

# 1st Emsworth Scout Group

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## Group Scout Leaders Report 2015-2016

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.

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



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## **Spring Beaver Colony Annual Report 2015-2016**

Spring Colony have enjoyed another busy and enjoyable year with a wide variety of activities for the younger members of our Scout group.

7 of our Beavers have moved up to Cubs so we've had lots of new members and there are

always more on the waiting list.

In keeping with previous years, we follow the same programme as Millpond Colony which works well. Becca Chambers has again been largely responsible for planning different interesting activities and as always it is very much appreciated.

We have enjoyed getting stuck into some of the new activity and challenge badges that have been introduced and have taken part in activities such as gardening, science experiments and cooking apple crumbles. The Beavers especially enjoy getting out of the hut and we have been able to do this on a regular basis for treasure hunts, hikes, games in the park and even picking up litter in the local park. We also visited a local care home at Christmas to sing carols and give home made gifts. Seeing some of the very young Beavers talk to much older people was a real highlight.

Some of the Beavers had even more adventures by going away overnight to a Beaver Sleepover in May and Group Camp in September. For some it was their first taste of being away from home.

We were able to award 4 hard working Beavers their Chief Scout Bronze Awards in July 2015. Congratulations to James Tessem Cotton, Jake Sherrington, Ben Charlesworth, Alex Coles.

We have been lucky to be joined by Julie Sly aka 'Squirrel' who will shortly be invested as another Beaver Leader. Julie has joined the group with energy, enthusiasm and lots of bright ideas. Joe Allen and Jack Ford, our Explorer helpers, have continued to attend regularly and provide much needed assistance (and humour!). We have also had lots of very willing parents who are always on hand to assist allowing us to get out and about as often as possible. Many thanks to all that have helped as we could not run the section without you.

Chris Riddington – Spring Colony Assistant Leader

## **Millpond annual report 2015-2016**

I'm pleased to report another successful year of scouting for Millpond beaver colony, we continue to be very popular with 20 members and a long waiting list of children wanting to join in the fun.

Millpond and Spring colonies continue to run a closely linked beaver programme in Emsworth, regularly meeting for joint activities and trips.

The basis of our programme continues to be built on badge work, since the introduction of the new challenge badges and set of requirements last year, we have been working towards completing these. This has been challenging for myself as well as the beavers, as the new requirements involve far more onus being on them to achieve independently. The result of this is that it has taken us longer to complete all parts of the new Bronze Chief Scout award. However, I'm delighted to say we are in the process of getting our first Beavers through this summer 2016.

We have been ably assisted by Explorer, Lauren Tibbetts, who had decided to stay with us to complete the volunteering aspect of her Silver DofE award. Also Henry Chambers, an older Scout, who regularly assists with our evenings and soon to start his Bronze DofE. Parent helper Kate Wood has stepped in to assist with our weekly meetings also. My thanks to them all for their support.

We were again able to offer two 'nights away' experiences for the group, our beaver sleepover in May, held at Harting Scout hut, where we took over 20 members, some of whom it was their first night away from home. Also our Group camp, which was held at Butchers coppice in Bournemouth, for non-stop entertainment, singing around the camp fire and fun.

To end the summer term, we had a trip to the 'Blue Reef' aquarium in Southsea, we were given a guided tour and then a hands-on rock pool encounter, the Beavers got to hold crabs and starfish.

At Christmas, we arranged to visit Emsworth House care home, and took them homemade gifts and plants the Beavers had potted up themselves. They then sang Christmas carols before eating lots of mince pies and squash. It was very special to see the older people of our community interacting and engaging with the younger generation. As a treat we finished the term with a trip to the playzone in Waterloo, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

My thanks of course 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

Bronze award roll of honour (Pre 2015)

Anthony Whellams, Jonnie Fry, Joe Morrison, Lucas Edmondson, Theo Warwick, Joshua Chatfield, Conor Ledieurt, Madeline Wright



## **Livingstone Cub Pack report 2015-2016**

This year the section has seen some changes to the leaders as Hilary and Richard (Akela and Baloo) transferred from the Scout section to take over Livingstone Cub Pack in October. 2016 marks the Centenary of Cub Scouting –an amazing milestone for the section.

The programme of activities over the year has been extensive, interesting and stimulating with a varied program of indoor activities and visits out of the hut exploring the local area. There has been a lot of effort from all the cubs as they have been working hard towards attaining their Silver Awards and activity badges. We have had evenings with themes which have included personal and road safety, map reading and compass skills, science experiments, cooking pancakes and constructing Easter nests . We have a new Challenge Trophy – the Livingstone Good Turns Trophy, which was won this year by Joe Russell –well done!!

