to it. The cubs were sent around the hut to find each Morse code then come back to work out the sentence, before you know it, it was time to say good bye and go home and get ready to come back for the summer term.

Sophie Dunford

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Beaver Section Report

Our Beaver Colony is 'bursting at the seams', with more wanting to join than we can take, so keeping them busy has been a mammoth task!! In 2009 we joined in 2 camps. The first was a District Camp at Lyons Copse, where the theme was characters from the Roald Dahl books, then 6 weeks later, our own Group Camp at Wilverley Cottage in the New Forest. Both sites have huts so the Beavers were able to stay overnight. They have also visited the Fire Station, and the Sorting Office. Beavers 'helped' to sort some mail, so hopefully it arrived at it's destination!! Remembering that many children are not as fortunate as themselves, the Beavers generously helped others by contributing to the Sea of Change at the Harvest Festival, gave Christmas gifts to SCRATCH, filled money box 'candles' at Christingle and their donations at the St George's Day service went to the charity 'Shelter Box'. Many different themes for evening programmes have kept the children busy, including Chinese and Scottish evenings, Christmas, Easter and Mothers Day, space, chocolate, rainbows, gardening, rope making (thank you to Ian and Margaret Patrick for doing this with them), and a musical evening (thank you to Anne Wise for her expert help). Beavers did a hike around the village, built shelters in the woods, took part in Bishopstoke carnival, went bowling and attended a sleepover. They also took part in the District Junk Modelling Competition where they came second! The annual sports evening at the end of the summer term was 'rained off' for the first time in more than 10 years, but the weather was more kind for the Group firework display in November. We only have 2 Parades a year -Remembrance Sunday, and St George's Day -but the Beavers usually show a very good attendance at both. During the year we have had 15 Investitures, 11 have earned their Chief Scout's Bronze award, 4 have gained their Hampshire Link Badge, and 6 moved on to Cubs. Debbie Butcher had to leave after only 1 year as ABSL due to other commitments, but Tammy Dunford started helping towards the end of 2009 as part of her Chief Scout's Gold Award and although she has done all she needs for that, she has chosen to stay and help each week. Emily Hosier asked to help with Beavers at the start of 2010 as part of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and although she only needed to stay for 3 months she wanted to stay longer so has joined Explorer Scouts! Steven Lees is already an Explorer Scout but is doing his DofE so has chosen to help with Beavers, also Katharine Mumford asked to help, once again for DofE. Katie Dunford is to become a Beaver Instructor, and when she is 18 an ABSL. My thanks to all these youngsters who give up their time to help the Beavers, also thanks to the 'oldies' - Sandy and Sarah -without whom the Colony could not flourish the way it does.

Julia Bancroft

Beaver Scout Leader