

9th Carshalton Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Monday 18th May
6.30pm for 6.45pm

Agenda

Welcome

Apologies

Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts

Nomination and approval of Group Chairperson

Nomination and approval of:

Secretary

Treasurer

Members of Group Executive Committee

Election of Auditor

Treasurers Report

Entertainment from Scout, Cub and Beaver Sections

Group Scout Leader

Ray Shaw – Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

Presentation of Chief Scouts Gold Ward

9th Carshalton Annual General Meeting – 10th June 2008

Present: Jenny McCarron ,Paula Wilson, Barbara,Debbie Solis, Karen North, Linda Simmonds-O'Neill,Sarah Rochford,Young leaders, Beavers,Cubs, Scouts and their Parents.

Guest speaker - Chris Williams,District Commissioner

Apologises: Aaron Shepherd

1.	Welcome to all and to the groups 75 th year.	JM
2.	Minutes from last meeting agreed by all who attended	All
3.	<p>Executive Team: <u>Nominations:-</u> Chairperson - no volunteers for this position as yet. Secretary – remains the same, Linda Simmonds-O'Neill Treasurer – remains the same, Karen North. Auditor – Simone Dolby A parent representing each section is required as part the executive team.</p>	All
4.	<p>Entertainment: An account of activities over the last year and what they enjoyed most was performed in either a spoken form or as a poem. Including accounts of camping trips and days out.</p> <p>Camp songs performed by the cubs and scouts. Parent participation was encouraged with the last song – Chicky Chicky. Enjoyed by all.</p>	All
5.	<p>Treasures Account: Copy of accounts in the minutes given to parents (see attached copy of the report). Accounts approved and seconded</p>	KN
6.	<p>Group Overview for the Year:</p> <p>Talked about the development plan made over the last 18 months. It has been a hard struggle to get to our 75th years, but the group has survived. One of the targets was to recruit 3 new section – managed to recruit 2 out of the three. Also to increase numbers in all sections this has been achieved in all sections.</p> <p>Last year trip to Brownsie Island was very good as was the centenary camp - enjoyed by all Also got on promotional video during the centenary camp.</p> <p>Jenny went on to say that the history of 9th Carshalton is well documented and who the first leader was. To celebrate this land mark the group has organised a Family fun day with games, candy floss machine etc. This will take place on Sunday 14th July from 11am till 3pm at Banstead Park Farm.</p>	JM

	<p><u>Group activities</u> – these have been able to continue. Able to start a February camp again youth hostel with the scouts have just had another camp. There will be another camp at the end of July for Scouts and possibly a camp for the cubs in August.</p> <p>Young Leaders – welcome to Jason, Katie and Alex as our young leaders to the group.</p> <p>New Leaders – welcome to Sarah and Aaron as our new cub section leaders.</p> <p>Also a thank you to all the current section leaders and helpers for all the help and hard work, especially over the last 18 months.</p> <p><u>Final Words:</u> A big thank you for everyone who attended. Also encouragement to the parents to be a leader or to be able to help with the group in anyway.</p>	
7.	<p>Guest Speaker: Chris Williams – District Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newly appointed as district commissioner. Talked about Centenary Camp. Memories of his time in the scouts as an assistant scout leader etc. - 70 percent increase in number in he last 18 month, congratulations at how well this has been done. - Mentioned that how other groups have waiting list due to not having enough leaders – encouraged the parents that they can help in a number of way and not just by being a leader they can be a helper or help during the odd sessions etc. - Been in this job April and has enquires about membership @1 a day. January this year was the highest rate of enquires to join the scouts. - Being a DC is demanding but very enjoyable. - Presentation to two Scouts - Jack Petri fund. Donate money to scout groups on a monthly basis to nominated scouts – involved with this foundation for the last year. May be able to apply to Jack Petri who will pay for half of the cost for 75th celebrations – need to apply for this. - Mark Meredith and Christopher Foot - achiever Award presented with certificate and badge. - Rounding off 3 leader awards given out this year (£1000).One of the recipients is Paula Wilson, section leaders for Scouts and acting section leader fro cubs (need to turn up for the presentation in September for the group to be able to receive the money. - Finally presentation to Jenny – long service award 20yrs,certificate presented - Thank you to all to continue as we are. 	CW

Report for 9th Carshalton **Beaver** Section.

Since the beginning of March we have had an average of 18 beavers present at our weekly meeting. There are 5 beavers that are no longer attending .We now have 22 beavers in our register, therefore we have room for two more.

So far this year we have been to a pantomime at a Beaver hall in Worcester Park (January) and a District Beaver camp fire at Bears Wood camp site on the 4th April. We also attended the St. Georges Day Parade and 13 beavers took part, well dressed and well behaved.

Other events planned so far for the following months are: a day trip to Frylands camp site, a fun sports day in Worcester Park, a picnic in the park for the last meeting before the summer holidays. We are also looking to plan a trip to Sutton Super Bowl in the summer holidays.

17 beavers have completed the tasks for the Fitness badge and will be receiving their badges soon. 19 beavers are near to completing the Healthy Eating Badge.

I have enjoyed taking the beaver meetings and look forward to continuing on this so far positive year.

Baloo
(Sarah)

Report for 9th Carshalton **Cub** Section.

