

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCOUT HUT ON MONDAY  
11 JUNE 1984

**PRESENT:** Mrs A Hardy, Mrs E Cummins, Mr & Mrs Cox, Mrs N Polkinghorne, Mr & Mrs Bunker, Mr P Wenham, Mr D Hayward, Mr Drake, Mr N Carruthers, Mr R Firmin, Mr & Mrs Seckerson, Mrs P LaRiviere, Mr M Turner (53 PSL), Michelle Birch, Lynda Pye, Alistair Abington, Mr M Flack, Mrs C Abington, Mr & Mrs Ward, L Mann, Mrs J Henderson, Mr M Turner (Ventures), Mr D Harrison, Mr & Mrs Birch, Mr S Rees.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mrs J Gould, Mrs F Mutlow.

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

A welcome was extended to those present by the Chairman, Lis Cummins, and the meeting declared open. Minutes of previous meeting held on 13 June 1983 were agreed.

2 **GROUP REPORT (Mike Cox)**

Venture Scouts running very successfully with 16 young people, however, with the older Scouts going up to Ventures this leaves a very young Scout group. One worrying factor is the number of Cubs dropping out - reason not known. Thank you to all those who have given their time in assisting with the groups, in particular Ann/Secretary and Jean/Fund Raising Committee who are relinquishing their posts. My apologies for being unable to afford as much of my time as I would like. (Summer Market: help and donations needed).

3 **SECTION REPORTS**

Cubs Wood Pack (Anna Cox)

28 boys at each pack meeting with a waiting list to enrol. During the year gained 16/Bronze, 4/Silver, 6/Gold and 65/Proficiency Badges. District events: Sports, arrow competition (came 5/6th), swimming gala, chess competition (won), St Georges Day Parade, Knebworth. Joined with Birch Pack in Summer Camp. Walked to Chiswell Green, Weekend in Phasels (Map Reader Badge covered), Camper and Explorer Badge covered. Spent a good evening at Garston Fire Station, also weekend at Norland Heights with the camp being based on a Red Indian theme. Chippy hike to Radlett now becoming an annual event. A thank you to Dave/Akela St Julians Pack for combined meets.

As from September the upper age limit will be 10½ - then on to Scouts. Thank you to Norma, Geraldine, Carol for all their regular invaluable help each week, also Dennis Duke, Sam Cottingham, Dave Ward (cub football) and all parents who have assisted with the cubs.

Cubs Birch Pack (Nigel Carruthers)

22 boys with a number moving up to Scouts. With the help of Mike Turner we have been able to offer the boys a significantly wider range of activities. We held a 'welly walk' after Christmas, a Scientist Badge day during the Christmas holidays. In the spring we had a hike to Phasels. Our summer camp proved enjoyable with good help from parents. For the first time Birch Pack won the inter-pack cub football. District Sports this Saturday although we are not taking part. Hike and Camp competition end of this month. Sixers day went to 16th hut, participated in St George's Day, Cub activity day at Lees Wood, branding, foil cooking, Knebworth. Badge work: gained 7/Gold.

### Scouts (Stan Birch)

22 boys with an average attendance of 18 under 13's. With some of the older lads moving on this leaves us with a very young troop in the age range of 10½-12½ years. Badge successes were: 3/Scout Standard, 2/Advanced Scout Standard, 2/Chief Scout Standard (John Cox, Philip Reeves). Held 2 night hikes, several camps (Chalfont, Lees Wood, Western Park, Norwich) including one in the grounds of the hut! Spent some time sailing at Marlow. Held our usual 'chippy' trek (this 6-mile walk now includes Cubs coming up to Scouts). Entered Chariot Race (run by Sandridge) for the first time. Out of 15 participating troops finished 9th.

Welcome back to John Curzon.

### Ventures (Mike Turner)

At the end of our first full year we have a good consolidated Venture Unit of 16 young people (14 of whom have been invested, 2 waiting) with an average attendance of 12. Compared to other St Albans units we are on a sound footing numberwise. A special mention and thanks to Mike Flack for all his support.

Encouraged by the District VS to adopt a name we chose "Olde Parkye Venture Scout Unit".

Activities have been very much along the same lines as described last year, with a combination of the serious, not so serious to the downright silly! We have had Speakers (including one talk from a Magistrate), held a committee exercise, mock court. On the sporting side took part in the swimming gala. Our high spot has been the Peak Assault in Cumbria which entailed a lot of learning between Christmas and March; also much fund raising as we had very little equipment, however, aided by a sizeable grant from the Council the Ventures were able to obtain the necessary 'gear'. A superb effort with the unit finishing in a high position in all competitions.

8 Venture Awards during the year. For the future all is going well although we cannot look to the Scout Group for recruitment during the next 18-24 months as they are at a very young age level, hence, we are taking steps to look elsewhere - although there is a shortage of girls owing to a recently formed Ranger unit. My thanks to all who have assisted.

### Cub Football (David Ward)

Finished 4th from bottom (as against in my first year winning the Salway Cup). 47 Goals for, 38 goals against. Top goal scorer Gregory Pearson with 33 goals. Only 2 - Owen Turner, Ronny Philpott (goal-keeper) attended all matches. My thanks to Mr Philpott for continuing to act as referee. 5-a-side not very good. Won 1 and lost the rest. Only retaining 3 boys for the next season. As this coming season will be my last one I am looking to somebody willing to take over, also I would like help with running the line and keeping an eye on the boys. My thanks once again to Mr Philpott for refereeing and Carol for never-ending shirt washing.

### Fund Raising Committee

1/10/83	Jumble	£123.62.
15/10/83	Barn Dance	£ 48.01
24/10/83	Kids Disco	£ 44.02
31/10/83	Halloween	£ 12.10
Christmas	Disco	£ 5.15½
22/2/84	Disco	£ 46.65
10/3/84	Barn Dance	£ 49.37
24/3/84	Jumble Sale	£137.05
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>£465.97½</u>

Our main event, the Summer Market, is to come on the 23 June. Help required to man the stalls and as much produce as possible is required. Volunteers are need to run and chair (owing to Jeans resignation) the Fund Raising Committee.

4 **APPROVAL OF REPORTS** - agreed.

5 **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO 31st MARCH 1984.**

*Christine Abington (Group Treasurer) distributed copies of the accounts to the year ended 31.3.84. Their acceptance was proposed by Anna Cox and seconded by Mike Turner. A thank you and presentation was extended to Mr Firmin for auditing same.*

6 **APPOINTMENT OF GROUP CHAIRMAN**

*Lis Cummins agreed to continue.*

7 **APPROVAL OF GSL's NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Hazel Birch, Steve Rees and Mike Flack agreed to remain on the Committee.*

8 **ELECTION OF GROUP SECRETARY**

*As Ann Hardy was resigning, June Roberts, agreed to take over. Proposed Anna Cox, Seconded Mike Flack. A presentation was made to Ann for her work as Secretary.*

9 **ELECTION OF GROUP TREASURER**

*Christine Abington agreed to continue. Proposed Hazel Birch, Seconded Norma Polkinghorne.*

10 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Agreed as above.*

*Fund Raising Committee: With Jean Gould's resignation there was a need to appoint a 'volunteer' replacement assisted by Carol and Pauline. (Sec.note: during the Cheese & Wine which followed the business of the meeting, Hazel and Marilyn agreed to assist on the FRC!!).*

11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Lis Cummins, stated that the YOP team had finished painting the hut.*

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15pm.

CHEESE and WINE REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWED.

..... (CHAIRMAN)

.....(SECRETARY)

