

# 1<sup>st</sup> Emsworth Scouts Section Reports 2018

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## **Group Scout Leaders Report 2017-2018**

Our group continues to thrive with all sections running very fun, active and varied programs. This year has been very successful with all sections receiving numerous Chief Scout Awards with their certificates being presented by the Mayor. This is the ultimate award for members in each section.

Due to the continued success of our sections we are still looking for more Leaders to assist especially with the younger sections where we have waiting lists. Being a Leader requires a regular commitment but not necessarily a weekly one and the rewards are priceless, great fun, a sense of achievement and knowing that you are giving something back to your local community.

The end of the year saw John Forser 'Akela Drake Pack' finally step down after 35 years as leader. A tremendous effort for which he was awarded The Silver Acorn one of the highest awards a leader can get in scouting. A very big well done to John for such dedication over all those years and I am happy to say that he is still continuing to help out the group in various other roles in the future.

Finally it leaves me to thank all the Leaders who do such great work week after week, our wonderful team of Explorer Young Leaders and our executive committee who ensure the group keeps developing and moving forward. Well done to you all.

Michael Group Scout Leader



## **Spring Beavers Colony Annual Report 2018**

Spring Colony has been running a varied programme alongside Millpond colony this year which always works well, Beavers are still enjoying a variety of activities and earning well deserved badges. We are currently running with 16 members which is a comfortable number. Since Chris Riddington (Fox) left us at Easter last year due to work commitments we have been using a parent rota, this has and is very successful. Spring has had one young volunteer with us temporary doing his DofE which was a pleasure working with Alex and having his extra help. Several of our Beavers enjoyed a fun and event filled sleepover in June/July which was joint with the cub camp, at Manor Farm country park, this gave Beavers a great opportunity to see how much fun they have to look forward to in Cubs and to be able to join in events such as camp fire and songs with Cubs. Many thanks to all the parents who have stepped in to help out, especially when we are out of the hut and need extra adults. Julie Sly Spring Colony Julie sly

## **Millpond Beaver Colony Annual Report 2017-2018**

As we approach our 100th year of Scouting in Emsworth in 2019, I'm pleased to report another successful year for Millpond Beaver colony. We have kept a steady 20 members with 100% attendance the norm. We continue to have a long waiting list of eager children wanting to join, whilst we are keen to enable as many new members to join as possible, we still retain that the quality of scouting we provide is integral to the retention level and we achieve this by offering a high quality programme with lots of fun, activities and sleepovers.

This year we have been joined by parent helper Brenda Foot 'Badger' and Ex parent Clive Patten 'Fox' who have stepped in to assist with our weekly meetings. Explorers Henry Chambers, who has completed his Voluntary aspect of D of E award with us and more recently Tom Appleby, also undertaking the D of E award. My thanks to them all for their support.

The basis of our programme continues to be built on badge work, completing many activity badges, such as Cycling, International, Global Issues, Explore, Communicator, Creative, Disability awareness, Book reader, Experiment, Safety, Cook....

We have seen 11 Beavers move up to cubs this year. I'm pleased to report that 7 of whom have earned their Bronze Chief Scout Award, the highest award a Beaver can

gain, and been to have their certificate awarded by the Mayor.

In May we held a joint Beaver Sleepover at Lyons Copse, where 22 Beavers from Millpond and Spring Colony took part in many activities and team games, earning their Hikes, Nights away, Navigator, Camp craft badges. They cooked dough twists over the fire, went pond dipping, did some mini pioneering, climbing, made camp T-shirts and ended the night with songs around the campfire. We ended the summer with a trip to the Blue Reef aquarium in Southsea, we were given a guided tour and then experienced a hands-on rock pool encounter, the beavers held crabs and starfish.

During the autumn term, we joined the District for a day out to Moors Valley Country Park in October. In December, Emsworth House Care Home made us welcome with drinks and mince pies, the Beavers took the residents gifts and a card we had made. They sang Christmas carols to the residents beautifully. This was a very special evening to see such distant generations come together and be part of the same community. As a treat we finished the year with an evening at the Playplanet, which was enjoyed by all.

