

# 1st Thurstaston Annual General Meeting 2017

## Friday 16th June 18.30

Flag raised by Ed Rudd.....

1. John McBain, Chairperson - WELCOME
2. Apologies - Richard Twemlow, Liz Hughes, many parents
3. Minutes of previous AGM

Proposed by Wendy Wood  
Seconded by Caro McBain

4. Chairperson Report - John Mcbain
5. Treasurer's report - Lynn Harrison
6. Group Scout Leader's report - Sue Flush.

Appointment of officers - Sue Flush as GSL.  
John McBain has agreed to continue as Chair  
GSL to duly appoint - John McBain

7. Election of officers – John McBain as Chair.

Treasurer - Lynn Harrison has agreed to continue in the role of treasurer for a further 12 months.

Group Secretary - Vicky McGurk has agreed to continue.

10. Election of Executive Committee officers - by Sue Flush as GSL.

The Group Council

(John McBain as spokesperson)

To elect Jane Fieldhouse, Rachel Colburn, Dawn Rudd, Matt Burdon, Chris Perry, Gillian Carswell, and Wendy Wood as elected officers and these were seconded by Lynn Harrison, All in favour

Co-opted members of the Group Council were Fergus Lang, Gill Burton, John Burton, Steve Hare, Dave Reed And Marjorie Reed.

10. Guest speaker – Phill Richardson

11. Pass over to each section leader for awards (see sep sheet)

Beaver Scouts- Thor Colony: - Jayne Oliver

Ismay Colony: - Helen Appleby- Perry

Cub Scouts- Fletcher Pack:- Sue Flush on behalf of Liz Hughes

Reed Pack: - Caroline McBain

Scouts- Martin Troop – Brian Young

Scouts – Richardson Troop- Andy Costall

The flag duly lowered by in the closing ceremony by Ed Rudd

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## **Chairman's Report 2016-2017**

**Hello everybody and welcome to our annual AGM and Awards Ceremony.**

**This is my first as Chair of the Exec and I have enjoyed my first year in post.**

**As many of you know I was elected Chair last year having had "some" involvement with the Beavers at Ismay when my son joined the group nearly three years ago now.**

**Having a son (and wife) in the group it was inevitable I would also become involved and I have had the opportunity to witness first-hand the fantastic job the Exec, GSL and Leader Team, including our Young Leader Team, do week in week out.**

**My Scouting experience began when I attended the District Camp two years ago at Sandiways. I was blown away with the range of activities, the skills and knowledge and the problem solving that takes place on a camp. And the sheer hard work involved in putting those camps together and very impressed at how everyone pulls together to give the Young Leaders, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers an unforgettable experience which they will always remember and will help shape them in years to come.**

**I've now completed a couple of Beaver Sleepovers and a few more Cub, Group and District weekend camps – think I'm due a couple of Nights Away Badges by now! And I've also picked up the Cub name Baloo – can't think why? And had a couple of roles at the Fairs – participation in these events came as a surprise early on but not anymore – very enjoyable!**

**If you want to be involved in the group activities, the Exec is the place to be. We have 3 meetings a year and spend a few hours in support of the Group helping with some fundraising activities e.g. the Christmas and Easter fairs, and maintenance – tidying the stores, grounds etc. – all very necessary jobs which require volunteers! See Sue after the meeting to lodge your interest in joining the Exec and also if you want to help out at one of the sections come and have a chat with one of the section leaders.**

**And now for the Treasurer's report.**

## **Group Scout Leader Report 2017**

Well I thought I would change things about this year for my annual report, as some of you will know my oldest son got married last month in France, so I thought rather than tell you about the group we could spend a lovely few hours together looking at all the photos! No.....? OK .... I'll do my report.

