

# **1<sup>ST</sup> THURSTASTON SCOUT GROUP**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010**

The flag was broken at the start of the meeting by Matthew Jones.

The Chair welcomed Ken Jones (District Commissioner), Ann Coulson (Deputy District Commissioner), Roy Kenyon (District Treasurer), Brian Tucker (Assistant County Commissioner), Maureen Tucker (District Newsletter Distributor), committee members, leaders, parents, children and all friends of the Group.

### **Apologies for absence:**

David Cross (District President); Richard Twemlow (District Chairman); Nigel McLeod (District Secretary), Fergus Lang, and the following families: Nugent, Fieldhouse, Quayle, Wright, Jenkins, Best, Hughes, Taylor

### **Minutes of the previous AGM:**

Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as correct.  
Proposed by Fiona Hurley, seconded by Dave Reed

### **Chair's Report – AGM 2010**

As you are aware we are responsible for the scout hut and grounds, and therefore a lot of time and effort is needed to maintain the standard required for the Group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents that come along to the work days, and would like for everyone to acknowledge the efforts in particular of Dave Reed and more recently Jon Oliver and Robert Oliver who are involved on a more regular basis with its upkeep.

It is an appropriate time to thank everyone for the cooperation shown over the access issues to the site and in particular the car park. We will have to continue to use the Village Car Park until the safety concerns with the Village Hall have been addressed. Your patience in the matter is appreciated.

You will have had emails, from the Group on a regular basis for activities, etc; at the bottom of the email is a number of links. Can I use this occasion to promote them?.

The first Easy Fundraising, if you buy goods online via this link you will pay the same price, and the outlet donates to us.

The second is Easy search, when you go home set this as your search engine and again we receive a donation.

And lastly, the Group's website. If you can make a mental note to browse occasionally at the 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston website -[www.firstthurstaston.co.uk](http://www.firstthurstaston.co.uk) - save it on your favourites. It is an opportunity for the parents to see the children enjoying themselves. It is with great appreciation to Dave for keeping it up to date with the latest events and photos of past adventures.

The main focus of this year's fundraising has been to replace the mini bus. There have been a number of events throughout the year. The main regular, annual fundraising events are of course the Christmas Scout post, the Jumble Sale, the Xmas Fair and the Easter Fair, the 100 club and of course, a big thank you to the Irby Club for their regular raffle held to support us. In addition to those events, from which most of the money raised has been diverted into the minibus fund, there have been special events such as sponsored walks, games nights, and of course our latest social event is the Music Quiz night on the Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. We have set a target amount of £10,000 and we currently have around £4,000 so we are well on the way. Thank you for your continued support, and if you wish to join the 100 club or join us on the social night then please see Sue, or myself at the end of the meeting.

It has been busy year for all the sections this will be covered shortly by the GSL and by the section leaders.

Before that, may I please pass you over to Doug for the Treasurer's Report?

**Jayne Barnes – Group Vice- Chair**

### **Treasurer's Report - AGM 2010**

In a bid to keep costs down, we have not printed as many copies of the accounts this year but should anyone want a copy please ask me later and I'll send you a copy.

I'm pleased to say that the accounts have been checked and audited by an independent auditor and found to be in good order.

In summary:-

**Receipts** this year are up on last year – from £25,259 to £33,034.

**Expenditure** is also up, but only slightly – from £26,219 to £26,254. Unlike previous years we have not had any major expenditure on refurbishment of the HQ.

**Fundraising** income is up by over £1000 on last year. A total of £9,368 was raised. All fundraising at the moment is going towards a new minibus which we are hoping to purchase this year.

Takings from the weekly Irby Club draw are slightly down by £340 on last year but still realised a very useful profit of over £1,300.

The profit from the 100 Club was disappointingly low this year at only £216 and we would certainly welcome more members. With more members we will be able to increase prizes and also increase the profit.

Jumble sales continue to be a good source of income – takings this year were up from £1,596 to £1,867 and profit up from £1,454 to £1,595.

The Sainsbury's bag pack and sponsored walk have also raised useful funds.

The biggest fundraiser is currently the Christmas Scout Post – this year the income was slightly up on the previous year at £2,371.

*Thank you to everyone who has helped with fund raising in the past year and thank you in anticipation to all those who will help in the future. More helpers and participants are always welcome.*

**Gift Aid** – if you sign the Gift Aid declaration we can claim a tax refund on your subscriptions. This costs you nothing but in the last year resulted in a very useful refund of £1,238 to the group. If you are a tax payer and haven't yet signed up please consider doing so.

