



# **2nd Bulford (St Leonards)**

## **Scout Group**

### **Annual Report 2017/18**

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# Chairman's Report

This is the first report I have had to write for the group and I have the following to report.

After the grand opening of Grey Wolf's Den where we sort the local community come to witness the final home coming of 2nd Bulford St Leonards Scout Group.

This our second AGM in this building and you would of noticed that the Fundraising has not stopped.

We have achieved in securing a Amesbury Board Grant of £1500 to enable us to get a permanent heat source purchased and installed, we applied for £750 and would have matched fund the rest, the board waived this and awarded the full amount.

This Building is now in regular use on four nights a week by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. This in its self would be unachievable without all the Leader Team who volunteers their time.

The Chairpersons role is now vacant due to Amanda Ptak having to move on.

Tonight you will have an opportunity to volunteer your services as a member of the Group Executive Committee, it's a very worthwhile activity and I would strongly encourage you to consider getting involved.

**Chairperson (pp GSL)**



# Treasurer's Report

## April 1st 2017 to 31st March 2018

Opening balance £4321.56

Closing Balance in bank £11024.05

Actual figure is £8988.05 due to an uncashed cheque of £2036.80

We have been fortunate to receive 3 grants this year which covered the cost of:-

\* Ride on lawn mower and equipment

\* Equipment for scouting

\* Funding towards the heating system

We have paid our capitation to Salisbury District Scouts £3015.00

We also have to insure helpers and the scout hut and equipment.

The funds are looking healthy but we need to have a good buffer in case of unexpected bills. ( repairs, water, heating, decoration etc)

### Scouts Bingo

November 23rd is the date for our Scouts Bingo at Durrington Village Hall last year we raised £520.00 due to the parents help and had many compliments on the evening as a good community event. This year again we will be asking for your support nearer the time.

Please book the date in your diary's and keep it free.

**Mary Morgan**



## **Group Scout Leader's Report**

We have had another busy year in the Scouting within the District of Salisbury and South Wiltshire

We moved back in to the Building and had a Summer Birthday Camp to celebrate the groups 59th Birthday.

We continued to be a well established Group at District level and continue to support the events held across all sections.

As a Group we fully support a number of local events from Church Fêtes held at St Leonards and help, raise monies for the Church. Durrington fun day and the Durrington Vehicle show.

Fundraising is still ongoing as improvements to the HQ Building are still needed.

Census was completed and returned on time. We have grown again in Young People and Adult Volunteers; this just reinforces the popularity in Scouting and our Groups balanced programmes.

I look forward to another successful year as Group Scout Leader and would like to thank all the leaders and adult volunteers who support this establishment and all what it provides.

**Bob Jones**

Aka Zephyr

Group Scout Leader

## Beaver Scout Leader's Report

During the last year the Beaver section has continued to grow in numbers and are now able to support 20+ children in the group. We still have a small waiting list and an expression of interest list of children not yet of age to join.

It has been another busy year with a varied scouting programme.

The Beavers have been able to spend a lot of time in and around the grounds of the hut. They have been making bird / bat boxes, designing art pieces out of recyclables to put up in the woods and planting bulbs in the grounds. The beavers love working with Fish and Slug, especially when they get the power tools out and help them build things. They also love all the fires that are built for them to cook on.

They have also spent time thinking of others, making a remembrance wreath using plastic bottles, which was placed on the cross during the Remembrance Day parade.

We have also held a 'neon night', where the beavers and leaders dressed in neon colours. This was to promote being seen when out on their bikes or walking in the dark. The beavers wore neon headbands and blew neon bubbles. This evening was run in conjunction with the children's brain injury trust to highlight safety.

The Macmillan coffee Evening was very successful, raising £66. The beavers laid tables, took orders and served their families. There were lots of lovely cakes to be eaten too.

They have also completed their disability awareness badge looking at how disabilities have an impact on daily activities.

The beavers enjoyed making Christmas cakes this year to take home.

They enjoyed the Beaver party and a joint section party. They also designed a Christmas tree for the birds to go in Durrington All Saints Church over the Christmas period. Sadly they did not win a prize this year.

They have continued to work on the new badges. Tamara, from the Explorers ran a photography Evening. The beavers were shown how to use a camera and were then encouraged to take photos from unusual angles. These were then made into a collage.

The young leaders have and continue to be a great help. Deer has been working with the beavers towards the 'Bear challenge'. This badge looks at many different activities which are coloured in when achieved. Deer continues to work towards her young leader qualification and has run several nights including a sports evening, fire safety evening and numerous fun games.

Isaac makes a really good cup of tea and enjoys helping out with the outdoor activities. He's very practical and sets up activities really well.

