

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Hazel Grove Scout Group AGM. Tuesday 9 May 2017 - Reports**

#### **Secretary's Report**

\*Attendance and apologies. Please refer to the signed attendance sheet.  
Apologies. Neil Phillips/ Sandra Phillips / Alison Hewitt

\*Welcome. Group President Pete Wood. Pete welcomed Lee Allsopp, Ladybrook Valley District Commissioner, at the same time pointing out that the attendance appeared somewhat lower than in recent years. He highlighted important calendar events; Cubs 100 years, Beavers 30 years and the long running Bullock Smithy Hike. He welcomed new faces to the Executive and to the group in general, wishing individuals and the group good luck for the future.

#### \*Minutes of the 2016 AGM.

Last year's minutes were highlighted, with 1 matter arising. A small number of people were omitted from the minutes distribution list. This matter has since been rectified. The minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed by Angela Massey and seconded by Jan Gibson.

#### \*Section Reports.

Please refer to the attached reports for individual details.

Group Scout Leader

Monday Beavers. Carrwood.

Thursday Beavers. Princes Wood.

Monday Cubs. Shawnee.

Thursday Cubs. Seneca.

Scouts.

Bullock Smithy Explorers.

In addition the following points should be noted.

GSL. Brian highlighted 2 Long Service awards for Caroline Smith and Margaret Friel.

Unfortunately neither was present. Ben Ware was welcomed and presented with his 10 year service award.

Shawnee report delivered in verse by Jonathan. Very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Princeswood. Angela detailed names of previous Leaders. Again well received.

#### District Commissioner.

Following these excellent reports, the Chairman invited Lee to address the meeting. He thanked all Leaders and helpers for support throughout the year. Like Peter, he briefly mentioned the lower turnout on the night, but added that the real measure of success was results. Support for younger people was needed and Scouting provides an element of that support which would be valued throughout life.

Lee moved on to give the meeting an overview of District developments. New Leaders are a big priority, as is support. Rob Massey, new to the team, was thanked and support for Gill Barlow in her District role was promised.

At this point, Brian welcomed Claire Jarvis, reading out her recent splendid award. Claire was also thanked by Lee, and in turn, thanked all present for help and support over recent times. Understandably she received a rousing show of appreciation.

Treasurers report and presentation of the Group Accounts.

The final report was delivered by Jan Gibson, the Group Treasurer. Reports were available for everyone, and Jan highlighted the strong financial position the group was in. There were no follow up questions to her report.

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#### Group Scout Leader. Nomination of Chairman.

Mike Wells.

#### Election of Officers. Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer. Jan Gibson. Proposed Gill Barlow/ Seconded Jonathan Mayo.

Secretary. Quentin Blagg. Proposed Rob Gibson / Seconded James Robinson.

#### Group Executive Committee.

Election of members.

GSL Nominated members.

Sharon Bebbington. Proposed Gill Barlow/ Seconded Rick Massey.

Dave Phillips. Proposed Paul Barlow/ Seconded Derek Hesketh.

Alan Marsh. Proposed Claire Jarvis/ Seconded Dave Phillips.

Rob Gibson. Proposed Rick Massey/ Seconded Paul Barlow.

Steve Holt. Proposed Rob Gibson/ Seconded Alan Marsh.

Rob Massey. Proposed Paul Barlow/ Seconded Alan Marsh.

GSL Nominated members.

Matt Rooney . Proposed Rob Gibson/ Seconded Rick Massey .

James Robinson. Proposed Quentin Blagg/ Seconded Rob Gibson.

Caroline Austin. Proposed Angela Massey/ Seconded Gill Barlow.

Chris Green. Proposed Dave Phillips / Seconded Jan Gibson.

Election of Auditor. Sandy Lee. Proposed Jan Gibson/Seconded Dave Phillips.

