

1ST THURSTASTON SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

The flag was broken at the start of the meeting by James Barnes

The Chair welcomed Ken Jones (District Commissioner), Ann Coulson (Deputy District Commissioner), Tony Twemlow, (District Chairman), Nigel McLeod (District Secretary), Maureen Tucker (District Newsletter Distributor), committee members, leaders, parents, children and all friends of the Group.

Apologies for absence:

Roy Kenyon (District Treasurer), Brian Tucker, Tony & Margaret Fletcher, Matty Jones, Vic Allen and the families Edwards, Parr, Hughes, Cross, Maxwell, Costall, Anstiss, O'Toole, Collins, Guy, Carroll, Carswell, Conroy, Ellwood, Webster, Foley.

Minutes of the previous AGM:

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

Chair's Report – AGM 2011

Another busy year for 1st Thurstaston Scout Group, the fund raising programme has consisted primarily of, the Jumble Sale, the Firework evening, and the Christmas and Easter Fairs, and of course the Scout post. As you are aware these events allow us to keep the cost of the subscriptions lower than is required to cover our running costs, and I am sure you will appreciate the purchase of the much needed replacement mini bus which has now been acquired.

Having reviewed last year's events I now have great pleasure in informing you that this year we are proposing to continue with, the two fairs at Easter and Christmas, the 100 club, the Firework night, the Scout Post, but we will be introducing a Summer Games Night, a sponsored Coastal Walk, and Plant and Bulbs Sales. Sadly we are no longer supported by the very much appreciated Irby Club Draw, and also, we will not be having the Jumble Sales in the foreseeable future. This is because we no longer have the manpower to facilitate them. These activities take a tremendous amount of effort from the committee, their families and friends, the leaders, parents and anyone else we can get to help us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their support.

We are in the fortunate position to have a Scout hut with great grounds, but it should be noted that they take a great deal of time and effort to maintain. Just the upkeep of the grass to an acceptable height is a challenge. The grounds improvement this year includes the Cooking Shelter Base, which I am sure will be utilised fully on our Family Games night in the summer. A big thank you to Andy, Jon and Robert Oliver, and Dave Reed, and all those that have given their time to assist in the work-days, that are so necessary to keep the site well maintained.

Following on from the situation with regards to parking, it is an appropriate time to thank everyone for the cooperation shown over the access issues to the site. As we have no way of resolving the safety concerns shared by the Group and the Village Hall, we will need to park away in the Village car park and walk down for the foreseeable future.

The Group's website has gone from strength to strength with Dave at the helm, it's full of information and pictures, not only all the current events but past events also.

And lastly, a big thank you to Doug and Marjorie for their work in the Group over the years, their time and support in the committee has been always appreciated and we are sorry to see them go.

It has been busy year for all the sections this will be covered shortly by the GSL, but before that, may I please pass you over to Doug for his final Treasurer's Report.

Jayne Barnes – Group Chair

Treasurer's Report - AGM 2011

In summary:-

Receipts this year are up on last year by just over £1000 to £34,228

Expenditure is also up, and more than usual, from £26K to £31K but this does include over £4K spent on our new minibus.

Fund raising income is down from £9,368 to £8,061.

Unfortunately the Irby Club draw came to an end in December after many fruitful years however it still raised over £700.

The profit from the 100 Club is up on last year with a profit of £360 but we would certainly welcome more members. With more members we will be able to increase prizes and also increase the profit.

Jumble sale takings down from £1,867 to £1,682 and profit down to £1,487 this year.

The biggest fund raiser continues to be the Christmas Scout Post – this year the income was slightly up on the previous year at £2,394.

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 over £1,700. If you are a tax payer and haven't yet signed up please consider doing so.

HQ Running Costs –no major change to running costs – up about £600 from last year and this included a hopefully one off payment of over £400 for a new water boiler.

Transport Costs – much higher this year but largely due to the purchase of a new minibus for £4434.

Activities – income and expenditure on activities both slightly down on last year.

