

**EARLSWOOD, 2nd REIGATE ST. JOHN'S  
SCOUT GROUP**

**Headquarters:- Earlswood Road, Redhill**



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 21st Sept 2004  
7.00 pm at the Scout Hut**

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of last AGM
3. Group leader's reports:
  - Beavers
  - Cubs
  - Scouts
  - Explorers
4. Chair's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of committee
7. Any other business

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**Minutes of AGM held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2003**

**Committee members present**

Adrian Jackson  
Keith Holdaway (Chair)  
Jane Holdaway  
Alison MacNamara  
Also special guests:  
District Commissioner Dave Cooper  
Rev. Nick Calver, Vicar of St. John's Church

<b>Minutes of last meeting were agreed</b>	<b>there were no matters arising</b>
<b>Group Scout leaders report</b>	<b>attached</b>
Section leaders reports	attached
Treasurer's report	attached
Chair's report	Attached - reiterated need for more adult help and new cub recruits
Appointment of chair	Keith Holdaway was re-nominated proposed by Adrian Jackson seconded by Julian Shepherd
Appointment of Treasurer	Ros Clark was re-nominated proposed by Adrian Jackson seconded by Gill Burch
<b>Election of new committee</b>	Jane Holdaway was re-nominated as Secretary proposed by Adrian Jackson seconded by Gill Burch Alison McNamara agreed to run the Webb Ivory fund raiser for another year Two people agreed to join the committee Fiona Latham Simon Flack (as assistant treasurer)

The meeting closed with a short address from David Cooper, District Commissioner. He thanked the group for inviting him to this event and praised the standard of the cooking! He told us that 2<sup>nd</sup> Reigate is the oldest surviving group in this area and stressed the need for everyone to help it thrive. A Group Scout Leader is urgently needed. He also presented Mark Davies with his Helper Certificate.

## 2003 -2004 year reports

### Group Scout Leader's Report

This has been a very interesting, and ultimately successful year for the Group. We have been fortunate in securing a number of new Leaders & Assistants – I would like to mention them all by name. Elizabeth & Jenny in the Cubs – Elizabeth's eye for detail has I know been a great help to Julian and the increase in numbers in the Cub section speaks for itself. Jenny has assisted for a number of years but has now taken the plunge and formally taken out a warrant and moved into uniform.

Sharon & Nikki continue to boost the numbers in Beavers – and they have been ably helped By Andy – one of our Explorers – who will now join the Young Leader scheme. However the increasing numbers here mean that another formal Assistant in essential.

In the Scouts we have enjoyed the able help of Dave Johnson for the last 12 months and he and Steve have now moved on to formally take over the Explorers. I would like to especially thank Steve for all his work in the Scout section over the last 4 years – and also for funding my Tuesday night beers!

Duncan Hales has now joined the Scout section as a prospective ASL. Thank you – he has promised to look after the badge records – not one of Trevor or my strong points.

Lastly and from my personal point of view – the best news of all – Robert Short has recently volunteered to take over as GROUP SCOUT LEADER and allow me to get on with running the Scout section. Thank you Robert.

The numbers issue has now fed through to the Scout section – so please pass the word around we are successful – join us NOW!

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Group events included last years very successful Fathers Day Lunch, and a very enjoyable Group Camp at Perry-Wood where activities were loosely based around the Space Theme.

Unfortunately we now need to re-vitalise our Executive C'tee starting with a new Chairman – any volunteers?

Lastly – we have taken the historic decision to open up 2<sup>nd</sup> Reigate to “GIRLS” – and we already have some in Beavers & Cubs and maybe in Scouts.

Adrian Jackson / Scouter-in-charge



## Beaver Leaders report

Activities have included

Friendship Badge – inc discovering about family trees

Making model houses

Themes – Colour – traffic light biscuits

Treasure Hunt

Bug hunting & tree recognition as our contribution to the Group  
Environment Award

Attended District Beaver Fun Day

District St Georges Day

Group Camp

Our numbers are now up to 17 – which is the highest for many years.

Also a big thanks to Andy from the Explorers who has been a great help and taught the Beavers lots of songs.

Sharon Pannell  
Nikki Watkins

Beaver Scout Leader  
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader



## **Cub Leader's report**

We started the year with 6 Cubs and 2 leaders and throughout the year our numbers continue to grow. Currently we have 3 leaders and 14 Cubs.

(Elizabeth joined as an ACSL in September having moved to Redhill from Edinburgh. She was a Scout and Venture Scout gaining her Queen's Scout Award before becoming a Helper at a Cub Pack. She is looking forward to continuing her scouting career with the 2nd)

This year the Cubs have had busy meetings including open fire cooking, bivouac building, knot practice, games on the common, a visit to Reigate Fire Station and a night hike (evening walk) from Reigate Hill via the chip shop.

All the cubs who attended the District Swimming Gala in March did very well and we brought home plenty of certificates (on the wall).