#### Any other business.

The meeting was rounded off by the Group Chairman. This included thanks to all Leaders and helpers, for support throughout the year. Angela for her Training work and Dave for handover help. Steve was thanked for keeping the BSH one of the countries leading long distance events, as was Rick for his unstinting badge work commitment. Val Dooley was thanked for yet again putting on an excellent buffet cheese and wine. The meeting finished at 21.00 with thanks for attendance.

#### Cheese and Wine to follow

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#### **Chairman's Report – AGM – 9 May 2017**

Brian and the section leaders have reported on the scouting activities within the Group in 2016 - this has been another good scouting year for the Group and we should all be proud of the Group achievements.

We have made taken some steps to improve the premises over the last year, including considerable expense of recovering the three garage roofs, and the (long overdue) addition of a new cooker. We have also improved the security of the main stores and front gate by replacing the locks and keys.

I must also thank Scout parents Des and Dawn Kelly-Cooper for arranging a deep clean of the premises and floors, at their own expense, for which we are grateful.

Further improvements to the premises remain necessary, including recovering of the old hall roof, and replacement of the heating in the old hall.

We have also resurrected discussions over further improvements to the premises, particularly our aim to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities. We aim to develop these plans over the coming months.

I would like to thank all members of the team especially:

- Our GSL – Brian Dooley
- Alan Marsh for his help in keeping the premises in good repair, particularly with the electrical systems.
- Leaders, assistants, occasional helpers and Young Leaders who deliver the training and development programme so effectively to the children and young people, but who also find time to assist with other Group activities such as table top sales, Group bonfire etc.
- Dave Phillips – for continuing to support me in my role as Chairman, and giving me the benefit of his experience
- Treasurer - Jan Gibson, for her efforts throughout the year, and agreeing to extend her term by a further twelve months. To Rob Massey who has taken on the role of administering subscriptions
- Secretary - Quentin Blagg
- Angela Massey for adding to her work on OSM with taking the lead on training across the group in partnership with Gill Barlow.
- Simon Lees for his work in continuing to develop a new and more up to date website
- All other members of the executive committee for their support
- Parents who have helped out on activities, especially table top sales.
- Claire Jarvis for her efforts at FofHGHS, without which we would quite likely lose the income from TT sales

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- Steve Holt and the many other people who help on the Bullock Smithy hike.
- James Robinson, for taking the lead on the Group Bonfire
- Rick Massey for controlling and co-ordinating the purchase and distribution of badges
- Val Dooley for organising the cheese and wine

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## **GSL's Report**

### **WELCOME**

- (Comments on President's opening remarks)
- Welcome to all and DC Lee Allsopp

### **GENERAL**

- As usual Individual leaders will describe their section highlights later...
- Success of 3<sup>rd</sup> HG can be measured (for all sections) by the achievements of the top-end youth ....
  - James Martin – Queen's Scout Award and Gold DofE (1<sup>st</sup> Poynton)
  - Jack Sykes, Shea Crawford – Platinum CSA and Bronze DofE
  - Well done to Sam Howard for winning Scout trophies on the Bullock Smithy.
  - Gold CSAs this year... Luke Tiplady, Abigail Styche, Finn Chadwick
  - 1000 core, challenge, activity and staged Scouting badges gained.
  - Most younger members achieve their section top awards Bronze, Silver CSA's
  - Shawnee won Totem Pole

### **LEADERSHIP**

- Success and achievements of the youth doesn't happen without the dedicated efforts of leaders. At 3HG we're lucky to have many leaders with many years of Scouting experience. All capable of delivering full and active programmes.
- Newer leaders like, Dan, Sharon & Jonathan are settling in nicely and are taking on more responsibilities, Experienced leaders are developing their capabilities – Paul B has run 1<sup>st</sup> camp abroad - Belgium. Gill is enthusiastic about sailing activities with the Cubs at Green Withens and taking on YL training responsibilities for District, Angela is taking on management training and is on district Appointments committee.....
- So – Good progress for youth and for leaders!
- Thanks to all Leaders, Helpers, Explorer helpers and Parents on rotas for another year of dedication and commitment.