I'm going to tell you all about another hugely successful year at 1st Thurstaston, we are still the largest and most successful Scout Group on the District we believe. I usually present you with an annual review but each Section has done their own report and these will be available soon on the Group's website and emailed to you – our Website is a fountain of knowledge please have a look at it, there is so much on there and it's a real history and archive of our Group – I was speaking to a new parent recently who said that her son a new Beaver with us was following in his Grandad's footsteps as he was a Cub in the group almost 70 years ago ! Have a look on the website I said, you may well find some pictures of him. Next year we celebrate 85 years of providing fantastic Scouting opportunities for the local children, it's quite an achievement and one we should all be proud of.

Let's look at each Section

### **Ismay Beaver Colony**

Led by Helen and assisted by Sarah with weekly help from some parent helpers and currently two Young Leaders Matt and Jacob. There are currently 28 Beavers in this Colony and I have to say that most of them turn up each and every week. That's because they have a fantastic programme and do some amazing activities, in the last 12 months they have had a sleepover at the hut with a great turnout and some of the Beavers becoming seasoned campers, 5 from Ismay attending our recent District Camp in May at Bispham Hall and had a fantastic camp – for some of them it was their first camp and I hear they all did brilliantly well. Other activities for Ismay this year include trampolining, a woodland walk, crazy golf, a scavenger hunt and a water fight night – Busy Beavers are happy Beavers and Helen, Sarah and their team certainly keep them busy!

## **AWARDS – AGM 2017**

### **THOR COLONY**

**BEAVER SPORTSMANSHIP AND ATTITUDE – Mackenzie Roberts**

**BEAVER PARTICIPATION – Jared Cross**

**OUT OF COMFORT ZONE – Luca Perree**

**BEAVER OF THE YEAR – Zachary Cree**

### **ISMAY COLONY**

**BEAVER SPORTSMANSHIP AND ATTITUDE – Gabriella Perlaki**

**BEAVER PARTICIPATION – Logan Carswell**

**OUT OF COMFORT ZONE – Erin McGurk**

**BEAVER OF THE YEAR – Harry West**

### **FLETCHER PACK**

**CUB SPORTSMANSHIP AND ATTITUDE – Max Heaps**

**CUB PARTICIPATION – Zack Amirthalingham**

**OUT OF COMFORT ZONE – Alex Law**

**CUB OF THE YEAR – Nat Hughes**

## **REED PACK**

**CUB SPORTSMANSHIP AND ATTITUDE – Sam Shepherd**

**CUB PARTICIPATION – Jake Singleton**

**OUT OF COMFORT ZONE – Francesca Perlaki**

**CUB OF THE YEAR – Grace Watson**

## **MARTIN TROOP**

**SCOUT SPORTSMANSHIP AND ATTITUDE – Christopher Burdon**

**SCOUT PARTICIPATION – Ben Roberts**

**OUT OF COMFORT ZONE – Dan Perry**

**SCOUT OF THE YEAR – Alex Brenchley-Williams**

## **RICHARDSON TROOP**

**SCOUT SPORTSMANSHIP AND ATTITUDE – Ben Green & Josh McCoy**

**SCOUT PARTICIPATION – Aiden Wolstencroft**

**OUT OF COMFORT ZONE – India Norton-Jones**

**SCOUT OF THE YEAR – Nia Jenkinson**

**YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR – Ben Sara Kelly**

## **Fletcher & Reed Pack Cubs report 2016-17**

Looking back over our programmes I can't believe we have actually done all of this! We began our year welcoming back our 2 packs & talking about our summer holidays including our fab summer camp at Linnet Clough campsite near Stockport. Our programme that term included a karate taster session delivered by Beth aka Shere Khan, Fletcher Pack who also happens to be a black belt! Both packs attended the annual district camp at Queen Charlotte's Wood where 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston were crowned Tug of war champs!

We had visits from Dogs For Good where Mary & her fantastic dog Yan showed us how dogs can be trained to help disabled people in their own homes, & the local coastguard who talked to us about staying safe on the beach & coastline, & also demonstrated a stretcher rescue with Akela Liz, who did not like being turned upside down one bit!!

