



# 2016-17 Annual Report

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Well the year has flown by; we have had a full year of Scouting with some great achievements which others will elaborate on.

Fundraising, once again Vicky & her team of supporters have excelled themselves and what an amazing bonfire. As a result the group is financially very well placed to give all sections sufficient funds to undertake the activities that they aspire to whilst still holding a reserve to cover any unexpected expenses.

We are about to see some major changes on the leadership front with leaders standing down and some new leaders coming on board.

In particular I must mention Chris Peskett who has been an integral part of the group for many years. Unfortunately, he is moving out of the area so has to stand down, both he and his family will be greatly missed. THANK YOU Chris

We had a crisis with leaders but following a co-ordinated drive several new people stepped forward. Welcome to you all I truly hope you enjoy yourselves as much as I do. THANK YOU

We could do with a more people on the Executive committee we need a Treasurer & Chairman next year. So why not come and see what's needed & get a gentle lead in.

Scouting is a family affair any parents or friends are always welcome to join us either on one of the committees, or as a helper, or uniformed leader. Why not come along and have some fun with us.

All in all we have a winning team that is financially strong, well equipped, with full sections and a waiting list for places.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GIVE THEIR PRECIOUS TIME!

*Barry Auty, Group Chairman*



## Borrowers Colony

Another action-packed year, which with the recent addition of Amy to the current team as an Assistant Helper Borrowers is working well with a more confident spring in its step looking forward.

But the important thing is of course the fun stuff we've got up to. As usual getting outdoors is a priority with us and to that end we've had shelter building, campfire cooking, Capture the Flag, Stalking, Tracking, Bird-watching, Navigation at night, night hikes and Teamwork challenges.

We've also built computers with a bit of help from Vodafone, a selection of Guy Fawkes that we subsequently burnt, had the odd water fight and played Nemo at Rounders in our annual challenge.

Along with Nemo we spent a weekend with four of our Beavers at the first ever Surrey 'Beavers Go Wild' Camp at Bentley Copse Scout Camp. Two days of outdoor activities with hundreds of Beavers from throughout Surrey, camping in tents they helped put up themselves was a successful and hopefully regular addition to Beavers in the future.

Looking ahead this Term we have a Mad Hatters Tea Party, a visit from the Army, camp-fire giant pancakes, and First Aid involving lots of Loo roll – plus some sensible stuff if we have the time.

*'Hen', 'Pod' and the Team*



## Nemo Colony

It's been another great year for Nemo Beavers, we have had constant numbers of around 22 Beavers and a good leadership team myself, Jan, Florian, Matt and two DofE helpers. Matt has been a brilliant help and will be sorely missed, as he heads off to University - we wish him the very best of luck.

Over the course of the year we have worked on several badges including Faith, health & fitness and worked towards our World challenge badge. The faith badge included a trip to the village church, Lucy the local youth worker ran a brilliant night with the Beavers, talking about faith, her own role within the church and then the boys all wrote a prayer.

World challenge meant the boys had to amongst other things find out about Scotland and William Burns and eat some Haggis.

We have also done some of the old favourites including Pancake night, mini beast hunting, gardening, mothers and fathers day gifts and Christmas gifts. We also went bowling to Pineridge

District events have been great fun, the annual night hike being held at our very own back yard - the country park, although trying to fit all the Beavers from district into our hut proved a challenge!! There was also the first camp ever for the Beavers in a tent at *Beavers Go Wild*, giving them a chance to experience what the Cubs and Scouts do, and we can't wait for the next one ...

Lastly our annual Rounders match against Borrowers was somehow deemed a draw, we are looking to employ a proper 'ref' for next years match because I am sure we won it .....

Beavers is great fun and rewarding, if you think you can make a difference please give myself or Leigh a shout and have a chat.

Thanks to all my helpers for making the difference and thank you Nemo Beavers for making it all worthwhile

*Scott (Marlin)*



We currently have 23 cubs and enjoyed a summer term of bivi building, cycling in the Country Park, a trip to Runways end for rifle shooting and canoeing, and a six a side football tournament to name a few activities.

