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Scout Group Annual General Meeting
Thursday 13th July at 8pm



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Existing Committee:

Chair	Mick Dorsett
Treasurer	Richard Welsh (holding)
Secretary	Susan Nightingale
Group Scout Leader	Alison Kelley
Beaver Leader	Paul Hubbard
Cub Leader	Stuart Credland
Scout Leader	Lucy Taylor
Asst Scout Leader	Rob Birch
Fundraising/Troop Ass	Darren Booker
Beaver Parent Rep.	Owen Mathias
Beaver Parent Rep.	(Vacant)
Cub Parent Rep	Rob Vaughan
Cub Parent Rep.	(Vacant)
Scout Parent Rep.	Jane Bartle
Scout Parent Rep.	Rachael Ward
Scout Parent Rep.	Dianne Atkin
Explorer Leader	Tony Davis (co-opted)

AGENDA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
30th LINCOLN 1st BASSINGHAM
BEAVER, CUB & SCOUT GROUP

TO BE HELD IN
BASSINGHAM SCHOOL HALL
on
Thursday 13th July at 8pm

The proposed agenda is:

1. Apologies
2. Matters from the minutes of the last AGM
(found on the group website under)
www.bassinghamscoutgroup.org.uk
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Any questions on the Chairman and Leaders reports
(found here in the Scout Group Booklet)
5. District Leader's Address
6. Election of Officers
7. Any other Business

Could we ask as many of you as possible to please attend?

The meeting will last 15 to 20 minutes after which there will be a barbecue provided by the scouts.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION



I hope you find the following booklet interesting and we hope to see you at the AGM on the 13th July. The leaders and all those supporters that make this group work would like to see you there.

The 30th Lincoln, 1st Bassingham Scout Group have had another successful year and each of the leaders from the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have included a report on their activities during the past year. The Explorers group is flourishing under the guidance of Tony Davies.

This is my final year as Chair and would like to thank the committee for all their time and efforts into making the Group successful.

I am always overwhelmed at the leaders and helpers who give of their time so generously to make the 1st Bassingham Scout Group such a thriving and successful group. Without their dedication and enthusiasm, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts would not be so successful and I would like to thank them all on behalf of all the parents and carers.

Finally, I would like to say that I have enjoyed my involvement with the Scout Group over the past few years and would like to wish them every success in the future.



(Flower Festival)



GROUP SCOUT LEADER



What a Great year!

The group had its **50th Birthday in August** last year and we celebrated this with a hugely enjoyable Curry Night cooked and served by the Scouts. We also celebrated by changing our neckers adding a band of Gold (for 50 years) and a band of green (Lincoln's colour). The cubs concluded the 100 Activity Challenge set by Lincoln District to mark the Cub Scout Centenary. Helen and Heather then created a superb scrap book detailing all 100 activities and submitted it for judging.

Bassingham Cubs won the Competition!!

The 2017 census showed an increase in numbers, the Scouts are doing particularly well with 40+ Scouts and the Beavers are holding their own and thinking of putting their numbers up to 24 in the autumn. Cub numbers have declined somewhat at present but we are hoping to change this by the end of the year. The group continues to offer a wide range of activities including cycling, canoeing, hiking, camping, climbing, and backwoods cooking and survival. This year we are planning a Group Camp and are attending the Lincoln International Camp (Poacher). We continue to play a part in the local communities, tidying the under-six's play area, weeding the Hammond Hall Garden, making Scarecrows for the Scarecrow Trail and supporting both Bassingham and Brought Broughton's Village shows. The community has also supported us and we thank the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes and the Young People's Trust Carlton le Moorland who were kind enough to give us donations to buy new neckers. The latter also gave us money for a new tent.

The Group Team has again this year been supported by 7 young leaders who are very reliable and very hard working. A big thank you to them, also thanks to our excellent group of Leaders for their dedication, it is a privilege to work with them. This year Scarlet Leonard (Assistant Scout Leader) and Owen Mathias (a Beaver Colony Assistant covering Amy's Maternity leave) have joined the team. Our other important supports are Parents, so thank you those who serve on the Executive Committee, help at meetings and camp and all of you for getting your young people to all activities.

On a lighter note two of our Leaders, Amy Beckwith (Badger) and Stuart Credland (Balloo), both became parents of boys in March. They are on the waiting list for Beavers!

Last year I finished with a concern about our accommodation for storage of equipment and the need for a suitable venue for Scout activities. Darren Booker and a small team have been looking at a long term solution (see page 10) Please read their proposals carefully as in the near future we will be asking for both your comments and possibly your help to carry them out.