Both packs completed their Scientist badge over 3 weeks, carrying out fun experiments. As part of our Global Challenge we found out about Mexico's Day of the Dead celebrations, making some masks & crafts.

There was a great turnout from both packs at St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston for Remembrance Sunday and much fun was had at the Children In Need Splash event at Europa Pools, raising a lot of money through our ever popular(&yummy) cake sale!

November also saw our Cubs take part in the inaugural Science Jamboree at Liverpool University, staged by the Education dept. We joined almost 200 other Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs & Brownies from all over Merseyside in lots of different activities. Our packs made a Christmas card using electronic circuits, found out about the stars & galaxies in the star dome and explored an archaeological dig & had a go at cave painting! We earned 4 badges from the day & took nearly a week to wash off the cave paint!!

As our hut is given over to sorting the Christmas charity post most of December we take our meetings outdoors & enjoyed night hikes along the Wirral Way, with the by now obligatory chips at the end! We entered 2 very strong teams in the District bowling competition and came out as runners up!

The end of December saw us joining with all Cubs (of all ages) across the UK in renewing our Promise as part of the centenary celebrations- can you remember your promise if you were a Cub?

In January we went to the pantomime at The Floral Pavilion to watch Babes in the Wood & Robin Hood-lots of laughter & giggles from the cubs. We also embarked on Our World challenge badge- kicking off with Chinese crafts to celebrate Chinese New Year, tasting Chinese foods & one of the leader team's favourite visits- the Kailash Buddhist centre in Oxtou- so peaceful to see the cubs meditating.

We also found time to enter 2 teams in the District 5 a side football competition- to the delight of Akela Caro & Liz we battled our way through the group stages & the knockout stages, where we had to play off against each other in a semi final- nail biting stuff. Fletcher Pack won through to the final and Reed pack played off for 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Fletcher Pack were narrowly beaten into second place & Reed Pack took third place- the Cubs showed

tremendous camaraderie & team spirit, and were skilfully managed by our Young Leaders Will & Lucas, who also showed flair for refereeing.

We completed our Artist badge as well, creating photo collages and Easter crafts over a few weeks, as well as producing posters on Camp safety for the annual Safety Competition. Quite unexpectedly Fletcher Pack were crowned District champs- another trophy for our cabinet!

We also swam our way to victory at Leasowe Recreation Centre in the District gala, although we do have to share with 4<sup>th</sup> Heswall as we couldn't be separated on points- another trophy!

The Easter break saw us go off to Deiniolen for 2 nights, to enjoy a glorious day in the sunshine at Greenwood Forest Park & a lovely visit to RSPB Conwy.

So far this term we have been shelter building in Royden Park, shared our interesting collections with each other, completed our Road Safety badge & learned vital bike maintenance & safety for our Cyclist badge, and brushed up on our Emergency Aid skills.

West Wirral District saw fit to award the Fitzpatrick Cup to Fletcher & Reed pack Cubs for the quality and exciting nature of our scouting- something Akela Caro and Liz are hugely chuffed by!

We went to Bispham Wood scout camp near Wigan for the district Looney Tunes theme camp with Beavers, Cubs & Scouts from across the district for a fun filled (& tiring ) weekend. Epic proportions of both rain & sun kept us on our toes & sent us home with bags full of soggy kit- sorry parents! This weekend sees us competing in the District Cub Skills competition- another trophy maybe?

The rest of the term we will be busy on Thurstaston beach gaining our Navigator Badge with a scavenger hunt, incident hike & BBQ and we will see out a fantastically fun filled year with our annual crabbing night at West Kirby.

We look forward to our annual group camp here at the hut with a Wild West theme- cowboy hats galore! Summer will see us all at Queen Charlotte's Wood camp for our summer camp- I predict fun, fun , fun!!