Beavers have enjoyed a couple of sleepovers. Sadly the second one had to be stopped as there was a safety issue at the hut. I have never known the beavers to be so quiet when they were asked to pack up their belongings. However, this has been rescheduled.

Pancake tennis, as always has been enjoyed by all. It's lovely that the beavers can cook and eat at the hut. They have enjoyed healthy eating and much cooking on the camp fire. Fires are always popular with the beavers and leaders.

They attended the DADS pantomime. It's amazing how quiet they can be when they are enjoying something. Another great production from DADS.

An all section summer programme has been very successful and helps the beavers get to know the other section leaders and children. Joint parties also helps with familiarity.

A big Thank you to all the Leaders who make running the section fun and rewarding. Here's to another year.

Yours in Scouting

**Caroline Lewis**

Badger

Beaver Scout Leader

## **Cub Scout Leader's Report**

The Cub Pack has grown to 30 Cubs. There are three Young Leaders who help at Cubs, leading the Cubs in activities whilst working towards their own Young Leader Award. We currently have four uniformed leaders in Cubs. Of course there is always room for more leaders and parents who would like to help occasionally.

It has been another jam-packed year for the Cub Pack. During the Cub meetings they have done such activities as shelter building, fire lighting, first aid, hikes, science, astronomy, disability awareness, pioneering and map-reading to name a few. We have regular Pack Forums where the Cubs have a chance to say what they would like to do, change or improve at Cubs.

We have had Cubs representing us in a number of the Salisbury district events. These include the Challenge Flag Competition, Scrapheap Challenge, Chess Competition and the Swimming Gala.



Cubs have attended the monthly Church Parades at St Leonards Church including Remembrance Day, St Georges Day, Mothering Sunday and the Christingle Service. The Cubs have also helped at the church's fund raising activities and helped at the group activities.

We recently had a Winter Camp, where due to the poor weather conditions we had to sleep inside, but that didn't stop us from doing lots of outdoor activities including coppicing and making walking sticks around the camp fire.

The Cub programme is based around achieving badges. It is always a pleasure to be able to award badges to the Cubs for work they have done in the sessions and away from Cubs.

We have had the pleasure of presenting the Chief Scout Silver award to two Cubs who have managed to complete all their challenge badges.

We have had joint activities with the Beavers and Scouts which helps the children when they move from section to section in that they know some of the children and the leaders they will be with in their new section. These joint events included Christmas and Halloween parties and the Summer Camp. During the summer holidays all the sections get together on a join programme.

Finally, a big thank you to all the leaders, parents and Cubs for your support this year. It is greatly appreciated and without it the Cub pack would not be able to work anywhere near as well as it does.

**Rob Morgan**

Baloo

Cubs Scout Leader



## Scout Leader's Report

We have had another busy year in the Scout Section exploring and getting out in the community. We have continued to work with the young people to establish a programme fitting in with their goals. This has been proved again with another 4 Scouts achieving the highest award in Scouts they can achieve the Chief Scout Gold award. These were presented at the scout troop meetings. But to make it an especial experience the County each year hold a ceremony which the achievers are invited too. The forms will be sent to County to enable these to be invited to this ceremony.

Scouts have quickly adapted to the New Activity and Challenge Badges. What's this mean to your Scouts? They get to choose some elements of the Challenge and Activity badges they would like to achieve. This emphasises the youth involvement of the Scout Troop.

As a Troop we have 4 Patrols which consists of Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. They work as a small team or individuals to achieve their goals.

This was achieved this year on a high as the Troop were successful at winning back the Raft Race trophy, Competed in the Grose Trophy and got a pat on the back for their team work and excellent presentation of themselves.

We have had Camps, Hikes, Navigation, and Cooking over a camp stove, Knife and axe work. Also with the Scouts having to achieve all 9 Challenge badges saw us out and about on the Expedition from Everleigh to Salisbury Cathedral over two days. Personal Challenges all being completed in numerous skills sets ,from cooking a 3 course meal for 4 leaders during a camp, teaching a leader how to play a

Ukulele, presenting a topic to the troop , through to performing a solo at a Concert.

This year has seen us settling back in to Grey Wolf's Den and doing projects around the Scout Groups Grounds from planting a hedgerow or two.

Scouts are holding their own in numbers around a steady 18. The cubs are actively moving on to Scouts and now we have Scouts moving on to Explorer's

This is great news for the Group.

We also now have 2 Young Leaders with in the Scout Troop which adds to being able to establish what and how we programme activities for the Troop

We as a Leader team are looking forward to another year in Scouting

Can I please take this opportunity in thank you all for your continuing support.

**Bob Jones**

**Charlie Battey**

**David Austin**

Aka Zephyr

Aka Orca

Aka Akula

Scout Leader

Assistant Scout Leader

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