Subscriptions – and finally to subscriptions. Your subscriptions only go part way to funding the group operations. These need to be supplemented by fund raising activities and this year we have seen the demise of the Irby Club draw which at its height was bringing in over £1500 a year.

Certain fund raising activities have not proved popular with parents and consequently a great deal of effort has rested on only a few regular shoulders. As a result of this we have decided to stop running jumble sales in future. Jumble sales typically also bring in about £1500 a year.

The committee is continually reviewing ideas for raising money but for the moment we need to make up some of the shortfall. We propose raising the subs from £8.25 to £9 per month, or if you pay each term an increase from £33 to £36 each term. I propose that the increase be effective from September 2011.

Doug Funnell – Group Treasurer

Acceptance of accounts and increase in subscriptions: Proposed by Doug Funnell.

Seconded by Chris Dugdale.

Both proposals were accepted by the Group Council

GSL's Report – AGM 2011

Another year of fantastic achievements all of which are in the Section Leader reports, with much detail. So we have decided this year rather than read them all out to you we will send them out to you by email for you to read at your leisure. All the Sections have had incredible programmes with great activities, outings, camps and more. The people who make this happen are our fantastic Leader Team – I would like them all to stand please I will introduce them and they can take a loud round of applause please with our thanks.

The Exec Committee has undergone some changes recently, we are communicating differently via email, reducing the number of meetings we need to hold each year and making changes to our fundraising programme to reduce the workload of a very small group of people who put in a tremendous amount of work already to the Scout Group. I would like the Exec to stand and take our very grateful thanks. The next fundraiser is in July – the 15th - a new venture run by Alan a games night, letters are going out this week and next, we look forward to your support on this interactive night for the children. We always need more people to help especially with the fundraising so please consider joining us on the committee or just offering your help at these events as they happen.

A few special mentions and thanks, to Jayne Barnes for supporting the Group so well as Vice and Chair for the last couple of years, we are delighted she has agreed to continue as Treasurer (the role she applied for!) To Doug Funnell our outgoing Treasurer for many, many years of support both on the Exec committee and most recently as Treasurer, I think Doug's son is now in his 30's so that will tell you how long he has been involved, Doug has decided to hang up his hat but I would like to record our grateful thanks for everything he has done over the years. Also to Marjorie Reed who stepped into the breach this time last year and agreed to be our Secretary when no one else would do it – thanks for your excellent record keeping and your many hours of support behind the scenes especially in the Jumble sales. Marjorie has agreed to stay on the committee which is great news thanks. Finally to Dave Reed our President who continues to support me and the Group quietly in the background ensuring we don't miss anything, picking up errors in the minutes (every month) and providing the voice of wisdom and calm which we all need from time to time – thank you.

This Scout Group is as successful as it has ever been, and as big as it has ever been we look forward to your support to continue this in the future - thanks