**HQ Running Costs** – we've spent a bit more on electricity and a bit less on water this year but overall expenditure is down from over £8,000 to around £4,000 – due largely to the rewiring costs last year.

**Transport Costs** – slightly down on last year from £1,973 to £1,707 – slightly less being spent on maintenance and repair this year. However, conscious of the fact that the minibus isn't getting any younger and repair bills are likely to increase, as mentioned earlier, we are hoping to replace the bus this year.

**Activities** – you will notice that income and expenditure have both increased dramatically: Income from £6,862 to £12,924 and expenditure from £7,417 to £13,296. This is entirely due to the increase in group numbers and increase in group activities so can only be viewed as a good thing and a sign of a thriving group.

**Subscriptions** - we reviewed the method of collecting subs last year and quite a few of you are now paying by bank standing order. This has proved much simpler for us and I would ask others who are still paying in the old fashioned way by cheque or cash to consider changing.

And finally, as in previous years we have reviewed the amount of subs. In light of the present financial climate we are proposing to keep the increase to the minimum. I propose that the subs are increased by £1 per term from £32 to £33 and put this proposal to the meeting.

### **Doug Funnell – Group Treasurer**

Acceptance of accounts: Proposed by Steve Barnes, seconded by Alan Parr

Increase in Subs: seconded by Fiona Hurley.

Both proposals were accepted by the Group Council

## **GSL's Report – AGM 2010**

This year has been one of many firsts, and some fantastic achievements continuing to build on our already successful history. Today I am going to share some highlights with you. The year got off to a great start with the award by District of the President's Prize – Best Scout Group of the Year. In July I was nominated for and then won my category of the Wirral CVS Volunteer of the Year awards. I tell you this not to blow my own trumpet (although it was a lovely surprise) but because I wouldn't have won it unless I had been part of this very successful Scout Group.

We returned in September with renewed enthusiasm after a welcome summer break to start a busy term of Scouting.

In October Paul Oliver, one of our Asst. Cub Leaders, attended the Queen's Scout Award Presentations accompanied by his very proud parents Jon & Jayne.

November saw us attending the County Chief Scout Awards in Liverpool; we took around 25 Beavers and Cubs to collect their Bronze and Silver Awards with their proud parents also in attendance. We also packed the local church, St Bart's, at our annual Church Parade for Remembrance Sunday.

December was consumed by selling Scout Christmas Post stamps and then sorting and delivering the cards, well worth the effort with our biggest cheque ever, delivering over 15,000 Christmas cards, thanks to everyone who got involved with the post.

2010 arrived and in January we completed the annual Census, this year we recorded our highest membership for over 10 years with 101 members.

In February we attended the Scout Post Presentation to collect our cheque and the Leaders and Exec Team had their annual Christmas Night out – yes I know it was Feb – but we are just too busy in Dec !

In March having just collected the cheque for the last Christmas Post – I attended the first meeting of the year for the 2010 scheme so you can see how much time goes into organising the post, we finish one year and start the next! We haven't had a Christmas Post Organiser for several years now, I have done it – if anyone would be interested in taking on this role please see me later!

We attended the WW Gang Show in April and watched one of our own performing – Matty, our Young Leader, was part of the cast and Paul Oliver part of the crew, it was the best Gang Show I have seen in years. Later in the month we were very proud to lead the District St George's Day Parade in West Kirby as President's Prize Holders with a great turnout from each Section.

Early in May we held our now annual Group Camp and had 18 Scouts, 18 Cubs and 18 Beavers, accompanied by 12 Leaders camped overnight and enjoy a circus theme camp – another great success enjoyed by all who attended.

Later in that month we provided the Colour Party as President's Prize Holders for the District AGM and we were delighted to be awarded the Reg Cook Trophy for Best Beaver Colony of the Year and also the Dave Blackwood Trophy for the Scout Troop who achieve the most 'out' in Scouting. Congratulations to both Leader Teams, very well deserved. Jon Oliver was awarded a Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service – well done Jon.

In June this year we have had two very special events, both firsts in our history - on June 8<sup>th</sup> we opened a new Beaver Colony and welcomed 9 new Beavers to join 9 existing Beavers to form Ismay Colony on a Tuesday Night – thanks to Cath Corby and Jo Boots for stepping up and enabling this to happen. Thor Colony continues on a Thursday also with 18 Beavers.