During the spring term, we held our Mothers Day tea, when all the Mums were invited for tea and biscuits, watch a short presentation by the Beavers and be presented with homemade clay heart and card.

My thanks go to those who support our meetings, our invaluable team of leaders within Emsworth, the SAS members who provide specialist activities, our young leaders and the parents who regularly volunteer to help in and outside the HQ. My special thanks go to the Beavers themselves for their good humour and vitality- a tonic for anybody!

It's been a great year and a pleasure to be part of. Rebecca Chambers, Millpond Beaver Scout Leader

## Drake Annual Report 2017-18

This Annual Report brings an end to yet another enjoyable year for Drake Pack.

We have had several joint activities with Livingstone included both Rough and Summer camps, as well as the Halloween games night. We had our other usual outdoor events. The night hike through the back fields to Westbourne (and the bag of chips walking back to the hut). We've also been tracking in Hollybank Woods and the visit to Brook meadow to escape the voting.

Group and District events continue to be well attended. We won the Cubs annual raft race and had several cubs attend the Chess and Games day in March.

The badge account continues to show a varied and busy program, both with Activity Badges and Challenge Awards. From growing things and healthy eating to science and astronomy, we have learnt about how to keep ourselves and families safe, how to maintain our bicycles; tie up horses, Grannies and attach safety lines. And of course Disability Awareness, not so healthy but very nice chocolate nests and pancakes, Conservation and Recycling, and how to keep the world green and protect the countryside; before going on to make a mess of the hut with Messy Painting. The cubs also found out about other countries and cultures which involving them in a bit of homework!

2016 arrived bringing a lot of changes and these continued into 2017. In September, John announced his intention to step down as Akela at Christmas, after 40 years of running the pack. I have had the honor of working with John since September '91 and know the dedication he has shown the pack over the years and his leaving has left a large hole which will be difficult to fill.

His leaving also left a need for adult help and I am grateful to all the parents who has stepped in to help run the evenings. I would also like to thank my trusted Explorer Young Leader Eniayo for his continued support.

Peter Britton Kaa, Drake Pack

## **Livingstone Cub Pack report 2017-2018**

The programme of activities has been extensive, interesting and stimulating with a varied program of indoor activities and visits out of the hut.

There has been a lot of hard work from all the cubs. They have been working hard toward attaining their Silver Awards. We have worked on personal and road safety, learnt map reading skills and challenged our Cubs.

The Livingstone Challenge Trophy, which was won this year by Joshua Keeping and Finn Jones in a joint first place for good turns in April and Matthew Saunders and Madeline Wright who won the conker challenge back in October. – Well done!!

We had our joint camp with Drake pack in July. This was very successful and the rain didn't dampen our spirits too much, only the tents. Despite the lack of sleep, everyone seemed to enjoy the camp.

Many thanks to Matt our Explorer Young Leader and Kieran Breathnach who have been helping out as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Special thanks to all those parent who have stepped up to assist in running some events as part of the new parent rota for all sections. Without this help it would be vey much harder to run these events.

Hilary Walker - Akela Livingstone Pack

## Scout Eagle Troop Report 2018

I am pleased to report another fun packed year for Scouts which has included a wide range of both indoor and outdoor activities along with visits from outside organisations to help us work towards our badges. These included the 'Solent final straw' which led to a troop beach clean in Emsworth, and a local bird of prey group who brought a number of birds in to show the boys and let them hold. We also had 3 boys achieve their Gold award, with more soon to join them.

The troop size is now around 25 which a very nice size for group activities and crowd control for the leaders. Although we have seen a few boys leave due to other commitments, the group continues to work well and the current number allows for more productive activities for the boys.