Sue Flush – Group Scout Leader

SECTION REPORTS

1st Thurstaston Beavers

Thor Colony

Since the last report, Thor Beaver Colony has been busy. In July we had a sports night, with wellie throwing, nonstop cricket and different relay games. Model Pioneering using dry Spaghetti and Bluetac, there were some interesting models. A Science evening was planned and held, here are a few of the experiments that the Beavers took part in: - diver in a bottle, eruption of a volcano and a candle in the jar. In September we talked about where the Beavers had been on their holidays, showing them the locations and distances on the World and the British Isle maps. We held a Sandcastle competition at Caldy beach; this was a very windy but very enjoyable night. We held a senses night; the Beavers have made their own Bread. In October we went out and about, firstly to the Birkenhead Fire Station, the following week to the Kailish Buddhist Meditation Centre in Oxtun, these were two very interesting evenings. The Beavers wrote their own Prayers and we made a Prayer tree, over the following weeks they each read their prayer out. We joined in with the Group Firework party at the beginning of November; also in November the Beavers were told about the meaning of Remembrance Day and made their own Poppies. We made salt dough Christmas tree decorations and painted and decorated them to sell at the Group's Christmas Fair. We have made Bird feeders, had a joint meeting with Ismay colony at the Potting Shed on the Heswall & Neston border, we joined up again for our last meeting before Christmas and went bowling at Bromborough. Thor Beaver colony attended the District Beaver Craft Day in November, the Carol Service and party in December. Over the weeks following our return in January we have talked about our New Year Resolutions, made Beaver good turn diaries and learned about Home Safety from a local Fire Officer. We have had a talk about Road Safety from a local Lollipop lady and she played a road safety game with them. Two Police Community Support Officers came to talk to the Beavers about Personal Safety. Thor Beavers have learnt the meaning of different Water Safety flags about where it is safe and where not to bathe. We have visited 'Pets at Home' in Bromborough and had a very interesting visit to the Hoylake Lifeboat Station, a big Thank You to my parents who helped raise £63.00 to put towards their new Lifeboat, this was very much appreciated, plus what the Beavers spent in the gift shop and we all know how long it takes Beavers to make their minds up. They have been to the local Library and were told about how it is run, they all had a go on the Computers and took part in the craft activity that had be organised for them by the Librarian, the evening finished with a story and each Beaver was given a goody bag to take home. The Beavers have made their own gift box and sweets to give to their mums on Mother's Day. They have designed and painted two Viking Shields for the District Viking weekend Camp, which 13 Beavers attended for the day (18th June). They have learnt the life cycle of a frog, been on a mini beast hunt around the grounds of our Scout hut. We have covered different aspects of cooking during the year. I would like to thank my leaders and parents who have given me help during the past year.

Jayne Oliver - Beaver Scout Leader

Ismay Colony

Our 20 Beaver strong colony has now been going for over a year, and what a lot of things we've been up to! The beavers have completed several activity badges at their meetings including health and fitness, air activities, and safety, and have made steady progress towards their challenge badges too. We've had 5 Beavers achieve their Chief Scout Bronze Award and four more will be receiving their awards at this AGM too.

The Beavers have done so much I can't write it all down here, but here are some examples:- they have learnt about different cultures and tasted their foods, questioned a pilot (thanks Mr Foley), tried their hands on a flight simulator, made gifts for mother's day, learnt how to tie knots, put up tents and played a plethora of games. They've been to many events away from the hut including the District St Georges Day Parade in West Kirby, Remembrance Sunday at St Bart's, District Beaver Challenge Day, and Christmas Craft Day.

Along with Thor Colony, this year Ismay Beavers have become the first 1st Thurstaston Beavers, to camp under canvas and have now been on two camping events - 1st Thurstaston Group camp and the District Beaver, Cub and Scout Viking weekend at Hadlow fields. Well done to those beavers who attended.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved with Ismay Colony over the past year. Unfortunately we lost Jo Boots ABL last Autumn, who left us due to family commitments, but now we have a team, with Leaders Kath Callaghan and Pam Wright, 2 young leaders, Jess and Lucy, and most recently Sarah our D of E volunteer. A big thank you to GSL, Sue Flush, for all her support and help over the past year (especially to me). Thank you to all of the parents who have come along to help at our meetings, and when we have been away from the hut. You have made a big difference to our meetings and what we can do. Thanks also to 1st Thurstaston's other leaders (and some of the scouts) who have given their time and help to our colony too.

Ismay Beavers have had a very active and brilliant year and there is more to come! We are spending the rest of this term away from the scout hut doing mainly outdoor activities, visiting the local beaches, following trails at Royden Park etc. and visiting St Bart's, with a trip up to the belfry.

Ismay Beavers have a lot to look forward to and should be very proud of what they have achieved. Well done, Beavers!

Cath Corby BSL Ismay Colony

1st Thurstaston Cubs - Fletcher Pack

In July we went 10 pin bowling at Bromborough and had a great fun. The following week we had a great evening crabbing at West Kirby Marine Lake. For the final week before the summer holidays we were supposed to do backwoods cooking but it poured down so we made biscuits instead and completed the Fire Evacuation practice.