### **SUPPORTERS/FUND RAISING/THANKS**

- Usual fund raising events – Bullock Smithy, Table Top sales, Car Boot , Bonfire. These are vital to enable the group to be a success (special thanks to regular helpers )

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

- Dave P – no longer chairman but still another very busy year - insurances, table tops, floor, heating, HQ security, van, grants, admin etc. Tremendous load off the uniformed!
- New Chairman Mike W – successfully survived and enthusiastically completed his first year of many!
- Treasurer Janice - Accounts, Subs, 100 Club, B Smithy entrants (now helped by Rob Massey) ... and also for her help with Beavers.
- Secretary Quentin – minutes – the job no-one wants to do!
- Alan Marsh – Group dinner & all things electrical.
- QM Rob G - Maintenance of camping equipment
- Also special thanks to members, leaders & parents who have helped with our Community involvements – FOTP Duck Race, Work and Fun Days, Carnival parade, St Ann's Xmas tree recycling, Xmas float.

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- Thanks to all (unmentioned) supporters & members of the Exec. - Progress does actually happen!

#### **FUTURE**

- Will be another year of quality and fun activities with well tested section programmes. Scouts are off to Anglesey, Explorers to Isle of Man. Cubs and Beavers revisiting the water activities at Green Withens, Continued community help – FoTP, St Ann's, Carnival.....
- More Leader training + Camping permits and Activity Authorisations..
- Ongoing repairs/improvements to heating, electrics, floor
- Mike has revived the resolve to upgrade toilet and HQ facilities.....
- Notices - District AGM 15<sup>th</sup> June @ 3HG!! 20:00 plus FoTP work day 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Carnival 15 July

#### **SECTION REPORTS .....**

#### **PRESENTATIONS** by DC Lee Allsopp

CLAIRE JARVIS – Silver Acorn,

As well as her many years of Cub Scouting at 3HG she is a prime mover at District and County level. Congratulations on her call to Windsor and being awarded the Silver Acorn for "*specially distinguished service and appreciably better than outstanding*"

BEN WARE – 10 Years Service

(CAROLINE SMITH, MARGARET FRIEL – 15 Years Service)

**THANKS BADGES** – 2 will be presented soon.

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#### **Carrwood AGM Report 09-05-17**

As you can see from our presentation it has been a busy twelve months for Carrwood. The Beavers have worked hard to earn a lot of badges but we have incorporated a lot of fun into our programme to balance things out.

It has been a steep learning curve for Dan and I, learning to work together as well as learning all about Scouting – it has been Trial by Fire. We have been very fortunate to have received a lot of help and support from other Section Leaders within the Group. Drawing on their knowledge and experiences has made the role of Section Leader much easier and I appreciate everything they have done to help Carrwood.

Carrwood and Princeswood joined forces for a few activities this year:

Beavers 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

Christmas Activity Day

Lyme Park Activity Day and Sleepover

I hope that this continues as both Colonies benefit greatly from these joint events.

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#### **Princeswood Colony AGM Report 2017**

We have had a full colony of 26 for most of this year, as the Beavers move on we have been rapidly replacing them from the waiting list. As far as leaders are concerned, Paul Dowson ABSL has completed his module 1 and 3 training, and has validated it with Gill, we just need to put some dates in for his PLP for the remaining modules. Kathryn CA has done modules 1 and 3 online which we now need to validate. This year we have gained another CA with Rick Pennell a parent who was previously a OH, he is current waiting to attend the appointments committee.

In line with Vision 18 we asked the beavers what they have enjoyed.. the best bits, and as you can see from the notes it's lots . I have added the details and pictures as we felt it was a little late for the beavers to come down tonight to tell you about their year.

We attended the Beaver's birthday party at Linnet Clough last July to celebrate the 30th birthday of Beavers, despite the weather not being very kind to us the beavers had a fantastic day mainly because they were covered in mud. I did send out a warning..to bring a bin bag for them to sit on for the journey home to the parents. We held our own 30th birthday party here in September we were delighted to have two of our original beaver leaders with us. They cut the cake provided by one of the other original leaders which the beavers all enjoyed.