21 of our cubs were able to make the annual "pack holiday" camp at Walton Firs at which the cubs try archery, climbing wall, crate climbing, caving and many other traditional scouting activities – and everyone had a great time, including the 4 scouts and 11 adults that accompanied the cubs.

This was my 18th pack holiday, and although I have now stood down as Akela, I hope it won't be my last. I want to thank all the cubs and all the other leaders that I have shared my time at cubs with – I have loved every minute and the time I have devoted to it has more than been paid back in the enjoyment that I have derived from it. The cub age group are always so enthusiastic and good humoured, and never cease to amaze with their willingness to have a go and put 100% into whatever the leaders organise that it is truly rewarding.

My special thanks go to Tim Brooks for being such a stalwart "partner in crime" for so many years.

I am particularly delighted that my replacement as Akela is a former one of our cubs, and I wish Mican Pass and the new leadership team of David Bell, Jon Sinclair and Simon Goodwin, ably assisted by Tim and Debbie, as much fun and enjoyment as I have had, and I know that the cubs will continue to have a great scouting experience with Seeonee pack in the new Autumn term.

*Chris Peskett (signing off as Akela), Tim Brooks (Chil), and Debbie Jackson (Kaa).*



We started back this year on a High with a Circus Skills Evening, joined with Seonee Pack.

Kidzania in March , a Children's empire where they can learn over 60 jobs from working in a Hospital, Vet, Paramedic, bank , fireman, Pilot and loads more. A fantastic day

Shelter building, Donutting, tracking, wide games, Canoeing, Hikes, many badges.

We finally completed the Cyclist badge many thanks to Vicky G for your help.

This year our theme for Pack Holiday was Formula 1. After finding 3 jiggers (that's what I called them back in the day)!! They got changed into racing looking cars, the Cubs painted and decorated them. Pioneering was the completion of the Pits. Helped as always by Mark, Chill. Then the race began we had the flags the colours.

Pond dipping, adventure course, Nite Hikes and Crate stacking.

So a big thankyou to the team of Leaders that gave up their time especially the Two Anne's that Kept us fed and watered.

I look forward to be joined again by the help of Scott , the new Cubs on their first camp always seem happier to see him , the Campfire is awesome!!

We sadly have lost two leaders that help on a weekly basis Kevan , Hawkeye and Kurt , Nag.

So this term Hikes. Badges, Colditz, film night, Laser quest, egg race, Cubs Got Talent!!

If you haven't been to a Cub night and seen what fun we have , then just maybe you should come along and see what you are missing, Just maybe you might like to join our motley crew!!

*Helen, Azlan, Steve, Aileen, Chris and Nathaniel*

# SCOUTS Endeavour Troop

At Endeavour we work on the basis of giving the scouts a range of experiences which will develop their individual and team skills. It has been pleasing to see how the scouts have risen to the challenges put in front of them, particularly those who have risen to the responsibilities of being a Patrol Leader.

As usual we have had an array of action, many outside, with activities including cycling, lighting fires, cooking, hiking, orienteering and pioneering. At times it has involved getting wet, whatever the weather. We have also spent time indoors, with a fitness challenge, building assault courses and various physical, creative and intellectual challenges.

Risk assessment is always our focus as we provide activities that are safe, but challenging, and encouraging scouts to think of their safety whenever they are doing an activity.

They have had the opportunity to camp, with a challenging winter camp in the Wye Valley with 2 nights in a youth hostel on the banks of the Wye. The year was book-ended by 2 summer camps - 2016 in Dorset while 2017 saw us venturing almost the whole way across the English Channel to Jersey. These have involved the scouts in activities including blo-karting, coasteering, dragon-boating, hiking, rafting, pioneering and bivouacing, as well as lighting fires and cooking their own meals.

2017 has also seen the triennial Scoutabout, with a small 1st Lightwater contingent joining about 6,000 scouts, guides and leaders at Ardingly. Scouts took part in a variety of activities, including kayaking, caving and parascending. In keeping with our "if its wet it must be fun" philosophy the leaders ran our stocks activity again, with plenty of willing victims over the weekend, and the leaders being targets where there were no volunteers. Thankfully, we did not have to offer our services too often.