BEAVERS



Another successful year and the colony continues to thrive. Planning is based around the Scout Associations colony programme, this gives the Beavers a wide

range of activities and badges to achieve while learning about Scouting. All these challenges and activities are achieved each week through craft, games, discussions, visits from groups and organisations and getting out and about exploring. The last 12 months the colony has continued to work on the Scouting Association programme this has included the My Skills and My Outdoor Challenge badges, Beavers have also had the opportunity to work

together on personal activity badge these have been the Cook, Creative, Experiment, Space, Explore, Communicator, Air Activity, Emergency Aid and Camp Craft. This year leaders have also selected several activity badges that the Beavers are encourage to do individually in their own time. The new programme is much more challenging and the individual Beavers have to put in a lot of effort to gain their awards. Beavers have been meeting the requirements and have been awarded their badges accordingly throughout the year by regularly attending meetings and events and undertaking the activities set, some of which have including: - hiking, explore, discover, map work, balance diet, experiments, where we live and recycling. Smoothie, biscuit and wreath making, hygiene, problem solving, communication, Morse code, paper planes, air activity and bridge, bird box and scarecrow building. Plus, also learnt, discussed and if appropriate made something on a variety of annual calendar events.

This last year we have visited Whisby Nature Park, The Transport Museum, and the climbing wall at Lincoln College. Last July 15 beavers visited Cub camp for the day. This gives them the opportunity to experience a camp environment and the surroundings as well as joining in with the group's activities, 7 Beavers also experienced the thrills of canoeing at the groups July session. We had 9 Beavers join us for Remembrance Day service at St Michael's last November and 9 Beavers attend this year's St Georges Day Parade at the Cathedral in April. We have also had the opportunity to join in with District Beaver events to, in December 2 Leaders and 7 Beavers went on the Christmas trip to Sundown and 9 went to the Beaver Easter Party.

The last 12 months we have had 4 Beavers progress to Cubs, 5 decide Scouting wasn't for them and had 9 new starters keeping colony numbers at around 17/18. 2 of the Beavers that progressed to Cubs were awarded their Bronze Chief Scout Award before leaving; this is the highest award available to a Beaver Scouts and signifies a commitment to scouting. Thank you to Ian and Amy for their continued leadership support, our young leaders Celia, Leo and Ben for their help and all other leaders, committee and parents for all they do to help us keep the colony running each week.



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This year went with a bang! 2016 - Celebrating Cub's 100th birthday! The celebrations for Cubs 100 took over our programme up to the end of 2016 with celebration camps, parties and 100 challenges to complete by the end of the year.



The 100 challenges were no easy task to squeeze into an already busy schedule and also to link them in to badge work. All the hard work put in by the cubs and leaders paid off in the end as we were awarded the first prize from Lincoln District Cubs of a £100 Go Outdoors voucher.

As the year started to wind down, we could take advantage of the dark nights and do a spot of star gazing, and have a good old sing along camp fire in

Akela's garden. The Xmas post service was a great success this year, with great commendation to the cubs that helped sort and deliver the important post around the villages before Christmas. The sixers and seconders were treated to a special training day in January to help them progress and become great leaders of their sixes, as well as prepare them for the adventures of Scouts. This included team building, cooking and learning about their leadership roles.

2017 started out with cubs splitting into groups with the choice of 1 of 3 activity badges to be gained, Artist, Astronomers & DIY. We intertwined these with Personal Safety, World religions and Cooking.

The cubs' night hike was a success, and for some was their first experience of an overnight stay with the cubs in preparation for our main group camp in July.

Leading up to the summer we have been learning about First Aid and canoe safety which lead a handful of cubs to a couple of canoe sessions at Thurlby lake and on to earning Time on the Water badges. As the weather has been nice, we have also done a spot of gardening around the village hall, tidying the weeds from the gardens around the car park, cooking sausages and marshmallows on open fires, practicing camping skills and having a good go at the Athletics badge.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our main group summer camp at Loughterton, which we hope everyone will enjoy and hopefully get some sleep, an end of year party and the last chance before the summer holidays for a spot of canoeing.

I hope everyone has a great summer break and is looking forward to be back in September.

Baloo.