Akela Caro & Liz would like to thank our hard working leader & young leader teams who work with us delivering award-winning scouting to the young people in our care. Thank you also to the rest of the group leaders for their continued support, especially our GSL Sue. Lastly, a huge B.R.A.V.O to our two fantastic Cub Packs who keep us on our toes & keep us entertained.

Akelas Liz Hughes & Caro McBain

# 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston

## Ismay Beaver Colony Newsletter

### Annual Report

September saw a change of leadership at Ismay Colony, BSL Sunshine (Helen) and ABSL Bubbles (Sarah). The beavers completed a wide variety of activities in the autumn term, which included participation in County Events -Beaver Carol Service and Christmas Party and Group events including Bonfire Party, Christmas Fair and remembrance parade. It was lovely to see so many of the beavers at the remembrance day service and parade at St Bartholomew's. Ismay Beavers also took part in Colony events including a visit to The Maize maze, Potting Shed, Buddhist Centre, Bromborough Bowl and a joint Night Hike with Thor colony.

The Beavers completed a variety of badges based around developing different personal skills and we focused on the 'My Skills' challenge badge for the first term this year. Awarding this meant that two of the beavers, Haydn Callaghan and Erin McGurk, were able to achieve their Chief scouts bronze award.

In the spring term we concentrated on My Outdoors and Personal Challenges. We also completed Navigator 1 & 2 and Communicator Badges. Our visit to Tesco and the cooking that we did at the hut enabled a number of the Beavers to achieve their 'Cook' badge.

We completed a wide variety of activities during Spring term, which included a joint visit to Jumpin' Josephs in Neston with Thor colony. This evening of trampolining was enjoyed by all of the children (and leaders!) and we are grateful to our old BSL River (now Akela Caro) who helped the leaders throughout the Spring term, especially with the special event, our Ismay colony sleepover. All of the beavers enjoyed a movie night and sleepover before our lovely 'moving on' ceremony for Ridley Lambe who has moved to cubs. We also invested Braydon Bennett and Elliott Doubleday. Thank you to all the Adult Leader team and Young Leaders who attended the Sleepover which ensured a successful and enjoyable sleepover and for the help, advice and humour throughout this term as well.

The Summer term is upon us and we have already enjoyed a lovely woodland walk in the sun, a picnic in the park which included parachute games and raised £57 for the Bennett family at a brilliant sponsored evening, run by Ash Cox (Jesse Cox's dad) who organised lots of fitness activities for the beavers to take part

in, including a tug of war! We are lucky to have recruited a new leader in John Davies (Sam Davies' Dad) and he has been an invaluable help in recent weeks. For the rest of the term we still have a cycle ride, scavenger hunt and golf to follow (which had to be postponed due to bad weather and will now take place at the end of the summer term). Even though we are running at capacity we continue to welcome new Beavers to our Colony.

We have had a fantastic year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Leader Team and Young Leaders in the Colony for a brilliant year and the Group Leader Team for the support and advice they have provided.

Yours in Scouting

Sunshine

BSL Ismay Colony

1st Thurstaston

## **Thor Beaver Colony**

Led by Jayne and assisted by Rachel and Dan each week, Sue L when she can make it and some parent helpers. Rachel has come back to us as a Leader after a stint with us back in the 1990's with the Cub team, coming full circle Rachel now helps at Beavers in one Colony and her twin Grandsons have just joined us in the other! Dan has graduated from Young Leader to adult leader and helps each week despite doing his A level exams at the moment. 22 Beavers regularly attend Thor Colony and they have also had a successful sleepover very recently with a couple from Thor attending District camp. They also have a great programme and some really interesting activities, outings and adventures. These include a visit from one of our Dads recently who is an airline pilot, he was asked some really interesting questions by them such as 'How does a plane fly' – try explaining that to a six year old! They have planned a visit to the Lifeboat Station in Hoylake, a Lego night and Sandcastle building at Caldy beach, another busy schedule keeps them interested and attending each week.

