

Cub Section report – AGM 2011

It's been yet another packed year with many different new and old activities. We carried out our first Parent & Cub camp in May at Botany Bay which went so well we are organising another one in June this year. In June the Cubs took part in the Mynydd Maen Adventure Hike around Blaen Bran Woodlands. In the same month we participated in the annual District Cub camp which was held for the first time at Cranham site just outside Gloucester. This was a beautiful site and we were blessed with a sunny camp which everyone really enjoyed. As usual there was an exciting range of activities to try including woggle making, backwoods cooking, woodland trails and a duck race.



In the autumn the Cubs took part in a treasure hunt round the local area, spent an evening rifle shooting in Pontnewydd and learnt fire lighting skill at Blaen Bran woodland. This was a popular evening as they made dough sticks which they covered in chocolate spread. We've had the dogs for the blind visit and the local police. We took part in the annual cub competition and although we didn't win this year the team were placed 3rd overall, met many new friends and learnt several new skills. The big event of the term was a PGL camp at Osmington Bay Outdoor Centre near Weymouth from the 22nd to 24th October. There Cubs took part in many different events such as archery, quad biking, tunnelling, climbing and abseiling. Everyone really enjoyed it and the Cubs are looking forward to joining in again next time.



In the spring term the Cubs found out about the forthcoming Jamboree in Sweden and held a Valentine evening. Once again we fielded a team for the District Swimming Gala and we won yet again, retaining the shield which has never left our Group since the competition was founded. We took part in the District Hike from Pontypool Basin which went via the Folly and the canal before returning to Pontypool. The Cubs spent many evenings rehearsing for the Group Gang show and I am sure you enjoyed their performances. We finished the year at the St Georges Camp which was this time held at Caldicot Castle in a joint camp with Monmouthshire District. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and yet again we had another sunny camp.



We have some good news to report on the leader's front with both Hati and Akela gaining their Wood Badges to become fully qualified leaders. Congratulations to both!

Our numbers are good at the moment although not at maximum but we will have several new members from the beaver colonies very shortly. We have an exciting program planned to take us through the summer which includes 2 camps, ScubtreX Area hike & our own District competition hike.

I'd like to thank the cubs and parents for their support through the year and hope you will continue to support us through the next year.

Steve Brown

Akela