Chamboree Camp – Aug 2010 what a great experience, the Cubs attended for the weekend and completed so many activities, have you had a look at the photos on the web album or the blog I did from camp, well worth a look, both are on the Group web site

We started back in Sept with a games night and welcomed some new starters. The following weeks saw us start work on our Road Safety Badge and complete a badge review with the Cubs looking at which badges they would like to do. In late Sept 28 Cubs and the Leaders set off for the District camp at QCW, where they completed the Navigator and Naturalist badges. This was the first camp for several Cubs and they all did really well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, well done!

The week after camp we all visited the Leasowe Lighthouse for a spectacular night time view out over the Dee and towards Liverpool. The Cubs really enjoyed the visit and learned much about the history of the Lighthouse, the people who have lived there, and its restoration.

For the rest of October before half term we completed the Road Safety badge which included a walk into the Village and practising the skills we had learned. The week before half term saw us wrapping and filling shoe boxes with gifts for Operation Christmas Child to send to children less fortunate than ourselves and we also watched a short DVD about the shoe boxes, where they go and the difference they make to the children who receive them.

Back to Cubs in Nov after the Bonfire Night party and display on 5th which we all attended. We had an evening of activities with a Judo taster session provided by Chris from Judo Education, great time had by all 'throwing' each other (in a controlled way) to the floor! We split into two groups, one did Judo and the other visited the recycle bay at Tesco as part of the Global Challenge to see what household goods can and can't be recycled and then swapped so we had a go at both activities.

Later in the month we visited the new Lifeboat Station House at Hoylake where we invested all the new Cubs. We gave £150 to the RNLI from the very generous donations from the Cubs and their parents. Also that month The County Chief Scout Award presentations took place, attending and receiving the Chief Scout Silver Award the highest award available to Cubs are Will Taylor, Fraser Wright, Matthew Costall, Kieran Barnes, Riley Nolan and Ben Grinstead. Many congratulations to them all. Some of the Cubs attended a District Children In Need event at Europa Pools to raise some funds and have some fun. We had a visit from Mrs Jones the local Lollipop lady to reinforce our road safety skills.

During December we don't meet at the hut because of the Scout Post, Nov 29th was the Christmas Fair and on Dec 6th we attended the District Cub Carol Service at Holy Family Church, Pensby. The last meeting in December saw us on a joint trip with the Scouts to Awesome Walls Climbing House in Liverpool.

In January we returned with a games night and then started work on the Communicator badge, later in the month we did a night hike, a circular route from Parkgate an absolutely freezing night, but a great time was had by all. We also took part in the District 5 a side Football Competition and had our best result ever, progressing past the league stage into the quarter finals, where we were knocked out! So that meant we were a very worthy 5th place.

During February we continued our work on the Communicator badge, learning how to take messages carefully and follow instructions, we made Peter Pan and Samurai hats in Origami. On Sunday 13th Feb a group of Cubs attended an indoor Canoe Taster run by WGSCA at Guinea Gap baths and had a great time. The following Monday we completed the Posters for the District competition and had an interesting talk about amateur radio and walkie-talkies from Vic an old Scout and Venture Leader from our Group. During half term we took a group of Cubs to the Wirral Scout and Guide Theatre Group's Treasure Island on the Saturday and then another group of Cubs represented the pack at the District Swimming Gala where we came a very creditable 5th from the 15 packs that took part, well done to the Cubs who swam so well, special mention to Dan Cooke who came second in the under 11 freestyle so is officially the second fastest Cub on the Wirral! At the end of Feb we visited the Kailash Buddhist Centre in Prenton, I have to say it was the most peaceful, tranquil Cub night I have ever been to, all the Cubs quietly meditating absolutely wonderful!