## **Fletcher Cub Pack**

Led by Liz with assistance from Jon, Beth and Ed (another recent graduate from Young Leader also doing his A levels) with Young Leaders, Jamie (also doing his A levels) Matty, Adam and Alastair. 24 Cubs attend Fletcher pack each week and both packs follow the same programme and attend the camps and outings together. They have done some great badge work this year including Scientist, Road safety and Cyclist. They have had a Karate Taster session from Beth and a visit from the Coastguard.

## **Reed Cub Pack**

Led by Caro with assistance from Paul, Nathan and Olly (when they are home from Uni) and Steve a parent helper. Young Leaders are Josh, Lucas, Will, Mathew and Ben many of whom have been doing serious exams this year so we appreciate the time they give us all the more. 20 Cubs attend weekly, both packs camp a lot and this year we have been to Deiniolen and District camp already with Summer camp and QCW District Cub camp to come.

Both Cub packs have had a tremendous year, they have taken part in many District Competitions and this year won the Tug of War, Safety Poster Competition and were joint winners of the Swimming Gala. They took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 5 a side football and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the bowling, what a fantastic achievement. So it was no surprise to me that they then won the Fitzpatrick Cup at the District AGM and awards this year for best Cub Pack in the District, true recognition of the great work both Cub packs and their leader teams do. Please stand up both Cub teams and let's give them a round of applause.

## **Martin Scout Troop**

Led by Brian with assistance from Ben and Andrew and John when he is home from Uni, with Young Leaders Carrick (also doing his A levels) Dan and Josh. 19 Scouts attend each week and as with Cubs the Scouts follow the same programme and share outings and camps together.

## **Richardson Scout Troop**

Led by Andy and assisted by Alan, they have not had a Young Leader this year as Dan has been concentrating on his exams. 14 Scouts attend each week with a few Cubs in transition this term.

Both troops take an active part in District competitions but don't bring back quite as much silverware as the Cubs yet, a work in progress. Together they have taken part in the Great Escape camp, District camp in May and have planned a week long back to basics camp for the summer, with the Beavan Challenge to come in October. They have worked hard this last 12 months to fundraise for the purchase of a Go Cart – the group matched what they raised and we were able to buy it a couple of months ago. Very well done to everyone who helped raise money for this amazing purchase, I am sure they are going to have great fun with it.

## Thanks Section

We have a fantastic team of adults and Young leaders who make this Scout Group what it is and enable us to achieve everything that we do. They provide top quality, first class Scouting for your children each week and more with the camps and outings, please join me and thank them for their time, dedication and energy, we would not be as successful as we are without them. (Applause)

Behind the scenes is another team, equally as important and hardworking.

John who has taken on the role of Chair and agreed to continue and brings his many practical skills to the group, thank you.

Vicky who has agreed again to stay on as Group Sec and does a huge amount of work assisting both Scout troops with their admin – thank you.

Lynn our treasurer has also agreed to stay on and keeps us on the straight and narrow financially – thank you.

Our Exec Committee, Wendy who organises the Easter and Xmas Fairs, Gillian, Jane, Dawn, Chris, and Matt who all help with the running of the Group and our fundraising. Dave and Marjorie, the Group President and his wife who support us all year round.

We say goodbye and many thanks to Fiona our previous chair who steps down from Exec after many, many years of amazing service, we will miss you, thanks.

Thanks to everyone who is involved, leaders young and old, parents, and let's not forget the children, the reason we all do it. Scouting is a great fun and we all love it – there is always room for more help so please consider joining us, you won't regret it – I promise.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scout 2016/2017 Review

## Autumn Term – Preparation for the Beavan Camp

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The first weeks of the Scouting year were spent preparing for the Beavan Camp. At this camp the Scouts compete in a number of challenges as part of a competition. So we practiced first aid, navigation and team working. We perhaps needed more practice as we didn't win the competition!



