



3rd CHEAM SCOUT GROUP
NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2009

I never quite know where to begin with these reports. However, the most important thing that comes to mind is to firstly say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the Leaders, Supporters and Helpers, along with their respective husbands or wives, far too many to name, and if I did, I would be bound to miss one or more out. Then there are the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who attend the Group and make it all worthwhile.

Third Cheam Scout Group may not be the largest in the District, but what it lacks in size, it more than makes up for in spirit. I am constantly being amazed by the way Leaders cover each other, not only within Third Cheam, but also at other Groups as well. Then when it comes to fund raising, where would we be without Pam Clarke and her band of helpers at the Jumble Sales. Also, Ken Smith collecting together and delivering the printer cartridges again raising valuable funds for the Group.

The Group has a history going back to 1931, and it is my vision that it will continue for many years to come. It would be fantastic if it could grow as well and I welcome any suggestions as to how this may be achieved.

If the latter is to happen, then Third Cheam also needs more helpers. We can never have enough. Again, I know there are many of you out there who wish to help and some have already approached me and I have not forgotten. I still however look for more. So if you can give even only a very limited amount of time per month, I would like to hear from you.

Once again, my heart felt thanks to everyone involved in any way with Third Cheam and may the next 12 months be even better than the last.

Steve Luck
Group Scout Leader.

I HOPE YOU ENJOY READING THE REPORTS FROM ALL THE GROUPS?

You will also see our Balance Sheet, December 2008





Beavers and Badges: -

Well done and most of you have nearly completed the required 4 activities for some of the Challenge badges, so lots more will be received when we return in September!

We now have 8 invested Beavers in our Colony and welcome Brandon Hobbs who is due to be invested soon. We also wish Bradley Bywater and Liam Deering good luck in the Cub pack. We will certainly miss them in Beavers.

As you can see our numbers in the Colony are gradually increasing but we would still like more Beavers. If you know of anyone who is interested please let me know. We will be having a Bring a Friend evening again soon when Beavers can bring along as many friends as they like to a Colony meeting. Details will be sent home at a later date.

We've had a very busy spring and summer term working very hard to obtain challenge and Activity Badges.

CHALLENGE BADGES

Global Challenge

Thomas Hayes
Liam Deering
Bradley Bywater
Connie Hithersay
Luke Kelly
Matthew Callender
Neo Astrand

Outdoor challenge

Liam Deering

Friendship challenge

Liam Deering
Thomas Hayes

Promise Challenge

Liam Deering

ACTIVITY BADGES

Air Activities

Liam Deering
Bradley Bywater
Thomas Hayes
Connie Hithersay
Matthew Callender

1ST JOINING IN BADGE

Liam Deering

CHIEF SCOUT BRONZE AWARD

Liam Deering

It has been a busy year for District events and 3rd Cheam Beavers have been represented at all of them. We started our year with the District Panto at 4th Worcester Park HQ, then a brilliant Camp Fire at Bears Wood in April. We spent the whole day at Bears Wood after arriving by minibus, driven by Bear. In the morning we explored the site, followed by a picnic lunch before the Camp Fire started.

In April, we had our annual St George's Day parade in Sutton. A big thank you to all the Beavers who turned up for this, although it would have been nice to see more of you there for what is a very special event in the Scouting calendar. Our Fun Sports Day was on June 13th. A great time was had by all. The District is already planning lots of events for the New Year, starting in September and details will be sent out as soon as they are finalised.

My thanks as always to my helpers and my Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Jane, without whom I would not be able to provide such a varied and fun programme.

Di King
Beaver Scout Leader





THIS IS OUR CUB REPORT FOR 2008 - 2009

We have had a very full programme over the last year. Our own version of The Olympic Games, was great fun. We used the equipment we received from the Sainsbury's tokens last year.

The Cubs recorded a DVD of the Forbidden Planet song – “Captain Hero”.

An Inter-Six Football competition was held and we had a BBQ, where we enjoyed sausages (burnt!) and pastry twirls.

We also had an evening where we did a “year in a day”. We celebrated Chinese New Year and Valentines Day. This was followed by Easter, with Easter bunnies and an egg race. We danced around the maypole for Mayday, (but ended up tangled up in knots!)

For the summer holidays we played beach games. Halloween saw wizards against witches and this was closely followed by firework night. Christmas was celebrated by snowball fights, (no snow), so we used screwed up paper balls. Phew, what a day!!!

7 CUBS GAINED ROAD SAFETY BADGES

Samuel Hall, Lewis Colebrook, Tom Herridge, Libby Messenbird,
Alex Colebrook, Michael Callender, Charlotte Wood

An evening was spent “Going Green”. (Not literally) The Cubs had to make up an outfit of old clothes and paper.

Firework evening was fun with sparklers and games, but also incorporated a very important Fire Drill.

Our Chairman, Mike Smith, gave us an evening, learning how to tie knots.

We held a Cluedo evening – a human version and a Healthy Living evening, which featured food and fitness.

