

AGM 2018-2019 – Cub Section Report

For us the 2018-2019 session started with our biannual trip to Taunton. This is a trip we make with 1st to the Scout group in Bishop's Lydeard, near to Taunton. The Scouts there rent out their facilities which are amazing. Our link is via Akala Martin @ 1st who's Mum is GSL there and his family are key Scouters.

We enjoyed a trip to Minehead on the west Cornwall railway and visited the RNLI in Minehead. The ice cream on the beach there was a highlight.

We make Taunton possible by doing everything in our power to limit costs. Part of this is the leader's annual work party trip to help at the hut in exchange for a fee free weekend. (This would be around £15 per Cub extra). We also have a leader's weekend away and do lots of work. We are planning to return next May for the VE day weekend, so we are popping back over the 1st weekend in November for a work party. Our efforts



also allow us to borrow their tents, so we are saved the hassle of lugging 7 or 8 sets of canvas to site.

We always try to have 3-4 nights away per year, so we also enjoyed an Autumn camp at Thirtover in the tented village. The huge attraction here is the fact that everything is provided on camp and we do not have to take any kit to camp. Oh, and Tesco deliver to site too so a leisurely camp for everyone.

We also had Remembrance Sunday which is one of the two key days in the Scouting calendar. Its important that the cubs understand the day and its significance. We also had a visit from Lucy, a serving Royal Navy officer, (Logan's Aunty) who talked with the cubs about her naval career and also what Remembrance Day meant to her and her colleagues.



As Bruce says, we did not have a Christmas event last year and given all the feedback we received, we will definitely be having a Christmas event this year.

We have some ideas on a theme so more on that to follow but keep December 16th free in your diaries.



We did have a decorated tree in the Church.

We did however have the parcel collection activity where we invited the Cubs to bring along a small present for the Homeless people in Newbury. 1st Newbury Scouts joined us and over 100 little presents were given to the homeless in town.

Earlier this year we also went to London for our other regular trip to the Lord Amory. This is a ship owned by the Sea Scouts in Canary Wharf and Mark always makes us so welcome. We really enjoy



this trip and we use it as a base for the Cubs to explore London. We believe that as part of the Cub process they should experience London, Tube travel, train travel and all the fuss and excitement of travelling around London. We visited the IWM in Lambeth and we also popped in to Downing street and travelled on the Emirates cable car. We have to say a huge thank you to FGW who launched a limited special train fare and as a regular travellers I got advance notice of the sale. 49 tickets later in the space of 10 minutes and we were off.



This year also saw us return to Fuces Farm in Headley where we stayed on a farm owned by a friend of mine. Its so close yet so far and the cubs love it. Those woods just keep the cubs occupied for hours. We enjoyed our visit from Laura and Aidan with their Ambulance truck and Sam tried to escape on the trolley. Aidan is coming back to teach 1st Aid later this term.

There was also the District Activity day that we held at St Barts School. This was an opportunity for all the 11 cub packs in our district to come together for some joint activities. How many cubs still have their Japanese name?

As already mentioned, next year will see us return to Taunton on the VE day weekend and already lots of the trip is booked so that will be another fantastic weekend.



As parents will know and confirm we have a very active badge program. The leadership team sits down at the start of every term to plan the term as it does not just happen. We always try to cover a mix of challenge badges and activity badges each term and this usually means parents including dads or grannies or favourite aunties have 4 to 6 badges per term to sew on! You just have to look at the jumper sleeves to see how successful our programs are.



As part of the badges we often visit locations like Pets at home or the Museum and sometimes we have visitors in. One visitor that stands out in my mind is the lady from the Homeless charity in town. You could hear a pin drop as she spoke to the cubs.

Womble's Mother's day gift was another highlight. Its amazing how many boys can sew.



We had an opportunity to work closely with the World Scout Jamboree team as Adam, our young leader was one of the 36 Young people selected to go to America and he will be telling everyone about his travels later this month.



Anyway, absolutely none of this would be possible without the cub leadership team of Womble, Hathy, Tabaqui and Jacala. So a huge thank you to them for all their help and making 4th Cubs such an amazing place.

King Louie