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*Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Pakistan, Philippines, USA, Canada, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Puerto Rica, Argentina, South Africa, Nigeria, Germany, Sweden, UK, Portugal, Austria, Malta, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Madagascar, Taiwan, Ireland and India. All the places we spoke to on JOTI 2016*

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## JOTI 2016

We had a sleepover for JOTI 2016 (Jamboree on the Internet). This year the organisers had set up a Facebook page to make it easy for participants using Skype to take part. This made it very easy to speak to Scouts across the world. We spoke to the following countries at least once during JOTI: Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Pakistan, Philippines, USA, Canada, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Puerto Rica, Argentina, South Africa, Nigeria, Germany, Sweden, UK, Portugal, Austria, Malta, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Madagascar, Taiwan, Ireland and India. All in about 7 hours of Skyping!

## Challenge Badges

In the last weeks of the Autumn Term, the Scouts concentrated on achieving a number of Challenge Badges. We worked on the Creative Challenge, World Challenge and Outdoor Challenge. The activities the Scouts did involved fire-lighting, cooking, rope work and debating.



## Night Hike and Indoor Golf

To finish the year the Scouts took part in two activities away from the hut. First on a windy, rainy night we had a night hike down to the beach at Thurstaston where we had a BBQ (it stopped raining by then luckily). The following week both Troops went to the Indoor Golf at Cheshire Oaks.



## Spring Term – Preparing for Summer Camp

Early in the New Year, we advised the Scouts that this year's summer camp would be a back to basics camp, with the Scouts, tending their own fires and cooking their own meals.

During the Spring and Summer terms we have been looking at improving firefighting, axe skills, food hygiene, cooking on open fires, first aid, knot skills, navigation, camp gadgets, knife skills and improving the Scouts skills for putting up tents (both the modern style and old canvas tents).

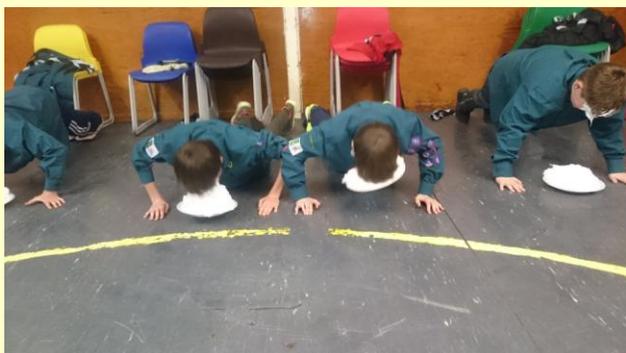
As well as the usual evening meetings we also had a days hike in Cheshire around Little Budworth Common to give the Scouts practical experience of navigating whilst having Leaders on hand for advice.



## Challenge Quiz

We had a Challenge Quiz on a joint Troop night just before Spring half term.

The quiz had several rounds and apart from the usual music and general knowledge rounds there was food tasting and a couple of rounds which involved the Scouts getting rather messy!



## Great Escape Camp

In March, the scouts went to The Great Escape Camp. We were really lucky with the weather (apart from a very cold Friday night). The Scouts had a fantastic weekend away completing 15 challenges based around the theme of escape.



## The Go-Kart has arrived

In April we took delivery of the go-kart that the Scouts had been fundraising for over the last few years.

We held a sleepover at the hut and the Scouts were able to use the go-kart on a nearby farmer's field. Some of the Scouts, according to the leaders present nearly had the go-kart cornering on 2 wheels!



## Fire Station Visit

Recently both Troops visited Ellesmere Port Fire Station. They had a tour of the station, an explanation of the equipment on the fire appliance and a chance to use the hoses.