The cub section has had a busy year with camps, days out and badges gained. Last June we had our annual cubs day out at Hastings when we hired the minibus and spent the day on the beach and at the fun fair. A couple of weeks later we participated in the District sports day which was enjoyed by all who supported the Group.

We ended the term with a joint evening out at Beddington Park with the Beavers.

In August the cubs had a three day camp at Birchmere camp site, near Woking with their own Olympic Games! Everyone was a winner with medals galore given out. We waved goodbye to the Olympic flame at the end as it headed off to London and 2012! The cubs that went gained their Outdoor Challenge, Nights Away and Hikes Away badge and some earned their camper badge.

In September the District put on the Scientist badge which lots of the cubs were able to gain. Along with the Scouts, the Cubs had an official tour of the Wembley Stadium in November and were all very proud when they held the F.A. Cup up!

The cubs participated in the Outdoor Challenge Trophy also this month and came a very good third; well done to Calum O'Neill Roman Chantrey, Stephen Beach and Max McGuigan. Three cubs gained the highest award in cubs, the Chief Scout Silver Award, in the autumn, so congratulations to Calum O'Neill, Max McGuigan and Shay Cook.

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I joined the Cub section back in November 2008 as Akela. I was able to spend a day and a half at the February camp held at Downe Activity Centre. The cubs were able to show me their excellent tracking skills in a two hour hike (phew!).

On the Sunday morning we had great fun on the Go Karts (see the website for the pictures) and I was grateful for the cubs that assisted me round the course. By the look on their faces, the cubs had a great time.

In March 2009 the Cubs entered the Raksha Competition where we came first in the Face Mask entry, and second and third places for handwriting and cake making so well done to you all.

At Easter weekend we did bag packing in Marks and Spencers and raised £526.66 so a big thank you to all that helped out. The Cubs completed their Promise Challenge and Home help badge.

We recently had a Makaton (sign language) evening which was run by a cub parent and cubs gained a badge and certificate, so thank you to Mike for running the evening.

May I take this moment to say thank you all for your support since my arrival and I look forward to being with you for a long time as your new Cub Leader

Akela

Report for 9th Carshalton **Scout** Section.

The Scout section has enjoyed a busy year that has seen the numbers rise to 21, which includes 8 girls.

Last June we took part in the District How Cup camping competition and finished a respectable 4th; well done to Scott Amey, Mark Meredith, Robert Foot, Hannah Knight and Hazel Barnes.

At the end of the term the scouts voted for Chris Foot to be named 'Scout of the Year'; so well done to Chris.

We went to Braggers Wood in Dorset for a week for our summer camp and had a good time at the beach in Bournemouth, visiting the Isle of Wight and hiking in the New Forest to name just a few activities.

Badges gained by the scouts in the summer were the Outdoor and Outdoor Plus Challenge, Nights Away and Hikes Away.

In the autumn term we completed our Community Challenge which included a visit to the Mayoral Chambers to meet the Mayor; also a former Scout!

At half term in October we went to Brownsea Island for the day and stayed at Burley Youth Hostel in the New Forest. We had a lovely walk in the Forest the next day before returning home in the minibus.

In November we took part in the District Adventure Challenge trophy (formerly the Tate Shield) at Frylands Wood camp site at night. There were 19 teams taking part and we finished a very good 9th which is a real credit to the team of Robert Foot, Hannah Knight, Hazel Barnes and Mark Meredith.

Also this month we went to Wembley stadium for an official tour with the Cubs and everyone had the chance to lift the F.A. Cup.

In the New Year we spent a number of weeks working towards our Global Challenge which involved some litter picking and collecting £1 from everyone to plant a tree in Tinnens Forest in Devon. The Scouts also performed sketches, poems and songs on the Global Challenge which was videoed; this contributed towards their Entertainer Badge.

We had our usual Group camp in February at Downe where we did rifle shooting, archery and laid tracking signs on a hike for the Cubs to follow. We had our 'Posh Dinner' where everyone dressed up and looked really good. Some Scouts have taken part in the District Climbing day and Archery day so far this year and the scouts played a very big part in raising a massive £526.66 when they did bag packing in April.

Nearly all the scouts turned up for the St. Georges Day Parade which led to the ADC for Scouts, Ray Shaw, complimenting the Troop on their good turn out.

We went to Oaks Park in the Easter holidays to do some general scouting activities and completed a hike near Ashurst in Kent in May, which goes towards the Adventure Challenge.

Two Scouts, Scott Amey and Liam Howlett have just completed their Chief Scout Gold Award, the highest award as a Scout. This involves completing nearly all of the Challenge badges which requires commitment, loyalty, skill, enthusiasm and hard work. Congratulations to both Scott and Liam. And it is fitting that these 2 Scouts should gain the award this year, a year when the Group has lost a very committed, loyal and outstanding leader, as well as a much loved friend, Barbara Jackson, because both of these boys knew Barbara as their Beaver Leader first and I'm sure she would be as proud of them as both Jenny and I are if she were still alive today.

Finally, although the Scout numbers are very high at the moment, which is great, I am the only Leader in this section. Thank you to the parents that have come forward to join a parent rota, but if anyone out there has an inkling to join the section on a more regular basis, then please let me know. Thank you.

Paula Wilson
Scout Leader