

**Minutes of the Leaders' Meeting  
held on 10 May 2011 at 7.30pm  
at the Scout Hall**

**Present**

Paul Boreham (Chair)	Dan Lilleycrop
Jim Lilleycrop	Darren Watts
Neil Young	Chris Furlong
Del Hurd	Keith Furlong
Dave Monteith	Lynn Missions
Maggie Lilleycrop	Tracy Gardner
Lyn Medcalf	Tracey Honey
Tim Roscoe	John McLoughlin
Michelle Watts	Jason O'Brien
Zara Austin	Kim Watts
Vicky Bonner	Lesley Bauckham

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Gary Missions, Debbie Prescott, Wendy Hurd, Karen Hannah and Stu Watts.

**2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Leaders' meeting held on 18 January 2011 were approved.

**3 Outstanding items from the last meeting**

- Website link to Teenage Trust Charity – done.
- Group Newsletter:
  - This proposal was rejected, it was agreed that parents should be directed to the website instead.
  - **Action:** Darren kindly offered to prepare a poster, publicising recent articles which have appeared on the website, for the notice board where parents wait.
- Equipment catalogue of stores – Carried over to the next meeting. **Action:** Paul to check status with Russ while at Family Camp.
- NSRA retake – this needs to be rescheduled. **Action:** Dave and Del will organise this between themselves.
- Power Kiting – confirmed (Sunday 5 June).
- Sailing with Cambria – confirmed (Saturday 2 July).
- Visit to RAF Hendon – on hold due to lack of interest.
- Leader Training:
  - Getting Started (Sunday 15 May);

- Module 38 (Friday 13 - Sunday 15 May);
- Media Workshop (Saturday 21 May) – Jason volunteered to attend this (Neil said that Karen Hannah may also wish to attend); and
- Practical Skills (Saturday 25 June).
- Activity Training:
  - County training only covers climbing and not abseiling and they can only issue personal permits.
  - It has therefore been decided that, going forward, 5<sup>th</sup> will do their own training and County will carry out the necessary assessments afterwards.
- Spend of BT Community awards grant
  - John has all the necessary receipts from the new sections (who were each given £125).
  - **Action:** Paul will speak to Neil about the cargo net and strap to be purchased for the Cubs.
- 95th Birthday Badge Update
  - Del reported that 28 entries, across all sections, had been received and the winning entry was chosen anonymously.
  - The badges have been produced and will be distributed in December.
  - The winner will be announced (and the winning entry displayed) at the AGM.

#### 4 Section updates

Please see Appendix 1.

#### 5 Family Camp (27 – 30 May)

Parents' meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11 May, during which information packs will be handed out.

Karen will be speaking about 777 during the evening and several fund-raising events are taking place over the weekend.

**Action:** Paul kindly offered to bring a projector down to the hall and lay out the chairs in readiness for the meeting.

**Action:** Tim said he would email the campsite rules to Paul so that he could read them prior to parents' meeting.

Altogether there are 150 people going – 110 parents and their children, and 40 leaders and their children. John mentioned that he is not attending camp but is available to help on the Saturday if required.

There are 15 “golden” activities. Everyone attending will be given two tickets and will be asked to vote for their preferred activities. 5<sup>th</sup> will try to accommodate as many requests as possible, but ultimately it will be a lottery as to who does what activities.

It was noted that:

- (i) some parents will not want to take part in the activities themselves;

- (ii) some parents will donate their tickets to their children; and
- (iii) some people will be excluded from certain activities because of age/height restrictions.

The overall winner of the cardboard canoe race will be the canoe which manages the most laps of the lake. Additional prizes will be awarded for the (i) best designed canoe; and the (ii) best decorated canoe.

## 6 Summer Camp (23 – 31 July)

Invitations have gone out, so leaders should start promoting this event among their sections. Activities will include canoeing, hiking and canyoning.

**Action:** Dave and Darren kindly volunteered to help Paul with organising this camp.

## 7 Bisley

Information pack has gone out (the deadline given is the absolute deadline in order to guarantee places).

**Action:** Paul will speak to Neil from 9<sup>th</sup> in case 5<sup>th</sup> needs to join forces with another Scout troop in order to put a team together.

## 8 JOTT

Paul reported that all sections are participating and that the Scouts/Explorers should be at Sevenoaks Station by 8.30am.

## 9 Scout Carnival (Saturday 11 June)

Fancy dress is required for Beavers and Cubs (and anyone else who wishes to dress up is welcome to do so!) It was noted that judges like to see costumes and accessories that have been made rather than purchased. Buggy Malone is the theme this year.

There will be a football competition for the Scouts.

5<sup>th</sup> have been asked to provide the pioneering again this year.

3<sup>rd</sup> have offered to help with the cargo net.

Another group have offered to provide the archery.

8<sup>th</sup> may be providing an aerial runway.

There is the possibility of canoeing.

## 10 AGM (Sunday 19 June)

All the account books had been handed in with the exception of Leigh Pack's (which John brought to the meeting). **Action:** Neil kindly offered to hand-deliver Leigh Pack's account book to John).