We attended Hazel Grove carnival for the first time entering a 'float' loosely disguised as the mini bus. The beavers and cubs sporting their team 3HG t-shirt designed by Kath Milner walked behind. We nearly got all the way round without the rain but started near McDonalds. We had a visit to Offerton fire station in October arranged by one of our cubs and exec member parents. At the end of November we held a joint Christmas activity day with Carrwood, we cooked mince pies galore, made calendars, had a Christmas trail, and made decorations. At the end of the afternoon we sang Christmas songs and were treated to a visit from Father Christmas. In January the beavers visited the Panto with the district to watch Peter Pan.

We held a joint sleepover in March with Carrwood Colony. Organised by Kestral from Carrwood it was a brilliant day and night. We went up to Lyme Park and met one of the cub parents Robin who took us on a great adventure. The beavers collected wood, make fire, build shelters, and enjoyed sausages cooked on the fire. Then it was back to the hut where Helen Ryan cub Leader was busy cooking tea. I had managed to purchase 12 small 2 man tent suitable for putting up indoors, after the last sleepover. It had been decided that we need to do something a bit different to encourage the select few who disturbed everyone last time to sleep. It worked a dream..with the black out windows, and the hanging solar system a much better sleep was had by all. Well done to Sharon a fabulous first sleepover In March we had the District Fun Day with a theme of all the fun of the fair, they made clown faces a magnetic fishing game , and lots of other fairground challenges and activities, fun and games.

As to meeting nights we have had visits from Kath Milner and the Dental Playbox, A leader from Offerton with a puppy who is being training to be a hearing dog, and a visit from our President Peter Wood who came to talk about the 60th Anniversary of 3rd Hazel Grove later this year. He came in his old uniform with lots of stories the pictures are around here somewhere take a look if you get a chance. We visited Brookside pottery in June just as they reopened after the flood, the beavers designed and decorated tiles to celebrate 30 years of beavers, it has now been mounted and we are hoping to get it displayed at the hut permanently. At the end of summer we held our now Annual chippy walk, as I wasn't a 100% sure how many leaders were available. I invited all the family to join us for a stroll up Princes incline to Princes wood our name sake. I did slightly regret it pre ordering the chips



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at lunch time that day, as I ordered 60 lots of chips. Every beaver attended and brought at least one parent if not two, and also accompanied by younger and older brothers and sisters. It was a great end to the summer term. All my regrets disappeared as I turned round part way up the hill to see a long ramble of beavers parents and children following us. What a fantastic evening. Thanks must go to the Higgins family for collecting the chips and providing sauces, bread and butter, and drinks.

Early this year before HQ announced it, we introduced Lodge leaders for the first time. As well as looking after the new ones in their lodge, they were given the opportunity to work together and run a game. It was quite interesting for us as leaders as it seem to have no point to it and although all the beavers understand what was happening we didn't have a clue. You could see the lodge leaders growing with pride and they took the role very seriously. They have nearly all moved on now and we are now looking for our next group. We have awarded over 188 Badges including 5 bronze 50 challenges , 41 activity badges, and 48 staged badges. Of the beavers who are due to move up between now and September most are well on their way to achieving their bronze award there is just a couple who will struggle due to starting late or haphazard attendances.

So what are we and they looking forward to? earlier this year we made a Cool Wall .. a bit like Top gear but about scouting and what the beavers would like. It transpired they just want to do lots of exciting things so as a result we are going climbing later this month, having a bell boating day at Green Withins in June, attending the carnival again,(anyone got a flat back lorry) planning another sleepover for October, and of course will be doing another Chippy walk in July. We are also looking forward to September when we are hoping to have a 'garden party' for all present and old scouting friends to celebrate our 60th year.

