

**13<sup>th</sup> Maidenhead (Methodist) Scout Group**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**7 pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2007**  
**The Methodist Church, High Street, Maidenhead**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Approve agenda - notice of items of other business
- 4 Minutes of the last meeting (held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2006)
- 5 Matters arising
- 6 Group Scout Leader
- 7 Approval of the Group Scout Leader nomination of Group Chairman
- 8 Election of Officers and Members

*At present serving :*

*Chairman*

*Andrew Milverton*

*Secretary*

*Don Stimson*

*Treasurer*

*John Simpson*

*Auditor*

*Barry R T Hill FCA*

*Membership Secretary*

*Jean Stevens*

- 9 Treasurer's report
  - a Approval of Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007*
  - b Approve donation to Church for use of premises etc.*
  - c Approval of annual subscription for 2006/2007*
- 10 Group Scout Leader's report
- 11 Presentation
- 12 Any other business by leave of the Chairman.

## Another great year

So what has happened in this busy year since we last had an AGM?

- New members joined the Group
- We enjoyed several Camps
- Lots of weekly meetings took place
- Loads and loads of exciting activities happened
- Members took part in many District competitions and activities
- A great District Centenary Camp was held

Over all, 13<sup>th</sup> Maidenhead is providing top quality Scouting for the young people who come along every week. This year has seen the Group become mixed with three girls joining Beavers, a huge leap forward for Scouting. As always, people have come and gone, and new ideas and ways of doing things have emerged. Most of all, the Leader Team has turned out come rain or shine, to help to develop the young people in their care.

All the sections are looking strong with healthy numbers and a fantastic team of leaders. A very experienced Scouter said to me while we stood in a puddle at the Centenary Camp, that the 13<sup>th</sup> would always be a great Group because we have got so much right. We are not huge with no family feel, or tiny and struggling to survive. We sit somewhere in the middle. I thought that was a good summary of the Group which I have grown up with since the age of eight.

This year, with the Centenary of Scouting upon us and celebrations all around, we look forward to hearing all about the experiences of the four Scouts attending the World Jamboree. This is what Scouting is truly about, mixing with 40,000 scouts from all over the world, making new friends, swapping badges, having new adventures and, most of all, fun. We wish them all a great time and I hope that they can encourage the younger ones to go themselves in four years time.

Unfortunately, Chris Maskell felt he was unable to take on the role of Group Scout Leader, but he is doing a great job

supporting the Group in other ways. He is working with the Group Exec and carrying out many tasks that the Leader Team previously had to do. He brings many new skills to the team and is a great help to us. However, as Dorothy and I feel we cannot carry out the Group Scout Leader role effectively, it means that we continue to look for a GSL. Ray (our District Commissioner) is looking after the job for the present, but he finishes at the end of the year and we need to have found someone with some urgency. Please can I ask you all to think long and hard about this; maybe you would like to give it a try or know someone who would.

Thanks for a great year.

**Richard Warren**

## **Treasurer's Report**

Income for the year was £13,919 (2005-6: £10,503) and expenditure was £15,394 (2005-6: £11,873). The group has no outstanding debt and all equipment is written down to zero value in the year of purchase.

The major sources of income were Gift Aid £976 (2005-6: £787), fund raising events £1,507 (2005-6: £1,932), subscriptions £3,488 (2005-6: £3,655) and activity fees of £1,774 (2005-6: £576).

Major items of expenditure were group capitation £2,367 (2005-6: £2,526) and general activity costs by the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers of £3,208 (2005-6: £1,792). Training costs were £67 (2005-6: £505). The group donated £400 to the High Street Methodist Church. The group underwrote the Jamboree costs for three scouts of £1,114. Expenditure and income from camps has increased due mainly to costs/income associated with the Centenary camp later in 2007. However Centenary Camp expenditure is roughly equal to income.

The financial viability of the group is dependent upon fund raising events, tax reclaimed from the Inland Revenue and annual subscriptions. Notably this year our expenditure was in excess of our income. Receipt of annual subscriptions was

slower than normal with a number of these remaining outstanding at the close of the accounting period.

There were capital purchases, in accordance with the groups' renewal policy, amounting to £916 (2005-6: £1,105) in the year.

The group carried forward £1,259 to 2007-08 (2005-6: £2,734) which, as this is lower than usual, will have an effect on our ability to fund activities in the early part of 2007-8.

**J. L. Simpson. OBE BA(Hons) CdipAF**

Treasurer, 13<sup>th</sup> Maidenhead (Methodist) Scouts

24 April 2007

## **Beaver Report**

The Colony Leader Team has stayed the same this year and the Colony has grown in size. We have 25 members now. 14 have joined and 6 have left during the year (1 moved away, 1 left the Group and 4 swam up to the Cub Pack).

Kit Macleod and Ryan Moore gained the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award for Beavers Scouts.

We also presented 80 other awards and badges in the year.

The Colony won the District Beaver Scout Challenge Trophy this year. It is awarded to the Colony that gains the greatest number of Challenge and Bronze Awards in the year. It reflects the quality of the programme offered at the weekly meetings and the good attendance of the Beavers.

Meetings included exploring the Jubilee River; visiting the Sikh Temple, the Fire Station and Braywick Park where the Beavers joined in pond dipping and the Tree Trail; they enjoyed a torch and welly walk, the swimming pool at St Piran's School, and completed a town trail. We joined the Cub Pack for water games in the park and were pleased to invite the minister, Rev Philip Morse, to spend an evening showing the Colony around the church. On another occasion, a member of the Dental Health Care Team from St Mark's Hospital, told us about teeth and how to look after them.