Early in March we had a visit from Chris Hughes the ACC Scouts and he is also the Merseyside Contingent Unit Leader for the Jamboree in Sweden this summer, he brought with him two Explorers, brothers Aaron and James who are also part of Unit. They told us all about the training they have done so far for the Jamboree and what they are going to be up to as well as the Jamboree itself in the summer. It will certainly be an experience of a lifetime for all those involved and we have asked them to come back maybe in the autumn to tell us all about their Jamboree experiences. On the 14th March we held our Comic Relief night all the Cubs, yes all of them attended in fancy dress and we had some fantastic outfits. The Cubs paid to wear their fancy dress, bought cakes and learned how to Street Dance with Sarah Jayne a local dance teacher from Irby. We had a really enjoyable evening and raised £180 – fantastic! During that week also Grey Six attended the District Poster Competition final. There is another article and picture of those able to attend and represent Grey Six elsewhere. The next Monday in March was World Water Day and our Young Leader Matty put together a programme for us based on cleaning and purifying water, which we did through a series of filters and then boiling the water to make it safe to drink (although it still didn't look too nice!). The final week in March we made Mother's Day cards and gifts - hope the Mums all liked them - one Mum did tell me that her son lost his (hid it so carefully he couldn't remember where) and found it the day after Mother's day itself – better late than never and she was thrilled!

Two more weeks to go before the Easter hols, very late in April making it a really long term, we had a visit from two gents from the International Knots Guild (one affectionately known as Mr Woggle – a Scouter then!) The final week before the hols we went to Williamson Tunnels in Liverpool a truly fascinating evening, highly recommended if you haven't been. At the end of a really interesting explore through the tunnels that are open, we invested Ben and Joe in the old stable yard. We like to be different and invest the Cubs somewhere they should always remember. During the Easter holidays we had two more outings, the first to RAF Cosford where 11 Cubs had a really good day out and were able to gain their Air Activity badge. Finally, 13 Cubs turned out for the annual District St George's Day Parade in West Kirby. Phew what a busy term!

At the start of the summer term the Cubs joined Beavers and Scouts for our annual Group Camp, we all had a great time. During May we have attended the District Cub Skills competition, had a visit from Jacob's Dad Axel who is a pilot! Several Cubs completed their Good turn diaries and some worked on the Outdoor Plus Challenge, we have done tracking, tent pitching and backwoods cooking over the summer months. In June 20 Cubs attended Viking camp, brilliant camp shame about the weather but it did shine on Sunday when we took the tents down always a relief! We have also been bowling a great night after a busy weekend at camp!

I would like to thank the Cub Leader team. We have a tremendous group of people who lay on fantastic activities for the Cubs and work very hard to ensure we are amongst the busiest and most successful Packs on the District.

Sue Flush – Akela

1st Thurstaston Scouts - Richardson Troop

July

On the 9th scouts took part in an Incident Hike starting and finishing at the HQ. They went off in three groups over approximately 2km and completed a first aid incident staged by Matty Jones. The 16th was our last meeting of the term, and after months of pestering from the scouts I gave in and allowed them to hold a water fight. It was meant to be amongst themselves but inevitably both Keith and I ended up completely soaked by the end of the evening. On the 17th five SPL's, PL's and APL's attended a day laid on by the naval Reserve in Brunswick dock in Liverpool.

August

The first week in August saw 10 Scouts from 1st Thurstaston and 10 scouts from 4th Moreton camp together at the "Chamboree" International Camp in Cheshire. Ten Cubs were also there for the initial weekend. This was an excellent camp enjoyed by all with both groups getting on very well together. For more details there are links on our Website to Sue's blog and photographs.

September

Started back on the 10th of September with a games night during which we reviewed scouts records and gave out badges that were owed. Friday 17th – Sunday 19th we attended the District Scout camp with the help of Alan Parr. This was the first camp of this nature for a number of years. There were a number of activity bases on the Saturday including Shooting, Crate Staking, Cooking and Pioneering.