Last week another first - we welcomed our first young lady to Cubs and hope to have another join us in the next week or two, we have always wanted to welcome girls into the Group but it is more difficult when you have very successful Rainbows, Brownies and Guides locally as we do. Mixed Sections change the dynamics of the group for the better and we hope to continue to grow our female membership.

All of the above – everything you have heard about today is made possible by one very special group of people – the Leader Team. In Scouts, Andy, Julie, Keith and our recent recruits Alan and Kath with regular help at Camps from Steve and Chris. A mention also those on the Dad's rota at Scouts, Robin, Gary, Neil and Steve who help out each term. In Cubs, Debbie, Paul and Jane and in Beavers, Jayne, Cath, Jo, Ellie, Emily and Sue and last but not least Jon my AGSL. Not only do they run the meetings each week but they put in a huge amount of extra hours you don't see, prep for the meetings, paperwork, keeping the accounts, getting the equipment together and setting up camps. They have facilitated more than 400 nights away for your children in the last 12 months, and attended around 60 extra events and activities across the Sections, we are very lucky to have them and I would like them all to stand and take a round of applause.

Another Group who need our thanks are the Executive Committee team, Ray Dugdale our Chair retired at Christmas – we are extremely grateful for the many years of dedicated and loyal service he has given to this Group, Rob Noble and Wendy Thompson have also decided to stand down and we thank them both sincerely for all their help and support over the many years they have been with the Group. I would like to thank Jayne Barnes for taking on the Chair role and for her help and support in the last six months. Thanks also go to Marjorie Reed our Group Secretary and Doug Funnell, Group Treasurer for continuing their valuable work on the Exec Committee. Doug has indicated that he will support us as Treasurer for one more year and Jayne Barnes our current Chair has said she will take over from him. So over the next twelve months we will be actively looking for a new Chair of the Exec – please form an orderly queue at the end to sign up – we may have to put names into a hat!!! We have welcomed three new members to Exec recently and thank them for volunteering, Liz Hughes, Mike Callaghan and Jo Boots. Jo has also recently taken a warrant as ABSL, but continues to support the Exec Committee. Thanks also for continuing to support us go to Fiona Hurley, Alan Parr and Mike Davies and finally the longest serving member of our Group who continues to give both me and the Group enormous help and support, our President Dave Reed.

I really hope I haven't missed anyone – finally a special mention to all the children in the Group – you are the reason we do this and you make it all worthwhile – keep smiling and enjoy your Scouting.

**Sue Flush – Group Scout Leader**

## SECTION REPORTS

# 1st Thurstaston Beavers

### Thor Colony

As ever the Beavers have been very busy during the past year.

Our charity activity for this year was to take part in the 'Children with Leukaemia Cheeky Monkey Marathon Challenge', the money raised was split equally between this very worthy cause and the Groups new minibus fund, in total £190 was raised.

Over the past year we have:-

- Prepared and tasted food from different countries.

- Planted bulbs and painted animal pebbles for our Beaver garden, as you can see as you enter the premises.

- Been monitoring our heartbeats before and after exercise; doing star jumps, running and jumping, a very tiring but enjoyable evening.

- Been ten pin bowling at Bromborough, always very popular.

- Held a baking evening, making and decorating biscuits also making chocolate crispy cakes- yummy.

- Had a joint Halloween and Firework party with the Cubs and Scouts, this was lots of fun.

We have attended the following District events: -

- Craft day,

- Carol Service and party, the theme was Christmas around the world; our Country was Australia complete with cork hats.

- St George's day parade and service.

- Beaver Challenge at St Andrews Church in West Kirby.

- Beaver day at Hadlow fields in Willaston, for this we joined in with the Cubs at their camp and finished with singing around the camp fire before we went home.

We made Christmas decorations, one of the decorations was a Snowman made with Walnut Whips.

Our last meeting before Christmas 16 Beavers, went to the Funky Flair Studio in Hoylake and painted either Snowmen or Father Christmas porcelain figures.

To start the New Year off we had a Healthy Eating night and the Beavers designed badges.

We have learnt how to look after the Countryside, with each lodge making their own posters.

We have been learning basic First Aid. One evening the trainee Doctors from Liverpool University came to show the Beavers how to carry out C.P.R.