The newly adopted parent rota has helped massively, as have the young leaders helping from Explorers. We have had a lot of support from parents very keen to help and lead nights which have so far included Kickboxing, Judo and mechanic work.

The Patrol leaders have settled into their roles well and have continued to develop their skills, taking the lead on several activities and planning future PL nights. As well as this we have introduced a patrol night which will give the boys the opportunity to run the night no matter their age or position within the troop.

We have only had 1 camp this year due to leaders numbers not allowing for a summer camp and poor weather calling one off recently as winds were too high to be safe in the woods. The one camp we have had, almost became a survival camp as we camped through minus degree weather and snow up at Harting. This did however allow us to go sledging down the South downs on sheets of plastic which was a brilliant end to an enjoyable couple of days away.

We plan to end the year with our annual winter camp in Braggers Woods where we will hopefully get better weather than we have had so far this year.

Thanks to Jo, the parents and the young leaders for their help and support throughout the year, as well as Michael and Becca for their amazing work organising and leading camps.

Adam Westwood – Scout Leader

# EXPLORERS

## **Gryffin Explorer Unit**

This year has proved to be another busy and successful year for the Gryffin explorer unit.

We meet on a Friday night in the scout hut and like to get outside as much as possible (weather permitting or not!).

We currently have 17 members and the section is run by Michael, Nigel and Sam.

This year we've been able to fit in a lot. Most notably trips to the Brecon Beacons and Coniston and a summer camp held in Dartmoor.

Our expedition lined up for May.

Many of our members help out with the younger sections, so well done for all your support and hard work.

Michael Explorer Leader

## Year End Account Summary 2017-2018

<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>			
<b>1st Emsworth Scouts Group</b>			
<b>For the 12 months ended 31 March 2018</b>			
	<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Bank Interest Income	£4.88	£35.94	-£6.89
Camps, Outings & Group events Revenue	£7,459.57	£7,045.00	£9,749.50
Donations - Unrestricted	£550.00	£1,140.00	£285.00
Harting Revenue	£0.00	£142.00	£0.00
Hut Rental - Revenue	£440.00	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions - Membership	£18,452.92	£15,250.58	£18,536.82
Tuck Revenue - Fundraising Income	£33.00	£124.61	£126.29
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£26,940.37</b>	<b>£23,738.13</b>	<b>£28,690.72</b>
<b>Less Cost of Sales</b>			
Tuck Expenses / Cost	£58.45	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>£58.45</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>£26,881.92</b>	<b>£23,738.13</b>	<b>£28,690.72</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>			
Audit & Accountancy fees	£918.80	£1,700.23	£0.00
Badges & Sundry Costs	£600.17	£1,219.16	£966.51
Bank Fees	£95.00	£25.00	£5.00
Camp, Outings & Group events Costs	£7,941.87	£7,294.46	£10,109.83
Capitation Fees	£4,462.20	£4,889.60	£5,022.00
Charitable Donations	£175.00	£0.00	£0.00
Equipment	£813.34	£1,469.84	£1,553.45
Group Expenses	£579.15	£1,778.59	£1,157.66
Harting Costs	£600.00	£1,516.64	£0.00
Hut Cleaning	£2,015.20	£897.60	£1,274.40
Hut Refurbishment / Enhancement	£645.64	£0.00	£4,624.80
Hut Repairs & Maintenance	£1,122.37	£267.72	£447.70
Insurance	£1,520.53	£1,437.02	£1,723.78
Leaders' Costs	£43.10	£220.51	£89.98
Legal Expenses	£0.00	£1,560.00	£1,083.00
Light, Power, Heating	£280.60	£124.66	£798.38
Rates	£0.00	£0.00	£1.00
section expenses	£1,287.05	£1,137.89	£1,162.94
Telephone & Internet	£691.46	£468.00	£523.26
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>£23,791.48</b>	<b>£26,006.92</b>	<b>£30,543.69</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>£3,090.44</b>	<b>-£2,268.79</b>	<b>-£1,852.97</b>