Bob Clarke (Kaa) and Tony King (Rama), came one evening and the Cubs were able to make, or at least fit together, bird-nesting boxes. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the following Cubs gained their D.I.Y. badges ...Charlotte Wood, Libby Messenbird, Lucy Waldron, Abinas Sriskandrajah, Michael Callender, Thomas Hithersay, Lewis Colebrook, Liam Deering, Bradley Bywater, Reece Trotman, Tom Herridge, Sam Tinton.

We have two events coming up soon. On July 15th Cubs are attending a Water Activity Day and a visit to the Royal British Legion Poppy Factory, Richmond is arranged for August 3rd.

COMINGS AND GOINGS:-

We have welcomed and Invested ...

*Libby Messenbird, Sam Tinton,
Abinas Sriskandarajah,
Reece Trotman, Lucy Waldron,
Bradley Bywater, Liam Deering*

*And as they go on to Scouts, we have said
Goodbye to ..*

Alex Colebrook and Shaun Sullivan

We also welcome Priyanka who is coming to Pack meetings with Philippa as a Young Leader.

Thanks to leaders of 8th Cheam Cub Pack, our Beaver Leaders, and Mark, (Scouts), for helping out at Pack meetings and Baloo, of course!

Raksha (Pam)
A.C.S.L





During the past year the Troop has had an active programme, enjoyed many activities and gained both challenge and activity badges.

We joined with the 1st North Wallington troop for a weekend camp at Bentley Copse. As well as enjoying some of the best weather of the summer the scouts learnt to cook on open fires which was new to most of them, enjoyed archery and wide games as well as many other activities.

During the summer term of 2008 we said goodbye to Philip and Cheryl Tree who were moving out of the area. We wish them well for the future and thank them for all their work with the troop.

This left us with a leadership problem, as it is not possible to run meetings with only one adult. **Dave Paine** came to our rescue and offered his help on troop nights and **Darrin Hook** also offered assistance. We finished off the summer term with some fire lighting and backwoods cooking, a favourite of scouts of all ages.

When we returned after the summer we started working on some Scouting skills with the aim of entering a team in the district night adventure in November, this went very well and we duly entered a team.

So a Saturday afternoon in mid November saw our team of 4 arriving with some trepidation at Frylands wood campsite. After putting up their tent, having a meal and equipment check the adventure began.

This saw 19 teams from around the district navigating their way around trails set up on site and taking part in challenges at bases along the way. These included dealing with a parachutist stuck in a tree, observation tests and crisp tasting. At around 1am all the teams had completed the course and after a hot drink and snack it was off to bed, yes that does mean they were camping in November!

On Sunday morning after a breakfast supplied by the organisers it was result time. Gradually teams were called out to collect their certificates, our team were now getting quite excited (as was I) as they realised they had done well; we were eventually to finish in 4th place and only 15 points off winning.

This was the first time the troop had entered this event and so makes an excellent result truly outstanding. The team of **Georgina Connaughton, Paul Paine, George Hook** and **Tom Cain** can be really proud of themselves.

The rest of the autumn term was taken up with starting work on the fitness challenge and preparing for the handball competition in February. The term finished with a group outing going 10-pin bowling and the group Christmas parcel delivery.





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So to a new year and new challenges, training for the handball competition formed part of the work for the fitness challenge. After a postponement for snow the competition took place and although they were eliminated in the group stages all the Scouts played well, had fun and were awarded the fitness challenge.

We also welcomed two new members up from the Cub pack, **Alex Colebrook** and **Shaun Sullivan** and I hope that they enjoy their time with the troop. At half term we said farewell to **Georgina Connaughton** who has moved on to the Explorer Scout section, where I am sure she will have an excellent time.

After half term we started work on the emergency aid stage 3 activity badge, which the scouts had asked to do. This covers first aid to quite a high standard and is about 5 hours of work spread over a number of weeks.

Sunday 29th March was not only a group scouts own service but also the district 5-a-side competition in the afternoon. After a hard fought tournament we found ourselves in the final, eventually losing to 5th Carshalton. All the Scouts took part in this and they can be proud of their achievements and the sporting way in which they played. My thanks go to Darrin Hook for training and managing the team to another excellent result.

We are now in to our summer programme and those that completed the assessment have been awarded their emergency aid stage 3 badge.

Some of the Scouts recently attended an archery event put on by the district. We are now looking forward to a water activities weekend and a summer camp near Southampton with our friends from 1st North Sutton.

During the course of the year we had the opportunity to nominate 2 young people for Jack Petchey achievement awards and I am pleased to say that these went to **Zoë Savage** and **Georgina Connaughton**, so congratulations to both of them. Zoë has left the troop, but is continuing her Scouting with another Troop and also received a Jack Petchey award through her school. Georgina has left the troop to continue her scouting in the Explorer scout section.

Lastly and by no means least thank you to people without whom none of this would have been possible, Dave Paine and Richard Haizelden (district scout leader) for their invaluable help with running troop nights.

*Mark Sherry
Scout Leader*