At the end of February we had a talk on Astronomy by one of our parents; he showed a Powerpoint presentation on the different planets in the solar system

and gave a short talk. He gave out chocolate bars to represent the different planets. Another chocolate night!!

In March we visited Bromborough Police Station, the Beavers thought this was great, sitting in the police car with the flashing lights and siren, not to mention visiting the cells having their fingerprints taken and being handcuffed. At the meeting closest to St Patrick's Day we learned about the Irish patron saint. We made the Beaver Necker with a Shamrock Woggle and played Leprechauns Crock finding the gold. The night was finished with a traditional pint of Guinness (Coke).

In April we went down to St Bartholomew's Church and met the Reverend Jane Turner, who talked to the Beavers about the different parts of the Church, the different services and outfits (modelled by 3 Beavers) that she wears for each term of the Church year. The evening finished with a quiz about the Church and 3 Investitures.

At the beginning of May 18 Beavers joined in with our Group camp, they met Birds of prey and learned different circus skills and gained the Circus Skill activity badge.

At other meetings we have: - made alien masks, kites, footballer puppets and chocolate truffles for Father's Day.

The Beavers have been finding out about the different countries taking part in the World Cup.

I would like to thank my leader team Cath, Ellie, Emily, Sue plus Jo who recently joined us; I would also like to thank my parent helpers. I would like to wish Cath and Jo the very best establishing Tuesday's Ismay Colony.

**Jayne Oliver - Beaver Scout Leader**

### **Ismay Colony**

We have now been running for 3 weeks and have 18 Beavers. Of these 18, 9 are new and have settled in very well, in fact we are very pleased with the way all the new Beavers have settled into our new colony.

Our first week we had introductions to the new Beavers and we had a log chew to discuss our colony rules.

Our second week we made Fathers day cards and a small gift that was football related. Apologies to those fathers who don't like football!!!!

Last week we had Africa night and made some yummy Zimbabwe cookies.

We know this colony is very new and would like to thank all the parents for their support with the colony and parent rota and we would also like to thank all the leaders for their help and support and especially Sue whose help and support has been invaluable by attending every week. Thank you, Sue.

**Jo Boots ABSL**

# 1st Thurstaston Cubs - Fletcher Pack

The Cub Pack has had another very busy and successful year. In July we had an evening orienteering at Ashton Park and the final meeting of the summer term was a Scavenger Hunt on Thurstaston Beach.

Back to Cubs after the summer break, in early September we had a games night and a Moving On Ceremony for those Cubs leaving the Pack and joining the Scout Troop. 3 Beavers joined us the following week to start their Moving On process into the Cub Pack. That weekend we attended the District Cub Camp at Queen Charlotte's Wood. After another exhausting but enjoyable camp we had a night out Bowling at Bromborough. We continued to work towards our Creative Challenge badge with a Mini Pioneering night assisted by our new ADC Cubs Alan Bennett.

In October we met Esther, Akela's new Guide Dog puppy and spent the night Code Breaking, we visited St Bart's Church with Rev Jane as part of our Promise Challenge, we invested three Cubs Christopher, Paul and Lucas and several Cubs dressed up in the Vicar's outfits as we learned about them and what time of year they are worn and why. Next week the Police arrived! Don't worry we asked them to come, we learned about stranger danger and the Firework Safety Code, we welcomed two new Cubs James and Sam.

In November we had a joint Halloween and Fireworks night with the Beavers and Scouts and on the Sunday attended the Remembrance Church Parade. The following week we filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. 2 more Beavers started their Moving On award Jamie and Jack. On 16<sup>th</sup> November we had a special Children In Need fundraising night and wore our own clothes and a cake sale, paying to take part in all the games, we sent off a cheque for £250 in total from all the Sections. After a successful Christmas Fair we set off for North Wales and a weekend at Deiniolen with some Scouts, we had a fab weekend, with the added bonus of snow – the Cubs and Scouts were thrilled to be able to have a snow ball fight – most unexpected. We invested the two Georges at Llanberis National Slate Museum in the pouring rain – memorable! In December we attended District Carols and helped sell stamps in the Village. We finished before Christmas with our annual night hike organised by Robin Tutchings – thanks - and invested Sam in a field by torchlight with cows not far away.

We made it through the snow in January and welcomed Matthew, a new Cub and said farewell to Edward and Harry as they Moved On up to Scouts. We completed our Railway Safety Posters and took part in the District 5-a-side football competition – thanks to Andy our SL who stood in as referee at very short notice. We were joined by new Cubs Jack, Oliver, Lloyd, and Dan and Beavers Moving On Ben and Adam.