### Timings:

11 am	Activities (archery, shooting, climbing and crafts) <b>Action:</b> Zara and Michelle kindly offered to organise the craft activities
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12 midday	AGM (including presentation for badge winner)
2.30 pm	Finish

Karen and Phil Hannah have kindly offered to look after the burgers and sausages.

Tracy Gardner kindly volunteered to look after teas and coffees.

Lesley Bauckham kindly offered to do the washing up (and take the minutes of the meeting).

Lesley will be coordinating the AGM report again this year. **Action:** Paul asked that each section leader prepare a report covering his/her section's highlights for the year ending March 2011, to be emailed to Lesley no later than the end of May.

**Action:** Neil is preparing a leaflet for parents (to be circulated both by email and in hard copy).

Neil has invited the 'dignitaries' and a number of local businesses. Paul has invited District. The Teenage Cancer Trust has also been invited.

## 11 Work Party

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

In the meantime, it was agreed that, in the week leading up to the AGM, each section would spend some time cleaning and tidying the hall and the outside areas in readiness for the visitors.

**Action:** Lyn kindly agreed to draw up a list of jobs and allocate them, as appropriate, to each section (on the proviso that, if leaders had any concerns about the jobs allocated to their section, they speak to her straightaway).

## 12 777 Challenge - New Hall Fund

This will be communicated to parents over the coming weeks, starting with Family Camp. Fundraising activities are being arranged for Family Camp, the Scout Carnival and the Dartford Festival.

Banners, posters and tee shirts publicising the 777 Challenge are in the process of being designed.

Other fundraising initiatives include:

- District Climbing Badge Day (tentatively scheduled for Saturday 10 September) – up to 30 places, £15 per head, offered to Scouts and Explorers within District; and
- Race Night (scheduled for Saturday 1 October).

## 13 Van

The new tow bar has been fitted.

**Action:** Paul offered to check when the next MOT is due. [6<sup>th</sup> July]

**Action:** Keith is kindly preparing a guidance note, which will be kept in the van for information.

## **14 Any other business**

### **14.1 Beavers Special 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Challenge (Archery at Quex Park (near Margate), Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 May)**

Nearly 1,000 beavers are expected on the Saturday and 700 beavers on the Sunday! Lynn mentioned that, while there are sufficient leaders to run this event, extra help is always welcome.

### **14.2 Edinburgh Chase**

Jim reported that six out of the seven teams completed the course and that he was pleased with the effort *everybody* had made.

## **15 Date of next meeting**

It has been proposed that with the AGM taking place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June that the next Leaders' meeting take place at 7.45 until 9:45 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Scout Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

## Appendix 1 Section Reports

	Leaders/ Helpers	Status	Leaders / skills shortages	Programmes / awards	Recent / forthcoming activities
<b>Johnston Explorer Scouts</b>	Dan Lilleycrop Stu Watts	15 members	In the process of handing over to Dave Monteith (Dave will run Explorers after Family Camp)		
<b>Earley Scout Troop</b>	Jason O'Brien Keith Furlong Darren Watts Dave Monteith	25 members 5 linking Cubs 6 moving up to Explorers in the Autumn	No issues - "things ticking along quite nicely"		JOTT Tug of War District Football District Jamboree
<b>Burne Scout Troop</b>	Del Hurd Ashley Hurd Jason Elliott Tim Roscoe	17 members 1 linking Cub	No issues	DIY Badge Communications Badge	Cross country St. George's Day Parade
<b>Leigh Cub Pack</b>	Tracey Honey John McLoughlin Terry White	20 – 25 members 3 linking Beavers New intake from Beavers "nice bunch of lads"	John needs help on 10 June (Lyn will assist) and during the Carnival. Losing two assistants (Terry and Dawn) as going to university – keen to keep in touch, though, and will help during the holidays.		Cub Camp Cross country Carnival
<b>Collins Cub Pack</b>	Michelle Watts Ted Essex Sarah Essex Hilary Essex Trevor Gull	34 members 1 linking Beaver 2 going up to Scouts in September	Two parents – John Butler and Vicky Fisher – are kindly helping out at the moment.  The number of members is still an issue.	New programme being rolled out	Pets at Home RNLI
<b>Phillips Cub Pack</b>	Zara Austin Tracy Gardner Chris Furlong	14 members	No issues	Activity Badge Work	

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<b>Peacock Beaver Colony</b>	Maggie Lilleycrop Debbie Prescott	18 members (quite a few have just moved up to Cubs)	No issues		Quex Park Ashen Drive Library Pets at Home
<b>Philpott Beaver Colony</b>	Wendy Hurd Julie Brittle Oliver Hurd	24 members	Pleased to report that Julie Brittle has come back to help	Currently making 'passports' – learning about a different country each week	RNLI Cross country St. George's Day Parade JOTT
<b>Edwards Beavers</b>	Vicky Watts Kim Watts	25 members (15 not yet invested) 6 moving up to Cubs in the Summer Not currently accepting any new members - waiting list and register of interest in operation			Sainsbury's (learning about Fairtrade and healthy eating) Quex Park