So now it is time for me to give my thanks to Paul for taking on the challenge of being ABSL. I am very grateful he has taking on running some of the meetings, which has really helped when the day job gets in the way. Just the other month I invested Paul which due to slight differences in height was rather amusing. It did involve a chair and a risk assessment for working at height. Thanks also to Kathryn and Rick for their continued support as CA. Once again I must say a huge thanks to Jan (Mole) for her support and her time and her ear If you see us wandering around the area in the fine weather we are keeping ourselves active and planning as we walk.

I am also grateful for the support from our YL's Hayden and Imogen, Hayden reached the grand age of 18 in April and has completed his application to become a SA with us, he is now waiting to see the appointments committee. He is in the middle of A levels so I expect his attendance to be a bit sketchy until after the exams, but I hope he will be joining us until he moves on to Uni in September. I would also like to thank the other sections for their support, especially Gill, Paul, Rick , Helen Ryan Cub and Scout leaders, and Dan and Sharon my fellow beaver leaders we have agreed that sleepovers are far easier and much more fun together

To finish thanks to all who have been a part of this year of scouting from the leaders for their time, the Exec and Mike for their support, the district team for organising great events, the parents for not only bring the beavers along each week, but for being so supportive. The young leaders for their youth and energy, and of course thanks to the ones we do it all for, the beavers, we could not do it without you all!

Angela Massey  
BSL - Princeswood Colony  
3rd Hazel Grove.

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#### Shawnee Report

My AGM report:....

Chaos, confusion, abrasions, contusions;  
the noise really rubs\_  
\_ me the wrong way.

Disorder, disruption, disobedience, interruption  
I'm going to cubs\_  
\_ to get away\_  
From it all.

So here I am...  
Ahh, the tranquillity.

The skills and abilities,  
The obedience: like their first day \_  
at new school.

See them fall in  
When the leader calls them...  
DOH!!!... I've turned up on Thursday \_  
What a fool!!

Back to Shawnee,  
I know it sounds corny,  
But the older ones are starting to shave.  
So I've kicked them upstairs  
To Flipper; unawares \_  
That Zippy will make them behave.

Meanwhile, I've inherited  
Some Beavers, who've merited  
A place within my pack.

But if they mess about,  
Fool around and shout,  
Then Sharon: I'm sending them back!

They've been badged  
With embroidery cadged  
From Rick – to whom thanks, by the way.  
Including:  
Athletics, Backwoods Cooking,  
Communicator, Joining In,

Skills, Secondar, Sixer  
Team Leader, Senior Sixer

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Membership, Teamwork, Outdoors,  
Scientist,  
And Nights Away –

(the rhyme is in there somewhere, folks)

But it's not just badge-bagging,  
It's the fun they've been having  
That makes it all worthwhile

To prove Shawnee's cool  
We won the Totem Pole  
Which gave me a tear and a smile

We went camping to Barnswood... ...  
Which doesn't rhyme with anything  
Never mind.

Like the news said,  
The kids get ahead  
of the supply of Scouting leaders

If we don't recruit  
Adults to suit\_  
The role... it's going to impede us.

So if you know of another  
A father or mother  
Who is willing to put up with cheek  
It's richly rewarding  
And not too daunting...

And it's only an hour a week!

Jonathan Mayo

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### Seneca Report for 2017 AGM

I can't believe that it is a year ago already since I stood here and gave my 100 reasons why Seneca have had a great year report! Its either time flies because I'm having fun or the year has passed me by in a blur!

We started this AGM year with 38 cubs registered and finish with the same amount today. Although we have received a number of new Cubs 'off the street', I truly believe that the work that Sharon, Angela, Paul and I are doing on transition including attending each other's camps and sleepovers is having a massive impact on keeping young people in the movement and I would like to thank all of these leaders accordingly. That we are becoming good friends as well is a bonus!

We have had issues with behaviours and concentration over the year, possibly affected by the large numbers and have held a 'Build A Friend' behaviour pack forum (the results are on the board in the entrance hall) and introduced several other measures to combat this with differing success rates. This is something I intend to work on further with the cubs this coming year.

