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**2nd Southwick Scout Group
AGM Reports**



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2nd Southwick Beavers.

We have full colony at the moment with 20 children, who all bring something great to the group and are a joy to be around.

We had our FIRST EVER overnight camp in May. The beavers got to stay in the bunkhouse at Hillside. They all enjoyed it so much and it was great to see them all having fun outdoors. We also completed the JOTT on that weekend. We would like to say a huge thanks to Akela for organising the camp.

So what else have we been up??

We've had bug hunts, completed our first stage first aid and had football practice session.

We have had a session on disability and worked towards our promise badge, using our handprints, which you can see on the wall.

Oliver, our young leader ran a session on road safety and he managed to keep all the excited beavers interested, so well done! And thank you.

We have had 6 beavers, which are now cubs get awarded their Chief Scout Bronze award. So well done to them, a great achievement.

What's next??

Hopefully as the weather improves we will be able to get outside more, and a hike up to Southwick hill is in the programme. Also don't forget the water fight on the last session of the summer, and this year I will be prepared to give all the beavers a soaking!!

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Ceri, who without her help each week and her patience the group would not run as smoothly as it does, also to Nick who kindly gives up his time to help out. And to all the parents who offer their time, as we really need this ongoing help and support.

Many thanks Wenda (Koala)

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Cub Pack Report 2014/15

The cub pack have had an action packed year and I hope with it has been as fun for the Cubs as it has been for me and my fellow leaders.

We started the year with Athletics to keep us all fit, then learned about Shoreham for our Local Knowledge badge; we had a great visit to Shoreham Fort as part of the badge and all the Cubs behaved impeccably and were a credit to our Group.

In the early Summer a leader from 5th Chichester visited and we did some awesome box cart racing in the park to test if the Cubs would have fun (ps. they did!). We had a great District camp at Hillside and gave some of the Cubs their first taste of camping, fire lighting and Kaa's excellent cooking. The summer term finished with a great round of water filled obstacle races and Akela's legendary Water slide!

The Autumn started by re-learning our promise and the cubs all agreed our code of conduct. End of September we went in a mini bus to Gatwick aviation museum as part of our Air activities badge and we started building and painting 2 new box carts ready for this Autumn. In October we had a great night hike and played wide games up on the downs and had 2 teams in the district shooting competition. We followed up with sausage sizzles, learning about remembrance and in Mid-November our Group ran a Night games evening for all the Cubs in the District up at Hillside. Late November and in December we did some mad science activities, learned about charity and the importance of helping others –every cub brought in a unwanted toy that was wrapped up and donated to a Romanian charity for children Homes. We finished at Christmas with a Mexican themed Pinata Christmas party – lots of fun and lots of sweets!

From January we learned about being a good Home Help with cooking, sewing, ironing and tidying up (All cubs also had homework set – groan!). 5 new cubs Joined when we did Scout mate and Cubs brought friends along. The cubs had a great time learning about disability awareness with fun activities and learning sign language to sign their names. In February we did Handicraft practice and our team reached the finals of the district Competition. During the half term we ran a cubs winter wide games at hillside, it was windy, very rainy, very muddy and very cold – all who came had lots of fun and went home very wet & dirty. In March we made Mothers Day cards and practiced for the district fun hike.

We are rounding off the year with a special song at the AGM.

I am extremely grateful to the continued help and support from my assistant leaders Jason and Michelle – I could not do it without them. Sadly I have to report that Michelle is stepping down, she has been a great help and deserves a huge thanks, she will be greatly missed by me and the Cubs. Leaders can't run everything themselves, Parents play a huge part in helping the pack run many activities; I would like to thank Sarah Harber and Tash Mannal for helping out when needed.

Right now we a healthy pack size of 22 cubs, all we really need now is some additional parent helpers to help on pack nights and for off site activities.

Another fun year in Cubs lies ahead.

Akela
Paul McCulloch
Cub Scout Leader



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Troop Report 2014-15

Well it's been a busy and fun-packed year, as always!

