

4th Newbury Cub Pack Report 2011-2012

This year has been a very exciting year. All of this would not be possible without the help and support of the leadership team. 5 leaders(Gerard, Mark, Sean, Jane and Tori) now reduced to 4 as Tori has finished her sandwich course year. And we must not forget our young leader, Joe.

There leaders are all volunteers who are more than happy to run the cub pack ensure that 24 young people have a fantastic scouting experience. We all agree that for each hour we spend with the young people we spend another hour preparing and that's only for Monday nights. Trips, camps etc all take far more time and effort but we all have a ball.

Having Tori with us for a year was a very interesting experience. For a 20 year old she had a fantastic rapport with the cubs and she also started her leadership training with us. She has now returned to Loughborough University to finish her degree and she will continue scouting with a local pack up there.

This coming year we are also hosting another trainee leader, Katherine. She will be one of the cub leaders at a new scout group to be opened in Greenham. This is perhaps the best praise we can get at 4th as it's a recognition of our scouting experience and strengths. Probably the strongest in the district.

We have offered a fantastic and varied program of activities. These included:

- A 4 day jubilee weekend camp to Taunton. This was with one of the Wash Common cub packs and the cubs had a ball. Even those who ended up covered from head to toe in red mud! I think the boys will remember where they spent the Queen's 60th Jubilee celebration weekend when they are older.
- A trip with 2nd Cubs to the Paralympics. Again one of those once in a lifetime events that all will remember for a long time.
- RAF Hendon where the boys did their air activities badge and some cubs were invested. That back drop of the Lancaster bomber was amazing.
- These were all joint trips with other cub packs. The 4th cub activities are much in demand and we get lots of request to join us. The Paralympics trip was 2nd returning a favour to 4th and Wash Common took us to RAF Hendon as another thank you.
- We continued an active badge program with many of the boys filling up their jumpers with badges. I bet many mums, nannys and grannys can recall sewing on all those badges!
- Unfortunately our summer camp was cancelled due to the weather but we will make up for that another time.

A Plea: Can all parents please respond to the letters we send home. WE cannot be left to assume anything and we certainly do not have the time to call round to parents that cannot be

bothered to reply to us. In future any replies not received by the cut-off date will be removed from activity attendance lists.

To sum up: Another fantastic year- the leaders have had a ball constructing and delivering the program of activities and seeing the young people grow and mature while also having a ball.

King Louie, Tabaqui, Womble, Baloo, Baghera.