We were lucky to have four very different nights away experiences last year; Cubs County Centenary Camp at Linnet Clough in May where the weather was the best I've known on any camp and where it never failed to amaze me how 2 tennis balls can keep a dozen Cubs occupied for so long, a fantastic water activity day in July at Green Withen's Watersports Centre followed by a sleepover, where the weather was one of the worst I've known, a weekend camp in Hawkshead in September where we walked up to the top of Carron Craig and spent a great afternoon in Blackpool Sandcastle on the way back and our second Snowshine camp with the Scout Troop at Bradley Wood in February. These, I hope, gave the cubs some amazing experiences and memories to look back on.

As part of the Cubs 100 year, we attended the Promise Party in December at Legoland Discovery and the Sealife Centre at the Trafford Centre where we renewed our promise at 19.16 together with Cubs all over the country. The 3 Cubs who had achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award at the time were privileged to be able to sleepover in the Sealife Centre, although maybe they didn't feel that way when evacuated at 2am due to a leak in one of the tanks!

We had fabulous representation of 25 at Remembrance Day Parade and 20 at the recent St Georges Day Parade and fielded a team in the District Totem Pole Competition in March, coming 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We have issued an amazing 348 badges over the year; 100 Challenge badges, 91 Activity badges, 100 Staged badges, 49 Core and my proudest as always, 8 Chief Scout Silver Awards.

These have been achieved through many different activities; building A frames as part of the pioneering badge, wide games in Torkington Park, Hawkshead and at Bradley Wood, firelighting and backwoods cooking, pack forums (one on Code of Conduct, one on camp food choices), night walks, challenge nights, a fire station visit, a Scottish night which included balloon haggis making, eating all types of Scottish food including haggis, neeps and tatties - and the ever popular curling, making gingerbread, swimming, personal challenge setting, weather reporting, Chinese cooking, problem solving, an It's Not Fair evening, tin can pancakes, making gloop and soda fire snakes, paracord presents for mums, making chocolate baskets and finally the Emergency aid badge where we scared half the parents with the wounds created by Amber and Chris.

So what does it take to deliver the programme and the badges to the cubs? That's easy; committed leaders and lots of researching and planning and late nights. I simply couldn't do this without the support of a fantastic group of people and must say a huge thank you to Claire, Chris, Amber, Margaret, Helen, Alison and Rob Holland, my young leader, for their continued superb support and to Dan Beales and Hayden Jarvis for their help whenever I needed extra pairs of eyes and hands. Special thanks go to Rick, my wing man and to Angela not only for their administration support with OSM but for their advice and support whatever time of the day or night! I also need to thank Helen Rowley and Sharon Bebbington for giving up their time to attend camps, I really appreciate your friendship and support too.

My biggest thank you goes to my husband, Paul. Not only does he run the Scout Troop, which included organising a trip abroad to Belgium last year; but as I work full time and long hours, he also helps to organise Cub pack nights, he does all the shopping for and cooks on my Nights Away, runs around the days before a pack night when I need things buying, he looks after the boys whilst I attend District meetings, whilst I complete training records as part of my Training Advisor role, whilst I attend meetings for my Young Leader Training Coordinator role, he runs our home, ensures that I eat properly and quite honestly picks me up off the floor when I feel that I have taken too much on - which is rather often I can tell you. Without him, I quite simply wouldn't be stood here as Akela of Seneca now and I want him to know just how much I appreciate what he does. As the Exec are already aware, we have both advised that we wish to step down from our section leader roles at the end of 2020 and I sincerely hope that by giving this much notice, the Group is able to find other leaders who will pick up our mantles as Paul in particular deserves to have some time to himself thereafter.

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#### **SCOUT REPORT 2017**

TROOP CURRENTLY RUNNING AT 40 REGULAR ATTENDEES ON FRIDAY NIGHTS.