WOW! What a year! We have been so busy that I do not know where to start! September kicked off with some scouts attending a very enjoyable Conservation day at Hill Holt Wood, then we had a Pioneering day when despite a false start, we did once more bridge the River Witham and despite the cold most scouts spent more time in the water than out! In October, we were at the woods for cooking and fires, had a visit from the ROAB, had a night hike and made the rash decision to have the “scouts cook for you” meal to

celebrate 50 years of Scouts in Bassingham. During November, we had visits to Collingham Fire Station, a special evening in Church, a very good turnout of smart scouts for Remembrance Sunday, Chiller Camp at Walesby and then the 50th Birthday Meal. At the meal, we made and served up over 130 curry meals to a very appreciative party.

During spring term, we concentrated on completing the Skills Challenge award with over 20 scouts completing this and a group of older scouts began working on doing their Expedition Award – which by now they should have completed (during the weekend of group camp at Laughterton). Several scouts attended MATFEST to improve their climbing and Navigational skills. During the summer term, we raised over £80 for the famine in East Africa, have been to Hill Holt Wood for a conservation day, built bivouacs at Norton Big Wood, spent a night in them, gutted, skinned and cooked rabbits, had an orienteering night around Bassingham, had a night hike and Camp over, group camp at Laughterton and been canoeing. An excellent weekend in the Derbyshire Dales around Matlock, great weather, great walks, great place to stay, great scouts and great help from accompanying Leaders and parent.

As you will see from the above we have a very packed programme and I am also pleased to report we have a very packed Scout Troop with 40 members! Following last weekend’s expedition 6 Scouts will complete their Gold Chief Scout Award! I will be really pleased about this – an achievement for them and for me as the requirements for this award changed 2 years ago, and I thought it unlikely that I would be able to deliver the required programme of activities! Having such a large troop does pose a few organizational and logistical problems and I would like to give a huge Thank You to my fellow leaders and to the parents who have all contributed to making it work!

But our year is not done yet:

I have a party of 30 booked in for Poacher International Jubilee Camp: that’s 19 scouts, 3 senior section Guides and 8 Leaders.

PLENTY OF SCOUTING AHEAD!



Bassingham Scout Group are in the process of carrying out a feasibility study to evaluate the costs involved to locate construct and run its own camp site to be located close to the village in the open countryside.

At present the suggested time frame if the project gets approval and funding would be to locate and secure the site in the next 6 months with the possibility of setting up the site for a grand opening by summer 2018.

Anyone who would like to be involved or make any donations to the project would be greatly received.

BASSINGHAM CAMP SITE



EXPLORERS



Explorers are for youngsters in the 14 to 18 year age range. We meet every two weeks sometimes in the school hall, but have activities outside as much as possible. The program is created by the explorers (under the leader guidance) so they decide what they do, so we've had another busy year. After four joined in the New Year we now have ten invested members, all who help with another scouting section (beaver, cubs or scouts).

Four gained their Chief Scout Platinum award and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award which requires voluntary service, learning a new skill and completing an expedition. The meeting activities have been varied – from indoor pioneering, cake baking, night navigation to canoeing and using air rifles. We also ran a successful coffee morning at St. Michael's church in March. Five explorers are going to Poacher camp this year, some to take part in the activities, some to help run the activities and one to help on the IT administration of the camp.



(Beavers Canoeing July 2016)

FINANCES

As Treasurer, I present my finance report in respect of the First Bassingham Scout Group which includes Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. It is very pleasing to see average group numbers increasing. This interest I am sure is due in no small part to the substantial effort that has been put in by all our volunteer leaders and helpers, giving up their time to arrange numerous trips, canoeing on a regular basis, camps and night hikes. This is in addition to the numerous activities undertaken on a weekly basis. I thank my fellow colleagues in this regard.

We were able to build on our membership income to help support these activities, with all income received being reinvested directly into activities and assets of the Group. We of course need to remember that the bank balance at the end of the year included monies collected for the Poacher camp which will occur in July 2017 and so we should expect payments to go out to match this income in next year's accounts. Of the subscription income, a significant cost continues to be our annual capitation fee – the UK Scout headquarters annual membership cost. In addition, the cost of renting the premises for the weekly group meetings continues to be met out of the subscriptions. Future cash funds will continue to be enhanced by the receipt of our gift aid from HMRC.

The future strength of the group continues to rely on the enthusiasm and dedication of the leaders and helpers who put so much into the group without remuneration. We are always looking for new helpers to assist and keep the group fresh. If there is anyone prepared to help and put something back into Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please contact us direct.



(Scarecrow weekend)



(Scouts)



MATFEST 2017



(Beavers)



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