Feb saw us working on and completing our Emergency Aid badges with a visit from the students from the University of Liverpool to teach us CPR. After half term we invested the new Cubs and saw George and GJ move on, we took part in the District Swimming Gala and came third – very well done. We started work on the Entertainer badge in March, made Mother's day gifts and did more fundraising this time for Sports Relief. A number of Cubs also attended an indoor canoe taster session with the WGSCA. Green Six represented us at the Poster Safety Competition.

Into April we attended the Gang Show, a day out with the District at Camelot (thank goodness Ken wasn't on our bus) and finished the Entertainer badge. We started work on our Outdoor Challenge badge also preparing for the Cubs Skill competition in May and attended the St George's Day parade.

18 Cubs attended Group Camp – thanks to Alan Bennett again for a great indoor camp fire as the heavens opened just as we were about to start singing! Later in May we completed map & compass work, tracking and shelter building in Royden Park.

June saw us trying to become rock band musicians with a workshop and 27 of the Cubs attended District Camp at Hadlow where we completed our Artist badge and Camper badge. More canoeing this time on the lake and last week a compass walk on the beach and the Wirral Way on a glorious sunny evening.

We have a great bunch of Cubs – fantastic Leader team and very helpful parents – that combined give us an amazing Cub Pack to be proud of – thanks

**Sue Flush – Akela**

## **1st Thurstaston Scouts - Richardson Troop**

### **July**

After the last AGM we finished the rest of the term looking at First Aid and Emergency Procedures. For our final meeting of the summer term Julie arranged for an Archery session with the Caldby Bowmen.

### **September**

We started back on Friday 11th after the summer break. On Thursday the 17th September, James Barnes, Jess Jones and I did backwoods cooking with the Beavers, cooking Stew Parcels and Chocolate Bananas.

We attended the District Cub camp Friday 17th to Sunday 20th, where the Scouts cooked their own meals, whilst at camp we enjoyed a 6 mile hike, built a rope bridge and made some outdoor shelters.

### **October**

On the 17th/18th we stayed over at the hut (12 Scouts and 4 leaders/helpers) and completed the DIY badge. On the Sunday the Scouts shifted approximately 4 tonnes of earth from the area where the new cooking shelter will be located. This was a tremendous effort by all who took part.

### **November**

Started the month on the 5th November when, as part of the Creative Challenge Award, 19 Scouts prepared a glow stick "Scare" trail for the Cubs and Beavers. 11 Scouts accompanied the Cubs to the Old School Lodge at Deiniolen and enjoyed trips to Anglesey Sea Zoo and South Stack Lighthouse on the Saturday and Llanberis Slate museum on the Sunday.

## **December**

On the 10th December Rob Tutchings organised a night hike starting and finishing at the Scout Hut. 14 Scouts made the journey.

15th December Julie organised a trip to Awesome Walls in Liverpool. This is a former church that has a number of internal climbing walls some as high as 60 or 70 feet. The scouts had a brilliant time with all of them reaching the top of their allotted climbs. During the Scout Post many Scouts and Parents helped out with both delivering and sorting mail.

## **January**

Due to the weather conditions at the start of the year we missed our first meeting. We finished the rest of the month reviewing the code of conduct and first aid procedures.

## **February**

Saturday and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 16 Scouts and 3 Adults stayed overnight in the Scout Hut and completed the Fire Safety and Mechanics Badge.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> 16 Scouts joined over 70 Scouts for the 1<sup>st</sup> District Orienteering Competition. Harry Poole and David Jamieson gained a Bronze medal in the junior category which was a fantastic achievement given they are both new to the troop.

## **March**

A very busy month that saw activities taking place every weekend as well as a full program of troop nights. On 6<sup>th</sup> of March many Scouts assisted with stalls at the Jumble Sale and the following day we carried out a sponsored hike in the Delamere Forest with the assistance of Robin Tutchings and Steve Webster.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> nine Scouts took part in the District camping and cooking competition practice. This took place in Frankby at the 1<sup>st</sup> Frankby Greasby Scout hut. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> fourteen scouts went Ice-skating at Deeside Leisure centre.

With the help of Chris Hurley and Keith Quayle we finished the month at the Great Escape before a well-earned 2 week Easter break. At the Great Escape, both teams did extremely well scoring an average of 8/10 on each base and were placed in the top 15 teams out of 65.