October

The first weekend of October five scouts joined the 4th Moreton at the Beavan competition. Paul Oliver also attended to help us out. The event was carried out over two days and included hiking, canoeing, low ropes, first aid, camp challenge and shooting. Given this was our first time in a while we were placed well in events such as First Aid and Low Ropes. On the 8th October we played a number of Wide Games outside the hut and then helped set-up for the jumble sale the following day. On the 15th October we went Ice-skating at Deeside Arena with the usual minor bumps and bruises. On the 22nd we carried out work towards the Global Challenge which included talking about international issues and multiple-choice. Saturday the 23rd we took part in the District orienteering Competition at Royden Park.

November

We started the month on Friday 5th by attending the Firework Party instead of our usual troop evening. As well as the fireworks display there were refreshments, raffle and glow sticks that were very popular. For Friday 12th troop night Sandra Costall hosted a Disability Awareness Night which included a presentation about understanding issues surrounding various disabilities. The evening also featured a visit from Wirral Taiko Japanese drums and as well as letting the scouts use their equipment they showed us how it had been adapted for people to use with various disabilities. On

Sunday 14th we had 9 Scouts turn out for the Remembrance service at St Barts in Thurstaston. On Friday 19th as part of the Global challenge Kath put together a practical exercise to look into the issues surrounding immunisation. On Saturday 20th November it was my great pleasure to see both Dom Hurley and James Barnes being awarded the Chief Scout Gold awards at the Merseyside Awards Ceremony. Jess Jones wasn't able to make it but these are the first three to achieve this award since I started with the troop. They should be very proud of themselves. We had games night on Friday 26th November to finish the month off.

December

On the 2nd Instead of the usual Friday troop meeting we attended the Scouts District Christmas service on the Thursday. On the 10th as is becoming a tradition around Christmas time we went on another night hike. We started at Thurstaston visitors centre and made our way via the Dungeons and the View Point on the common to the Scout Hut. On Wednesday 15th we joined the cubs for a night at Awesome Walls climbing centre in Liverpool. Both cubs and scouts really enjoyed this and took on some very challenging climbs. Awesome walls was the last meeting of the year but many scouts and their families helped out with the Scout Christmas Post both sorting and delivering.

January

As always, we started the year with a review of records and a games evening. For the remainder of the month we concentrated on the Fitness challenge for the newer scouts and the Expedition Challenge for the older Scouts.

February

We carried on with the Fitness challenge throughout February and took part in the District Orienteering competition. Friday the 18th saw the last troop meetings for Jess, Dom and James so we held a leaving party for them. On Saturday 26th we also attended the Equinox Challenge in Delamere forest

March

We entered the Bowling Competition in March and on the 4th and 11th we completed the model makers badge, when we made egg-throwing catapults. This was very messy. We also entered the Lord Derby Competition which tested the scouts' traditional skills.

April

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd nine scouts, Steve Barnes and I attended the Great escape camp. Among the highlights of this camp was using the new minibus for the first time. The low point was getting it stuck in the mud on the Sunday. Steve you were right, I couldn't manoeuvre in the car park with the trailer on! The following Friday night saw the scouts cleaning out the new minibus. We had a low turnout at St Georges Day this was mostly down to the late Easter and extra bank holiday seeing many people away on holiday. The day was supported by all sections so the group as a whole was well represented. The day itself was blessed with very good weather. Saturday 30th saw the Group camp at HQ this was attended by 9 scouts.

May

After a much needed Easter holiday we took nine scouts away on Friday 13th – Sunday 15th to the Bala Canoeing Weekend. Alan Parr and Chris Hurley helped over the weekend too. We camped with 1st Frankby Greasby and on the Saturday evening Dave Blackwood, Dave Berry and Alan took the scouts Geo-caching. For the rest of the month we concentrated on more traditional scouting skills and even removed tree for Saint Chad's.

June

Throughout June we have concentrated on traditional Scouting activities like fire lighting and axe work. A number of scouts also helped at the Cubs with backwoods cooking. The highlight of the month was the District Viking camp where 9 scouts attended.