WE HAVE JUST LOST A COUPLE OF SCOUTS TO SUMMER SPORTS ACTIVITIES, BUT THIS HAS BEEN BOOSTED BY CUBS MOVING UP SECTIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS THERE ARE ONLY THREE REGULAR LEADERS, MYSELF, HELEN ROWLEY AND NICK BLENCH.

HOPEFULLY WE CAN ALWAYS COVER THIS WITH REGULAR HELP FROM HELEN RYAN (SENECA CUBS).

ALSO THANKS TO RICK MASSEY (SENECA CUBS) WHO REGULARLY HELPS OUT ON CAMPS.

SOOOOO, IF ANY ADULT WANTS TO CROSS TO THE DARK SIDE AND BECOME A SCOUT LEADER OR EVEN JUST HELP OUT, PLEASE COME AND HAVE A CHAT WITH ME AFTER.

Main camp last year was held at the De Kluis scout centre situated close to the Ardennes in Belgium. This was my first time at organising an international camp. We decided to go with a company called venture abroad.

They did all the organisation in country for us, all we had to do was decide what we wanted to see and do and collect the money! No mean feat from 31 attendees.

Highlights of our week were visiting the local town of leuven, calling in at the scout museum, and the botanical gardens.

We also took in the battlefields of world war 1, visiting the trenches, tyne cot cemetery and the flanders field museum in Ypres.

Whilst in Ypres we were extremely lucky to attend the daily Last Post Ceremony, and two very lucky scouts laid a wreath, whilst the rest of the camp were asked to form the guard of honour for the wreath laying ceremony.

Whilst in Belgium, we took the opportunity to visit Bruges, a medieval city famed for its chocolate making. Needless to say we all stocked up with presents for home! And some stocked up for the journey back to camp as there were a few green faces on that coach journey!

A long journey but well worth the time and effort!

Mountain weekend last year in November. Saw us in the depths of Yorkshire in Pateley Bridge, where we took to the hills, (terrain zero mind you!) for a 12 mile hike on the Nidderdale Way. On the way home we called in at the royal armouries centre in Leeds.

This years operation snowshine was held at Bradley Wood international scout camp near Brighouse. In a camp where we invited Seneca cubs to join with us again as they enjoyed it so much last year. we had a total of 63 on camp this year and both scouts and cubs enjoyed a teamwork themed camp, where we took part in archery, shooting, climbing, shelter building, problem solving and the cave bus.

The camp was so successful that we had to hire a 52 seat coach to get most people to the campsite!

Thanks once again to Mike Wells and Neil Phillips for the superb catering!

Programme over this past year has included problem solving, pioneering, fire lighting, a new thing for us but not our president was trying out geocaching where we found 4 local caches which are hidden from public view.

Most of the scouts have taken part in an indoor archery evening and we have also held a wide game in Brabyns park at Marple, which gave us more scope to go wider!

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Christmas saw our very first sleigh in movie night, where the scouts built and decorated their own sleigh after which, the week after, we watched the movie ELF, AND DEMOLISHED LOADS OF POPCORN!

New year saw the start of the personal challenge and artists badge, and just before snowshine we held a dragons den style evening, when the scouts pitched their ideas for future troop nights. We are very close to bringing a couple of these to fruition.

Burns night saw us tasting haggis, neeps and tatties and a few other delicacies, although I really don't understand why they were asking for whisky!!! Iron bru was ok in the end!

One of the recent highlights was a bushtucker trial night with a tasting session of monkey snot, frog spawn and blended jungle smurf to name a few!

We are also in the middle of the physical recreation badge, which with the advent of lighter nights, will make it easier to continue.

Last Friday, we went on a local scavenger hunt to solve clues and find obscure items, which I

am pleased to say has been "borrowed" by both Monday and Thursday cubs!

This year's badges include.....

