

## 1st PARK STREET SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCOUT HUT ON MONDAY  
13 JUNE 1983 at 8.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Mrs A Hardy, Mr M Turner, Mr S Rees, Mrs J Barnes, Mrs C Abingdon, Mr J Sykes, Mr & Mrs Birch, Mr & Mrs Vipas, Mrs S Mancey, Mr & Mrs Cox, Mrs J Gould, Mrs P LaRiviere, Mr N Carruthers, Mr R Firmin, Mr & Mrs Milsted, Mr & Mrs St John, Mr & Mrs Flack, Mr & Mrs Ward, Mr & Mrs Cummins, Mr A Vernon, Mr D Harrison, Linda Pye, Gareth Jones, Mark Birch, Mr & Mrs Liffen.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None were received.

### 1 **WELCOME AND MINUTES OF LAST A.G.M.**

A welcome was extended to those present by the Chairman, Mike Flack, and the meeting declared open. Minutes of previous AGM held on 18 May 1982 were agreed. Proposed Jim Sykes, Seconded Hazel Birch.

### 2 **GROUP REPORT (Mike Cox)**

A mixed year with a few up and downs, my particular problem being a lot of time spent away on business with never enough time to devote to the cubs/scouts. There is a waiting list for both cub packs which are, in fact, over-full. The cubs are very short of help with Nigel's pack in particular being in urgent need of assistance. Nigel is lending a hand in the District. Good leaders on Cub/Scout sections with four scout patrols winning the camping competition this year and last year. Venture Unit now operating - my thanks to Mike Turner and Mike Flack. Biggest liability is the van, although Venture Unit are working on it's improvement. YOP's have agreed to paint the hut and provide labour. District Council have promised a grant towards the footpath.

During the last year the Fund Raising Committee have raised well over a £1000 and my thanks go to all those who have helped in all sections of Scouting activity.

### 3 **SECTION REPORTS**

#### Cubs Wood Pack (Anna Cox)

Since last year quite a large turnover of boys. Five boys have left the District with possibly a sixth leaving this area. Pack of 28 boys with 16 still 8 years old, however, all said and done we have got 77 proficiency badges, 20 Bronze, 12 Silver and 7 Gold, and probably another gold. All boys progressing fairly well, although did not do too well in District events. Arrow competitions - could not enter as at the time not enough 8 year olds! Last year we had a joint camp with the Birch Pack at Chalfont, which proved to be more of a training camp as we had 2 or 3 boys who had never camped before. Spring holiday weekend spent at Ivinghoe Youth Hostel. This year we decided to have YH meals which made life easier for the leaders. All in all quite successful. Two boys spent a weekend with the St Julians Pack and we have participated in quite a few joint pack meetings with the St Julians Pack. Had a snake man come to talk on his 'pets' - a very fascinating evening. This year we have a joint camp with the Birch pack in July and again a pack holiday in October with the St Julians pack. Joining up with other packs we see as an important part of scouting. As Mike as already said we have a waiting list of 17 boys of age to start in the wood pack.

A very big thank you to all adult helpers and in particular Carole Ward, Norma, Geraldine Vipas, without whose help I would find it very difficult. Thank you to David Ward for running the football team so very successfully.

#### Cubs Birch Pack (Nigel Carruthers)

Cannot claim that we have had the number of gold arrows that Anna has had (one only). At present in the midst of 'home help' badges with the assistance of Marilyn Seckerson. The boys enjoy a wide range of activities both here and in the District. Cub sports was cancelled because it poured with rain. We had a very successful boating evening run by Mr Vernon. Two teams participated in camp competitions, we did not win but the boys enjoyed themselves despite the exceptionally wet weather. Had an enjoyable summer camp, Maud Coleman Trophy and swimming gala. Sixers day centred here, with once again wet weather. We took part in a handicraft competition. Easter hike to Ivinghoe very good. For the first time ever my group raised more than £100 during Scout Job Week. Participated in Cub district day at Lees Wood. Personally took part in PL training course and GI Instructors course.