Thanks to the leadership team of Todd Bradley-Cole and Stephan Coe. Also to the young leaders - Rob Eaver, Jack Westwood and Joel O'Brian. We wish Jack every success at university. and look forward to seeing him back during the breaks.

Thanks also to our supportive parents, some of whom have helped with the cat herding and traffic marshalling on our infamous Chobham Fords bike ride. This year a number of the scouts had "the opportunity" to be invested in the ford with a ride-past by the rest of the troop getting them even wetter than they were before!

*Paul Reynolds, Assistant Scout Leader*

# [SCOUTS] Cornwell Troop



This year we have been to see Sir Ranulph Fiennes, parascended, sky dived, kayaked, hiked, climbed, driven 4x4s, caved, abseiled, went RIB boating, blokarting and jumped off cliffs coasteering ...to name just a few!

At times we focused on current affairs, discussing such topics as immigration

and what makes a 'bad diet'. We looked at different faiths and what it means to us; visiting Woking Mosque for an enlightening talk - it was formed by a Christian, a Jew and a Muslim together!



As always the events that our Scouts seem to find most rewarding were also the most challenging. Coasteering was yet again a 'big hit' with much courage being shown.

One night in particular really stands out for me this year – lying in a

field in Jersey under shelters the Scouts were proud to have built themselves the same day. Watching shooting stars cross the star ridden sky and listening to them discuss how lucky they were, having been to the German war museums earlier in the day. Sometimes **it's a privilege to be a leader.**



In the depths of Winter we went to the Wye Valley and enjoyed hiking along the frosty River Wye. From one extreme to another - an incredibly hot weekend in July we joined 6500 other Surrey Scouts and Guides for 'Scoutabout' - An amazing experience with over 400 activities. Summer Camp in Jersey was the icing on the cake – a simply fantastic week of adventure and fun.

232 badges were awarded over the year including Athletics, DIY, Smallholder, Mechanic, Sailing, Emergency Aid, Camper and Chef. A few of our Scouts completed their Gold Award and a few more are close to finishing.

All this wouldn't be possible without the support of both the parents and leaders of the troop. A special thank you to Paul Barratt, Dan Hill, Sarah Shearer and Sam Heard. Sam has now completed his DofE Service with us and we wish him well.

Chrissy Welding, Cornwell Scout Leader





Phoenix Unit

Jonno Emery, Explorers

This friendly group plan, run and evaluate their own programme. Explorer scouts currently have 14 members on the books aging from 14 – 17 and meet every Tuesday night at Lightwater Scout hut.

The leadership is strong with Chris, Mark and Jonno overseeing the unit; supporting the Explorers in whatever they want to achieve.

Some of the highlights from last year's program included pioneering, Scout hut clean up with a BBQ in the rain, survival cooking, blind drop hike, curry cooking, photography, drones and tech and a fancy dress murder mystery night (the butler did it).

Being keen cyclists, the group has spent several evenings maintaining bikes and going on rides, both in the day and even in the dark!



Explorers have been getting more and more into raising their own funds. They have used the money to go Karting which was a fantastic evening and well worth the hard work (Please see the photograph taken by one of our chief photographers). The explorers offer tea and coffee at the scout jumble sales and although this is not a huge profit maker, we are assured it maintains the stamina of those bargain hunters. Xmas post was also a success! They continue to sell glow sticks at the firework display along with taking a larger role in setting up the event and putting it all away once the fireworks have finished. Well done Explorers!

The group would like to thank the scout supporter's committee and exec for their guidance and encouragement in these events.

Links with 1<sup>st</sup>Lightwater also continue in strength with many Explorers as Young Leaders in all of the sections.

We had a number of Explorers reach the age limit who have now moved on. Well done for all you have achieved in scouting so far. We are fortunate however to have several scouts join us from Cornwell and Endeavour. They have settled in well and already have been running some of the evenings themselves.

Explorers will continue providing an adventurous programme and hope to take part in more camps and expeditions. Glow sticks will be about a £1 again!