Adventure

Personal

Teamwork

Creative

Skills

Outdoor

Teamwork

Team leader

World

Artist

Chef

International

musician

Photographer

World faiths

Hikes away

Nights away (30 varying awards including 5 of 50 nights away)

3 new PL'S

5 new APL'S

AND 3 CHIEF SCOUT GOLD AWARDS FOR LUKE TIPLADY, ABIGAIL STYCHE AND FINN CHADWICK, A remarkable achievement for these 3 scouts.

All in all a total of 213 badges given out over the last 12 months

Badgework will become harder now as all scouts are on the up to date chief scout award system.

Last but not least, my thanks AGAIN to....

HELEN ROWLEY FOR FRIDAY NIGHTS AND SUPPORTING ME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,  
HELEN RYAN FOR HELP ON TROOP NIGHTS,  
NICK BLENCH FOR HELP ON TROOP NIGHTS  
RICK MASSEY FOR HELP ON CAMPS

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MY YOUNG LEADERS ELLIE, DAN AND SAM FOR HELP ON TROOP NIGHTS,  
ALTHOUGH DAN IS NOW CROSSING TO THE DARK SIDE TO BECOME A FULL LEADER!  
AND MY WIFE GILL FOR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ALTHOUGH SHE KNOWS JUST  
WHAT ITS LIKE RUNNING A SECTION!!

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#### Treasurer's Report

Once again we come to the acceptance of the group accounts. At last years AGM I had stated that this was my last year . Unfortunately no one has stepped forward.

It turned out to be a difficult time when following a freak accident I ended up in Wythenshawe burns unit and as you can imagine the accounts were the last thing on my mind. Thankfully for me and the group Rob Massey helped me through this traumatic time.

I am pleased to report that Rob took on the role of managing the subs for the time being and Dave Phillips the Gift Aid. So my role is at the moment no longer as onerous.

So as I present the accounts in this 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazel Groves 60<sup>th</sup> year. I ask you to celebrate the positive position we find ourselves in. I also ask you to join our leaders and the executive in their quest to improve facilities in headquarters. To provide an up to date building with improved facilities to enhance the work we do with the young people.

Im not implying we have not improved the building spending £6000 on the roof shows this is not the case . But we need to do more. And what better time to commit ourselves to this than in our 60<sup>th</sup> year.

I am pleased we will be starting this from a firm base with year end

£ 18992.2            in the bank

£ 17565.55        in the building society

£ 4550.37         held in the section accounts



Giving a total of £41108.12

### Receipts

Once again the main source of regular income is the subs. As I pointed out last year the system OSM has made the whole process of collecting subs a much more efficient . With subs standing at £38 per term we raised £13962.37

In the same account sections are now collecting camp monies via the same system £1223.72

We do from time to time receive donations this year we have received several personal donations and also a cheque from Goyt Valley Striders acknowledging the loan of equipment

We have in the past also had £4£ donations from members of the group who work in certain areas a prime example being Barclays who match funded us to the sum of £900. This is no longer available but if your firm offers this it would be great to explore the possibilities .

Gift aid is also a valuable source of income. This is now on OSM system so we have a claim of £5000 plus with HMRC\*though not in these accounts this went in the bank in february. This is available to us if you gift aid your subs . we have 80% take up so far . Could we make it 100% I know Dave Philips has the forms with him tonight

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The leaders also have a float to manage day to day needs

This year has been an important year for cubs and beavers 100 and 30th years and therefore more involvement in celebrations at the hut and district wide

Rates and water have stayed at same level with %discount for rates£920.61

The heating has stabilised mainly through good management of the thermostats and regular service by fluclean

I referred to the roof we spent £5679.6 to ensure young people and equipment are dry

We have also spent£1450 on the floor in new hall.

The premises require a significant amount of maintenance

Gardens£350

Pat testing £20

Fire protection£79.8

General repairs

Once again I thank AM for all his efforts

Qm has £467.5 this year mainly for basics in stores

With our quest to improve facilities I am sure the qm will be looking to upgrade equipment in our next budget

£1929.12 was spent on the maintenance and up keep of mini bus