#### Scouts (Stan Birch)

Generally looking back over the last twelve months the Scouts have had a very good year, we now have four patrols with approximately 24 boys under the guidance of three scouters. On badge work three boys gained their Scout Standard, One an Advanced Scout Standard and one scout, Alisatir Abington, gained both his Scout Standard and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme/Bronze Award. The DC awarded both of these badges to Alistair. Held a number of camps over the last year, most of which under the same wet and muddy conditions as the cubs. Also the trek cart got an airing and we had some pleasant remarks passed back to us by local residents, also held a 6 mile hike for cubs coming up into scouts - whole troop went on this one. Most of the lad had good fun with the canoe last summer. Had a very good film show of Scouting in the 50s also invited London Colney and Colney Heath for the evening. Two other events - first is the County LightWeight camping competition - last years winners gained automatic entry into this, although they knew they could not win because the patrol leader was ten days over the age limit. They were highly commended at the presentation for the spirit with which they entered, also gained the 'epic' trophy to keep for the coming year. Although we did not manage a straight win in the District camping competition, one patrol was placed sixth with another patrol placed joint winners with Colney Heath. A big thank you to Scouters Steve, Jim and John for without them a lot of this would not have been possible.

#### Venture Unit (Mike Turner)

I found myself co-erced into the position of 'leading' this unit and am pleased to see three members here tonight. To start at the beginning we first had to test the ground locally to see if there was a 'need' for a Venture Unit in Park Street by doing a lot of door-to-door work. In February this year we called the first meeting with 16 young people attending and two more showing an interest making a total to date of 18. We now have 14 members, eight of which are invested. There is a good mixture of eight boys and six girls over a varying age range, with a number of other people showing an interest in joining; both direct and coming up from Scouts. In our March meeting we elected the VU executive. VU differs from Scouting as an elected executive run the Unit with my advice. A balanced worthwhile programme has been run during the year both inside and outside:- orienteering, initiative exercise, committee exercises, small arms, super stars competitions, games evening, talk on road safety, chariot race (finished last!). In this last event one of the girls hurt her ankle and the team carried her round so they could all finish together, this I felt showed their nice spirit and character. Joint camp with Colney Heath VU and the American equivalent of Venture scouting at Mildenhall. Quite a bit of time has been spent on van maintenance. For the future all looks very encouraging with events lined up such a sub-aqua diving, canoeing/sailing, talk from a magistrate.

Cub Football (David Ward)

Considering that we started with practically a new team of 9 year olds I think that we did pretty well this year, finishing 4th from top with 27 points as against top place of 27 points, 20 points, 19 points respectively. We reached the quarter-finals of the Salway Cup. We had a total of 81 goals for and 38 goals against. The top goalscorer was Gregory Pearson, 36 goals, and full attendance throughout the year was made by Paul Dobbie, Darren Polkinghorne and Gregory Pearson. I would like to draw to the attention of parents of boys selected to play next year, that if they have a note stating that they are playing and for any reason cannot, please phone me as soon as possible; as this year we were boys short very often and not informing me they could not play. I would like to thank Mr Evans for use of Part Street School pitch, also Mr Philpott for refereeing the home matches for me. Also I would like to thank Christine Abington for helping my wife sew on the numbers on our new shirts and also my long suffering wife for washing the shirts!

4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS - agreed.

5 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO 31st MARCH 1983

Christine Abington (Group Treasurer) distributed copies of the accounts to the year ended 31.3.83. Particular note was made of the fact that the Summer Market held recently raised £508. Following closure of Oak Pack money has been transferred to group. A thank you was extended to Mr Firmin for auditing same to which a small presentation was made in appreciation of his auditing the accounts.

6 APPOINTMENT OF GROUP CHAIRMAN

Mike Flack is now stepping down owing to his commitment to the Venture Unit and Lis Cummins has agreed to take over this position. A welcome was extended to Lis by Mike Cox who thanked her for agreeing to take up this position.

7 APPROVAL OF GSL's NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hazel Birch and Steve Rees agreed to remain on committee.

8 ELECTION OF GROUP SECRETARY

Ann Hardy agreed to continue.

9 ELECTION OF GROUP TREASURER

Christine Abington agreed to continue.

Proposed Anna Cox, Seconded David Ward.

(David Ward agreed to continue with the Cub Football Team for his third year)

10 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agreed as above.

Fund Raising Committee. Jean Gould agreed to carry on. Mrs Polkinghorne to assist.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gerald Milsted (DC) stated how pleased he was to see a good representation at our AGM. Numbers in the group are coming up reasonably well which is nice to see in this area. It is very pleasing to see sections working with other groups in the area and going out and about. Am pleased to see the Venture Scouts progressing. Alistair Abingdon's presentation is still the only 'double' made in the District. Thank you very much for the invitation to your AGM, and look forward to another twelve months of scouting activities.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.5pm. CHEESE AND WINE REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWED.

.....CHAIRMAN .....*Ann Hardy*.....SECRETARY