After last year's AGM the scouts finished off their work for the Fitness Challenge badge, and began work on the Fire Safety badge with a visit to Shoreham Fire Station. We shared an evening with the 4th Lancing scout troop and played rounders with them at Adur Rec. We went for a hike up the downs and learnt first aid and tent-pitching in readiness for Summer Camp.

Summer Camp was at Hurlands Farm, Selham, and was a fantastic success. We had 19 scouts, including three from 1st Beeding & Bramber troop. We all enjoyed traditional scout camping, collecting wood for our open fires, on which we cooked the majority of our meals, and heated most water. If you want to borrow the DVD I made, just ask me! We can't wait now for this year's camp at Lordings Farm, Adversane in July.

In the autumn we held an inter-patrol challenge night, hiked from Foredown Tower, held a quiz night called "Ben's Brain Busters", and did well in the District Shooting Competition. On bonfire night we cooked twists over fires round the back of the hut and lit sparklers. Then we had a great turn-out for the Remembrance Day Parade and Service on the Green; learnt knots; climbed our wall and made Christmas Crackers. Then, after a few sessions bag-packing at Tesco, to raise funds, that was the end of 2014!

In January and February of this year the scouts did some more first aid training, with mock emergencies set out all around the hut, and made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday (on a Wednesday!). Our P.L.s took part in the District Night Hike, and got lost again en route – a proud tradition in 2nd Southwick! In March they made cards as part of their Creative Challenge badge, and played wide games up the Downs in the dark. Thanks to Sandra (Sid's French mum) we had a French-themed evening in April, which included French talk, French games, French bread and French cheese. Ooh la la!

XXXX Explorer Scouts came up to run a great evening of activities and in May we camped up at Hillside for 2 nights as part of our Group Camp which was great fun. We also had a visit to Manor Cottage Heritage centre and learnt all about how Southwick used to be.

To entertain you tonight, we are staging a short camp-fire demo. We've not really had time to rehearse it – so please bear this in mind!!

We currently have 22 Scouts, but we could do with a few more girls, so have a think if you know anyone that might like to join us. We could also do with some adult support. *Please let me know if you think you could help us out now and again.*

I'd like to thank **Nick** and **Ben** (Assistant Scout Leaders), and **Stan** (Instructor), for their invaluable and loyal support over the year (and over the years!).

Thanks!!



Steve Pover (Skip) Scout Leader

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Group Scout Leader's Report - 2014/15

Another year has passed and it is time to reflect on the group's achievements. During the last year, the group's numbers have stabilized at approximately 60 young people between the three sections. This is encouraging, as it shows that the sections are providing a varied programme that both engages and entertains the members of the group. All three sections have provided activities both at the Headquarters and elsewhere, including various "District" organized events throughout the year.

I will not repeat what the Section Leaders will no doubt be mentioning in their own reports, but you can see we have been very active, this includes some Group activities too...

- We took part in the Remembrance Day Service at Southwick Green. It was nice to see so many other Scout Groups there, a very good turnout indeed.
- We had another successful bag packing session at Tesco's just before Christmas, raising much-needed funds for the group.
- There was also a good turnout for the St George's Day Parade at Buckingham Park, despite the chilly weather.
- Recently we had a great time at our first Group Camp at Hillside; where all sections took part the Jamboree On The Trail "hike, and had a great time just "Scouting".

I have a cunning plan! – As the Group Scout Leader, I have a five-year plan for the group, planning what I would like to achieve over the next few years, and where I see the group in five years time. My plan is two-fold...

Firstly, to get new volunteers to help support the group. If you feel you have some spare time, whether it is a couple of hours a week, or an hour or so every other month, PLEASE see any of the leaders for more information.

The second thing on my plan, is to keep the Hut in good working order so that the young people of the group can do their "Scouting" in safe and secure environment. We have some jobs to do and these need man-power and funding, hence my first plan!

Where I see us in five years? Is continuing to be a thriving Group with plenty of adult help both within the sections and behind the scenes helping look after the Hut.

Some thank yous – I would like to thank all the leaders/assistant leaders/helpers for their continued efforts every evening, providing a great Scouting experience for the young people of Southwick and Shoreham.

In addition, I would like to thank the Executive Committee and its members for their tireless efforts behind the scenes.

Andrew Spring
Group Scout Leader