## **April**

On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> April the Scouts practiced their fire lighting skills in preparation for the Backwoods Cooking competition. St Georges Day parade was on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> with 17 scouts managing to make it.

## **May**

Started to month with the Group camp which saw 18 Scouts along with 18 Beavers and 18 Cubs stay overnight at the HQ. The following week with the help of Chris Hurley and Keith Quayle 14 scouts went to Bala for the weekend

to take part in canoe training. We hope to make this event a regular part of our annual activities.

Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May we had two teams compete in the District Cooking competition and James Barnes' team achieved a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place missing out by just 1 point.

Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> May saw some unexpected but welcome news the Scout Section was awarded the Dave Blackwood Trophy for the troop that best put the "Out" in Scouting during 2009/10.

### **June**

A number of the new Scouts went to the District Cub camp at Hadlow Fields. Amongst other activities they helped cook the breakfast for the camp, prepared their own evening meal on an open fire and went on a 4 mile hike.

### **Summary**

The success we have had this year including the Dave Blackwood award is testament to the fantastic set-up that exists within the 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scout Group, which includes a well organised and committed committee, excellent cooperation between all the leader teams, additional parental help at camps and other events, fantastic facilities, a lot of help from parent volunteers and of course the constant support of Sue and Julie.

**Andy Costall – Scout Leader**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ray Dugdale resigned as Chairman at the end of 2009 and Jayne Barnes, as Vice Chair, took over.

Jayne Barnes stood down as Vice-Chair and then Sue Flush, as GSL, appointed Jayne Barnes as Chair.

Jayne Barnes proposed Doug Funnell as Treasurer and Marjorie Reed as Secretary. Seconded by Chris Dugdale and both were accepted by Group Council.

Sue Flush as GSL nominated three members to the Executive Committee.  
Nominated Officers: Dave Reed, Vic Allen, Fiona Hurley.

Jayne Barnes, as spokesman for the Group Council, proposed the election of Mike Davies, Alan Parr and Liz Hughes to the Executive committee.  
Seconded by Ray Dugdale and accepted by the Group Council.

The Group Council (Jayne Barnes as spokesperson) co-opted the following persons to the Executive Committee: Fergus Lang, Gill Burton, John Burton, Steve Hare and Roger Newton.

Each section can have a representative to attend Executive Committee meetings  
Mike Callaghan volunteered as Cub parent rep. and was accepted by the Group Council. No volunteers were forthcoming as Beaver and Scout parent reps.

The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker, Ken Jones, District Commissioner.

## **GUEST SPEAKER – KEN JONES DC**

Ken was very pleased with the attendance at the AGM. He has been on three outings with the Cubs and the coach has broken down on every occasion. No-one wants him on their coach at future events! He thanked the leadership team and without their support and the executive, 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston would not be the successful group it is today. He had taken breakfast with Bear Grylls when Paul Oliver was presented with his Queen's Scout Award. He explained why the name 'Bear' was used by the Chief Scout. His name is Edward and he was called 'Teddy Bear' shortened to 'Bear'.

## **AWARDS**

Ken Jones presented the following awards;

Dave Reed for 20 years Service

### **Beaver Section**

<b>Beavers of the Year:</b>	<b>Thor</b> William Fennah & Sam Hudson	<b>Ismay</b> Matthew Baker
<b>Beaver of the Month:</b>	James Crammond	Fabian Blunt
<b>Kind Beaver:</b>	Matthew McGurk	Alastair Carswell

### **Cub Section**

<b>Cubs of the Year:</b>	Tom Ellwood & Adam Gooseman
<b>Sportsmanship Award:</b>	Riley Nolan & George Nugent
<b>Bravery Award:</b>	Tom Quayle
<b>Best Smiles Award:</b>	Harry Nugent & Matthew Costall
<b>Best New Cub:</b>	Charlie Carroll

### **Scout Section**

<b>Scout of the Year:</b>	Dominic Hurley
<b>Participation Award:</b>	William Flush
<b>Sportsman Award:</b>	Oliver Nugent/Luke Millington
<b>Best New Scout:</b>	Daniel Callaghan
<b>Improved Leadership Skills:</b>	James Barnes
<b>Patrol Leader</b>	awarded to John Fieldhouse
<b>Assistant Patrol Leader</b>	awarded to William Flush

The flag was lowered by Matthew Jones.