## Thor Colony Report 2016/17

Over the last year we have been busy working towards various badges and having fun. We have completed the Cycle badge, we told the Beavers about the importance of wearing safety equipment e.g. helmet, reflective clothing and lights, they were shown how to put on and wear a helmet and how to pump up a tyre. We finished the badge by taking the Beavers on a bike ride along the Wirral Way from Thurstaston to Ashton park and back to Thurstaston, even though it started to rain half way through the evening the Beavers were not put off.

We have had our annual Sandcastle competition at Caldy beach, this was a joint night with Ismay Colony.

We have taken part in the County Beaver day out to Gullivers World in Warrington. All the Beavers that attended had an enjoyable day.

We have been to Maize Maze in Brimstage, everyone had a lovely evening trying to find their way out of the Maze and playing on the outdoor and indoor activities. This was a joint night with Ismay colony.

We have learnt about foods that are good and bad for you, balanced diets and safety in the kitchen and made healthy snacks.

The Beavers have learnt the Green Cross code and been out practising their Road Safety.

We have had a visit from Sue the local P.C.S.O. She came to talk to the Beavers about Stranger Danger, Firework safety and Road Safety.

The Beavers have learnt how to tie different knots this was a challenge and good fun.

We have talked about Remembrance, made our own Poppies and taken part at the Remembrance service at the local Church.

The Beavers have made Owl Baubles and Christmas table decorations to sell at our Christmas fair.

We have had an evening at the Climbing hanger in Liverpool. A night hike along the Wirral Way from Thurstaston to West Kirby, finishing with chips, this was a joint night with Ismay Colony. The Beavers have been Bowling at The Bowl in Bromborough.

The Beavers had another crafty evening at the Potting Shed in Hoylake where they designed and painted their own Christmas tealight holders.

We have taken part in 3 District Beaver events, the Christmas Craft day in November, the Carol Service and party at the beginning of December and the Beaver skills evening in March.

The Beavers have had a Board games night each one of them brought in a game and they all had an enjoyable evening.

One Thursday in January one of our parents who is a Doctor came in to talk and show the Beavers Basic First Aid. We have talked about Chinese New Year and made Chinese Dragons.

We have had a visit an Airline Pilot who talked to the Beavers about different aircraft and flying. The Beavers have also found out about their own aircraft and made planes.

We have been Trampolining at Jumping Josephs in Neston again this was a joint night with Ismay.

We have visited Tesco's in Heswall for the Farm to Fork activity. The Beavers have made Chocolate truffles and heart shaped baskets for their mums for Mother's Day.

The Beavers have learnt about different Beaver Colonies in different Countries, drawn 4 different flags from other Countries and they have tried different foods.

The Beavers have followed a trail around Irby village and identified parts of the village and put their answers on the question sheet.

We have had a 1 night sleepover were 16 Beaver took part in a hike, wide game and songs around the camp fire, the highlight of the evening was cooking marshmallows on the fire. They watched a film from their beds.

I would like to thank my leader team and parents for all their help over the last year.

Jayne Oliver. B.S.L. Thor Colony. (Rusty)

## Treasurer Notes – AGM 16Jun17

Hello,

Overall the group is £2612.47 up on the closing balance from last year.

Last year we had a negative net income which means we spent more than we received, a big part of that was the purchase of the mini bus. This years figure is positive £3425.32 which is a good turnaround.

### **Let's take a look at the Income:**

Subs reduced from £14707 in 15/16 to £13684 in 16/17

Donations have increased by £225 on last year

The annual gift aid return gave us £3329.69, a slight increase on last year.

Other income is the income from the activities account £20,682.28, payments for trips/ fun days/ events, all the days that our children enjoy and benefit from, with that in mind I should point out that the expense for the activity account is £21,576.45. The difference is topped up from the other income that we receive throughout the year, payments of subs/ donations/ gift aid returns and fundraising.

### **Expenses**

Has also dropped from £57,812.73 to £35,626.47 last year was high due to the maintenance and the mini bus purchase.

Subs again no increase this year.

Thanks for not snoring !!