Summary

As last year, the amount of activities we have been able to lay on is testament to the fantastic set-up that exists within the 1st Thurstaston Scout Group, which includes a well organised and committed committee, excellent cooperation between all the leader teams, addition parental help at camps and other events, fantastic facilities, a lot of help from parent volunteers and of course the constant support of Sue, Alan and Julie.

Andy Costall – Scout Leader

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jayne Barnes stood down as Chair and then Sue Flush, as GSL, appointed Fiona Hurley as Chair.

Doug Funnell stood down as Treasurer and Fiona Hurley proposed Jayne Barnes as Treasurer. This was seconded by Chris Dugdale and agreed by all at the meeting.

Marjorie Reed stood down as Secretary and Fiona Hurley proposed Liz Hughes as Secretary. This was seconded by Dave Reed and agreed by all at the meeting.

Sue Flush as GSL nominated three members to the Executive Committee.

Nominated Officers: Dave Reed, Vic Allen, Marjorie Reed

Fiona Hurley, as spokesman for the Group Council, proposed the election of Dave Cooke, Chris Collins, Steve Webster, and Mike Callaghan to the Executive committee.

Seconded by Ray Dugdale and accepted by the Group Council.

The Group Council (Fiona Hurley, as spokesperson) co-opted the following persons to the Executive Committee: Fergus Lang, Gill Burton, John Burton, Steve Hare.

Each section can have a representative to attend Executive Committee meetings
Vicky McGurk and Jane Fieldhouse volunteered as Cub parent rep. and Scout parent rep respectively and were accepted by the Group Council. No volunteers were forthcoming as Beaver parent reps.

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

GUEST SPEAKER – KEN JONES DC

Ken was very pleased to see a good turnout of parents, leaders and children and appreciates all the help that comes from everyone involved in Scouting. He said the Viking camp was only marred by the bad weather but that 1st Thurstaston's e-mail was the first to arrive for the camp.

AWARDS

Ken Jones presented the following awards;

Certificate awarded to Doug Funnell

5 years service certificates awarded to Julie Hobson and Paul Oliver

10 years service certificate awarded to Sue Flush

Beaver Section

	Thor	Ismay
Beavers of the Year:	Sam Maxwell and Jack Blanshard	Sam Costall
Beaver of the Month:	Ben Green	Thomas Callaghan
		Ben Quayle
		Miles Khader Lindon
Best New Beaver Sportsmanship	Henry Rudd.	

Cub Section

Cubs of the Year: Fraser Wright and Ben Grinstead
Sportsmanship Award: Dan Cooke, Will Taylor
Participation Will Brady, Jack Shaw
Best New Cub: Missy and Freya

Scout Section

Scout of the Year: Nathan Harrison Clarke
Participation Award: Daniel Callaghan
Senior Patrol Leader: Nathan Harrison Clark
Patrol Leader: Ben Blanshard
Assistant Patrol Leader: Carrick Hurley
Scout Craft Award: John Fieldhouse
Most Cheerful Scout: Kieran Barnes

20 nights Away Jamie Parr
10 nights Away Nathan Harrison Clarke

Challenge Badges

Outdoor Plus J Parr, H Poole
Adventure D Jamieson

Chief Scout Roll Of Honour

Bronze David Barry, Adam Parr, Sean Collins, Oliver Smith, Sam Hudson, James Crammond, Ben Boots, Matthew McGurk, William Fennah, Ben Rigby, Brady White, Ronan Conroy, Joseph Cross, Jack Woods, Sam Maxwell, Henry Rudd. Sam Costall, Thomas Hartwell Alistair Carswell, Matthew Baker* Ben Quayle* Thomas Callaghan* Jack Anstiss*

Silver Will Brady, Callum Ebbs, Ben Grinstead, Will Taylor, Tom Ellwood, Fraser Wright

Gold Dom Hurley, Jess Jones, James Barnes, John Fieldhouse Will Flush

The meeting closed after the presentations.

The flag was lowered by James Barnes