

# Cub Report for AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010

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This is a bumper edition as it covers the period from January last year up to the current time. Lots of positives, and of course a couple of moans and groans, great memories and I think the cubs had a good time as well.

In terms of the general pack we continue to go from strength to strength. We now run two packs, cunningly code named - Monday night and Tuesday night, which with the next influx of beavers will take numbers back up to 24 cubs per pack...a total of 48 cubs altogether. We also successfully recruited two new leaders, Harriet and Gareth, but as always additional help is very much requested and required. Parents, it is a simple logic that the more help we get, the more we can achieve and the less onus being placed on the same people. They are your boys and girls, so please do get involved and not leave it to others.

OK in terms of activities it has been a very full time, and the cubs have had some new experiences, learnt some new stuff and had fun. I will list out some of the key activities as follows:

Back in January last year, the cubs completed their Global Challenge badge, and also competed in the District Chess Competition. We are a modest pack, but from memory I think we won that one!

In March, we have the St Patricks Quiz, with all questions of a green and Irish theme. We also attended the District Quiz (but we didn't win that one...but more to come on this in 2010).

In April, 17 boys spent 4 nights away at Longridge Camp, and successfully completed their Water Activity Badge, plus Paddle Power Certificates. Bear in mind this was April, and the water was a little cold as I am sure Julian can still remember.

There was also a good turnout for the St George Parade. And we hope for a repeat for this Sunday.

In May, we started at Earleywood, getting the cubs to run themselves silly with numerous outdoor wide games and climbing on warm balmy evenings. That was the plan, but it did seem to rain a lot last summer.

In June, we completed the Athletics Badge, and competed in the District Football competition.

In July, 16 cubs went on the district camp with the theme of Pirates. The camp appealed particularly to the younger cubs, and for many this was their first nights under canvas and away from their parents. Great fun, although I never want to make a cardboard sword ever again.

Finally as we broke up for the summer, the annual Earleywood BBQ was attended by over 200 people, and we are going to need a longer rope for the tug-of-war next year.

Into September and more badge activity with Home Safety, Artist and DIY badges. And onto Christmas, and yes it was Panto time (Oh no it wasn't!). Lots of hard work from many people, but the show was a huge success and profitable, and gave the Cubs a great experience of getting up on stage in front of a large audience.

Finally into the new year. With a night away on HMS Belfast for 25 of the cubs, and a frantic lunchtime in the Imperial War Museum for the five adults accompanying the cubs.

All in all, a very successful year....and we just won the District Quiz.

So in summary, a big Thank You to all those who helped make this stuff happen. The obvious ones such as the leaders, and the less obvious but equally important band of backroom staff and helpers. Thank you.

Best regards

Simon, Harriet, Mark, Dave, Norman and Gareth.