We had a very successful, and mostly dry, joint rough camp with Drake Pack in May. Following a hike to Harting from East Marden the Cubs erected shelters for a night's sleep

Many thanks to the parents who came to the camp –we hope that you enjoyed it and are ready for next year.

We are looking forward to a big summer camp at Harting, combined with Drake again and are hoping for good weather.

In June we had a great evening with the Emsworth Fire Brigade. The Cubs learnt how to set up the hoses from the hydrant, build a reservoir and then the fun bit - how to aim the hoses. Everyone had fun and we all got a bit wet!

Many thanks to Matt our Explorer Young Leader and all the parents and helpers who help us provide the fun and adventure week after week.

Hilary Walker - Akela

## **Drake Cub Pack report 2015-16**

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

We had our usual outdoor events. Both Rough Camp and Summer Camp went very well. As did 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 visited Brook Meadow to escape the voting.

We had our usual Halloween and Christmas Fancy Dress parties which continue to produced some amazing and unusual costumes. Along with the Sausage sizzle and the Fireworks, they continue to be the social events of the year. We have also continued to help the community with the cubs running the coconut shy at the Emsworth Show. Our trip to the Fire station was memorable for the sound of the siren the Cubs were allowed to switch on.

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!

This year we had 3 boys attain their Chief Scout Silver award as they went up to Scouts: Alex Tessem-Cotton, Finley McDonald-Hughes and Harry Foster.

Once again our two Craig Whittaker Drake Pack Challenge Trophies were well fought for, with Joseph Slade winning the Good Turns Diary while Ethan Whitelock won the Conker competition.

Group and District activities have been well attended. We attended our Group Camp and 3 of our Sixers & Seconders took part in the District Sixers 1-day camp at Harting, which again we hosted. And after several years of defeats and disqualifications, we finally won the Group's Raft Race without getting stuck on a mud bank.

We have had another year with a full program of events and activities, an excellent and enjoyable year. The boys wouldn't have had this experience without the help of all the Leaders (the Group Scout Leader, Explorer, Scout and Beaver Leaders) and those parents and others who have joined in and assisted with our activities. This year we lost the services of David Jarzcyk after 8 years assisting the pack. He is to become an officer in the Royal Navy. We all wish him success and my thanks to him for all his hard work. My thanks to all of you and my remaining excellent support team of Peter Britton, Philip Jarzcyk and Conor Ward. If anyone is interested in coming to help at Pack night please let me know. It is easy, enjoyable work!

John Forster  
Drake Pack Akela

## **Scout Eagle Troop Report 2015-2016**

This year has seen the split of the scout troop into 2 smaller troops, Eagle and Lion. This was done due to the demand on the group and the numbers of Scouts in the troop. Since the split we have seen increased attendance, less scouts leaving the group, greater participation and have had very positive feedback from both the Scouts and parents as we are able to run a better and more active programme due to the number of scouts being a lot more manageable both inside and outside of the hut.

The troop has continued to grow since the split and now has 22 members with more due to come up from Cubs next term.

I am pleased to report another fun packed year for Scouts which has included a wide range of both indoor and outdoor activities. We have also run meetings and activities where both Lion and Eagle troop have come together to ensure the troops still work closely and are in contact with one another. The most successful one so far being our trip to Flip out in Portsmouth where we had an exhausting hour of bouncing and jumping around.

Another great success this year was the Fund raising badge work where the Patrols self-lead their activities and communication and were able to raise money for the Friends of Chichester Hospital, RNLI and the Havant Food bank. This has resulted in members of these organisations coming to present the Scouts with certificates during meetings, offering to host us at their work place and also making it into the local papers for their good work.

This year's raft race was a great improvement on last years with Eagle troop entering 2 teams and taking 1st and 2nd place overall with a traditional style raft and a more innovative triangular shaped one.

We have had 2 camps so far this year, our first was winter camp in Braggers Woods where the Scouts learnt a lot about team work and were able to have a lot of fun snowboarding as well as our more traditional camp activities. The second camp was our survival camp held at our Harting woodland camp site where the boys built and slept in survival shelters, cooked "survival" food over fire and learnt how to set snares and disappear into the woods.

Our Patrol leaders have settled into their roles well since the slitting of the troop and have continued to develop their skills well, taking the lead on a number of nights and activities as well as supporting Jo and I on normal scout nights.

Thanks to Richard and Hilary for all their hard work prior to the split. Thanks also to Jo and Luke for their help and support throughout the year.

Adam Westwood – Scout Leader