The highlight this year for most of the Cubs was an activity day in June organized by the county called SCRAM: Senses, Culture, Recreation, Arts & Crafts and Music. There were hundreds of activities for the Cubs to try based on these areas. The simulator and food based activities seemed to go down the best.

The Group camp in July also got a big thumbs up from the Cubs and they can't wait till the next one! While at camp the Cubs completed their Outdoor Challenge badge and first Nights Away badge.

Other badges earned by the Cubs this year including: First Aid, Home Help, Navigator and the Caring Challenge.

Julian Shepherd  
Acting Cub Scout Leader.



## **Scout Leaders report**

Trying to run Explorers & Scouts together has been a bit of a challenge & caused just a few logistical difficulties!

Activities in the last 12/15 months included:

Weekend Camps:

Polyapes (twice!)

Perry wood

Group Camp at Perry Wood

Summer Camp 2003 at Buddens in Dorset

Summer Camp 2004 at Phasels Wood, Herts.

Other activities included:

Caving at Merstham

Night Hikes

Athletics Badge Night

BonFire Nights

Scout "Idol" night

And lots of games!

## Explorer's Leader report



The Unit increased its numbers to 8 in late 2003 and as we start September 2004 – numbers are up to 13.

Unfortunately Mike Vines resigned as Explorer Scout Leader which has restricted activities somewhat and on too many occasions we have had to double up the activity with the Scouts! Not ideal.

Events included:

Cycle Expeditions

Overnight Hike's

Camps

Rifle Shooting at Bisley

Ten Pin Bowling

A trip to a recording studio during which a CD was recorded.

Weekly meetings included an Interactive discussion on the Environment as part of our Scouts Go Green environmental challenge – organised with the help of Surrey County Council.

Adrian Jackson

Acting - Explorer Scout Leader.

**Chairman's report**

You have seen a wonderful display of scout activity this year and heard from the leaders about the excellent programme that they have put on this year.

Thank all the Scout Leaders for their time and commitment. This may sound like a piece of “good form”, but when you see the amount of work and time that they give up for the boys, it really is impressive.

Their efforts are also beginning to show in the increased numbers in the all important cubs and beavers. I am especially pleased to see the Explorer scouts thriving, since my son was in the pioneering group a few years ago. He may be coy to admit it but the friendships, scrapes, responsibilities and adventure that the scouts have brought to him have contributed a lot to his maturity and to that of his colleagues.

I just wish that canal boats had better laundry facilities (not that I suppose they'd use them even then)

#### **Situation regarding the Scout hut and accommodation**

The Scout hut and the parochial church hall next door are due to be sold and demolished. This situation has been with us for quite a few years but it does seem to be reaching a conclusion. The church will use the proceeds to build a new Hall at the church which will be available to house the Scout Group. Dates are still unclear, but we could be into our last 12 months in this venerable building. The church has submitted a proposed short term lease to the Group – on which we are awaiting legal advice from Surrey County scouts.

Unfortunately, there will be a break between the times the hall is demolished to the time the new building is available. I'd like to thank Chris Bryson for his continuing efforts in liaising with the church representatives over this matter. He, and others, is still on the hunt for suitable and affordable interim accommodation. The most likely venue will be a school hall. But if anyone has any ideas for accommodation, any of the committee or the scout leaders would like to hear from you.

**Reiterate the use of standing orders for subscriptions.** The amount of work created by the few people who don't remember to pay their subscriptions adds an enormous amount of totally unnecessary work for the Committee. And hassles those parents and scouts who manage to get it right.

#### **Thank Ros**

Finally I'd like to thank Ros, our treasurer for her careful and thorough work over the past few years. It is the key role on the committee in terms of keeping the administration working, and she has done an excellent job.

## **Treasurers Report**

Fund Raising	Paper recycling	£157.00
	Bag Packing	£631.00
	Webb Ivory Xmas Catalogue	£243.00

A special thanks to Alison McNamara for organizing the Webb Ivory.

We have also had a significant support from Network Rail by way of matching funds – thanks to Chris Bryson for organizing this. Unfortunately this contribution came through too late for the 2003/04 year and will appear in next years accounts.

Membership Subscriptions were up – reflecting the increased fees and increased numbers in the Group – though this was more than offset by increased membership fees to headquarters and increased weekly running expenses.

Capital expenditure was fairly static except for the cost of a new electrical control panel and automated timer – thanks to Robert Burch for organizing this.

Our net balances are down by approx. £1000.

Overall a satisfactory year – but we need to rebuild our finances slightly as early expenditure in 2004/05 has been high with the purchase of new camping stoves – the old one's having been condemned as unsafe.

Reluctantly I am resigning after 3 years in this role as both my boys have left the movement.

Thank you for your support.

Ros Clark  
Group Treasurer.

**Elections of Officers**

**Treasurer**

**Chairman**

**Committee**

**District Commissioner's Comments**

**AOB**