Nine Beavers joined in our fifth Sleepover. This year it was based around a celebration of 100 years of Scouting and organised by Nicky Stevens. The Beavers made and decorated biscuits; designed and fabric-painted T-shirts; tasted a variety of foods from around the world; played games; enjoyed a banquet complete with a cake and 100 candles; listened to stories, sang songs and told jokes around the campfire and still managed to watch a DVD before falling asleep at 1.00am.

We joined the District for an outing to Birdworld, and for the Beaveree at Altwood School on a theme of 'Pole to Pole', making us think about the environment, endangered species and global warming.

We entered the District Beaver Scout Craft Competition. Congratulations to Joe and Christopher for gaining 1<sup>st</sup> place for their entries in the collage and printing classes, respectively; to Stuart for achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the painting section; to Jack and Marcus for gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the collage and mask classes, respectively; and to the whole Colony who gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place for their Beaver Fun Day frieze.

We joined the Group for a campfire at Dorneywood, for a talent show; for a trip to the pantomime; for Centenary Camp, complete with our special banner; and at Church Parades.

The Beavers made gift boxes for Harvest Festival; cakes to sell at the Group coffee morning; ran the toiletries and jewellery stalls at the Christmas Fair; collected unwanted shoes to help children in Malawi; collected used stamps to help save the albatross; and raised money, by doing good turns at home, to help save the Asian vulture.

Finally I must add my thanks to everyone who has offered support to the Colony throughout the year and in particular to the parents who stepped in to help when Leaders were not available.

**Hawkeye**

## **Cub Section Report**

This year has been lots of fun and very rewarding. The pack is doing very well and we have 21 boys who regularly attend. The

programme is running successfully and is providing a good variety of activities, from quiet, thoughtful things through to boisterous adventurous activities like climbing and canoeing.

Highlights have included a great evening canoeing at Longridge, orienteering at the park, town trails, an excellent Cub Camp last September at Youlbury, the national day out to Alton Towers (complete with the tow home from the AA!). We have completed lots of work towards the Communicator's Badge, played games in the park and 10 Cubs came to the Centenary Camp.

We have entered most of the District activities including the Swimming Gala, Flag Competition and Incident Hike.

Work is under way with the planning of this year's camp which will be held at Rushall Farm in September. Having had two years at Youlbury, we decided to go back to one of our favourite sites.

I should like to thank all the Cubs for giving me such a great send off, and to say how much I have enjoyed Scouting with the 13<sup>th</sup> over the years. I shall miss you all. I intend to stay involved with the Group and hope to see you all soon at a camp or at some other activity. I wish the Group all the best for the future. I am certain that the Leader Team is one of the best and that the Group will thrive. Hopefully Scouting will be alive and well in another hundred years and we shall have had something to do with that.

**Akela**

## **Scout Section Report**

**Scouts and Leaders** – The troop has 22 Scouts, 5 Young Leaders and 5 Leaders. Unlike previous years, the age profile 10–14 is mixed with Scouts of all ages attending. They have been following an active and varied programme. This has included outdoor activities and a series of indoor challenges. Some of the older Scouts have broken away from the group and formed their own subsection, they have occasionally assisted the Leaders in running the programme.

**Training** – Wendy Fryer has completed elementary training in the past 12 months.

**Activities** – The Scouts have participated in physical challenges including a night hike camp and two wide games. There have been a couple of cooking sessions and theatrical performances at the talent show, Centenary Camp and campfire to note. A Scout Band has formed and had two gigs in the last 12 months. The combined summer camp with the 18<sup>th</sup> was a great success and the Scouts made a number of new friends. There have been two trips to Alton Towers and a very wet Centenary Camp for the Scouts to enjoy.

**District Events** – This year the Scouts have won the District Laser Football Competition and were runners up in the Laser Quest. The 13<sup>th</sup> Scouts were also well represented at the Swimming Gala. They followed up last year's premier disco event with another knees-up New Year's Disco. The Disco was attended by other Scouts from Maidenhead. This was a successful social evening for both Scouts and Leaders.

**Jamboree** – Three Scouts from the 13<sup>th</sup> have been fund-raising hard to raise £3,600 for the International Jamboree. The target was successfully achieved with six months to spare. The Group has also contributed to their target.

**John Statham**  
Scout Leader

## Dates for the Diary

30 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Water Activity Weekend
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Church Parade
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Scout Summer Camp
14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Cub Camp
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Church Parade / Harvest Festival
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Scout Group Coffee Morning
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Beaver District Outing
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Beaver District Craft Competition
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair

## 2006–7 summary account

	2006–7	2005–6	
<b>Income</b>			
Group fund raising	1,507	1,932	<b>note 1</b>
Gift aid	976	787	
Subscriptions	3,488	3,655	
Interest	22	69	
Activities	1,774	576	
Camps	4,948	3,454	<b>note 2</b>
Sales	68	30	
Jamboree	1,136	0	<b>note 3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,919</b>	<b>£10,503</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Capitation	2,367	2,526	
Activities	3,191	1,792	
Bank charges	0	146	
Training	67	505	<b>note 4</b>
Insurance	164	123	
Group expenses	523	358	
Camps	5,079	4,610	<b>note 2</b>
Capital purchases	916	1,105	
Badges/uniforms	157	308	
Donations	400	400	
Fund raising	280	0	
Jamboree	2,250	0	<b>note 3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,394</b>	<b>£11,873</b>	

Note 1 Fund raising is shown under Group and Jamboree income.

Note 2 These sums include the payments and costs of the Centenary Camp 2007 which falls outside this financial year.

Note 3 The Executive Committee agreed to underwrite the costs of three members to attend the 2007 Jamboree.

Note 4 Training costs are now mainly covered by capitation.