



# **20th Lewisham South Scout Group**

## **Annual Report 2012 to 2013**



# PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held

Tuesday 29th May 2012

Hazel opened meeting with a prayer

Apologies: Dan Fish-Halverson, Paul O'Brien

Present: Hazel Savill, Barry Goswell, Kevin Howard, Penny Hann, John Roberts, Beryl Roberts, Peter Ebden (late), Irene Ebden, Jo Ann Fish-Halverson, Geoff Gunner, Maxine Hampden, parents, Cubs and Scouts, Tom Nixon (District Commissioner), Paul Benn (Deputy County Commissioner)

## Reports

All reports as submitted, circulated and approved by a show of hands at the meeting. It was further agreed that Clive Wildish would undertake the audit of the Group's accounts again for the next financial year.

## Appointment of Chairperson

Barry proposed: Hazel remain as chairperson  
Seconded John  
Floor confirmed agreement

## Leaders Opt into Executive Committee

All leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> confirmed that they would opt in and therefore be active members of the Executive Committee.

## Election of Officers

Positions vacant due to present incumbent standing down:  
Secretary (Maxine)

**Treasurer** Penny proposed Geoff remain as Treasurer  
Seconded Beryl

**Secretary** Position vacant as no volunteers

**Quartermaster** Geoff nominated Dan  
Seconded Tom

**Election of Parent rep:** Nobody nominated so all positions are currently vacant.

Barry invited any parents interested in joining the executive to see him as they would be most welcome. Floor agreed that any parents who subsequently came forward to be parent representatives could be approved and agreed by the Executive committee.

Formal Meeting closed

### **Investitures Badges and Awards**

#### **Cubs:**

Variety of Activity Badges were presented and new Sixers and Seconders appointed. Pack and cub of month awarded.

3 cubs were invested

#### **Scouts:**

Variety of Activity Badges were presented, Patrol and scout of the month awards were made.

1 scout was invested

Nick was nominated for the Jack Petchy award.

#### **Leaders**

Tom Nixon thanked leaders for their help and commitment to Lewisham 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tom presented Kevin Howard with Wood Beads and invested into 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group

Tom presented service awards:

Geoff 15 years

John 30 years

Beryl 30 years

Paul Benn thanked everyone for coming and special thanks to the leaders.

Paul presented:

Peter received a Merit award

John with a Silver Acorn

Barry thanked everyone for attending and their continued support for the 20<sup>th</sup>

Meeting closed.

## **20<sup>th</sup> Lewisham South Scouts AGM 2013**

### **Report from Group Chairperson**

It has been another busy year for the Sections in the Group and I will leave them to report on their activities during the past year. I am sure that the programmes have been helped along by the addition of Elizabeth and Rachel who bring ideas and enthusiasm to the Beaver section.

I would like to thank all the Leaders for the time that they give in voluntarily running the Sections and for the planning of the programme, ensuring there is an interesting programme for the children and young people. I would like to thank Barry for the Leadership role he has as Group Scout Leader and all the members of the Executive Committee for the time and commitment they give to ensure the smooth running of the Group. Thanks must also be given to the Leaders of the other Sections who have kept Beavers running during the year

I would like to thank the church for the support they give; enabling us to use the halls without cost. (A great help to us financially, as it would not be possible for us to raise the funds to pay for accommodation for our weekly meetings and storage of our equipment).

I would like to thank the children and young people for embracing the programme of activities so enthusiastically. I hope they have all really enjoyed the camps, activities and visits they have been on. I wish those Scouts moving on to Explorers every enjoyment as they have even more adventures.

Lastly, I would also like to thank the parents for their support, especially those who have helped run meetings and outdoor activities, as without them many of the members would not be able to join in Scouting activities. I would like some of them to consider joining the Committee and share their knowledge and expertise.

Unfortunately I shall be standing down from the committee today so that I can concentrate on the other things I do, both in the church and the community where I live. I wish the Group every success for the future.

Thank you all for coming tonight and sharing in this occasion.

Hazel Savill

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## **Treasurer's Report 2012/13**

You will see in the other reports this has been another extremely busy year with a packed schedule of activities arranged for benefit of our young people by the hard working section leaders and it was pleasing to see some new blood coming in to help in Rachel & Elizabeth; welcome to you both.

As I reported last year, the Grassroots funding has been the main feature of the past couple of years, funding which has been used to update and replace a whole host of items of equipment, help to subsidise a number of camps and training for leaders. Sadly, as we all know, all good things come to an end, and the final remnants of the monies we received have been used up. Bump!

Yes that was the sound of us coming back to normality and the absence of the Grassroots funding for the year ahead, and beyond, means that any new ventures carried out for our young people will have to be looked at carefully to ensure they are budgeted for appropriately.

In addition to the annual donation to the church it was agreed by the Executive committee that we should make a contribution of £100 to the cost of the work carried out floors bearing in mind the amount of punishment they get, particularly from the Scouts!

We again say thank you to Sainsbury's for their now seemingly annual donation, though we must not take this for granted. An extra thank you to them for the additional donation they made specifically to support the Cubs in the activities and camps they arrange for their section. There was also another award from the Jack Petchey Foundation reflecting the efforts of Nicholas Becks and put towards the various camping trips.

I would also like to say thank you to Hazel for keeping us all in order during the Executive committee meetings.

Please help by supporting the Group whenever you can.

**GD Gummer**  
**Group Treasurer**

**20th Lewisham South Scout Group  
Account 2012/2013**

**Balance Sheet**

**Liabilities**

Group A/C	3570.89
Beavers	57.07
Cubs	384.51
Scouts	376.33
Grassroots	0.00

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4388.80

**Assets**

Giro Bank	1719.62
Halifax	1071.03
Beavers Cash held	5.77
Cubs Cash held	98.14
Scouts Cash held	-134.92
Treasures Cash held	917.28
net o/s at bank	<u>711.88</u>

4388.80

**20th Lewisham South Scout Group  
Account 2012/2013**

**Income / Expenditure Account**

**Income**

Subs	
Grassroots	30.00
Beavers	191.00
Cubs	964.00
Scouts	1719.20
S/T	<u>2904.20</u>
less Capitation pd	1148.00
	<u>1756.20</u>

JPA/award	200.00
Sainsburys/award	200.00
Cap refund	21.00
Quiz	8.23
Addl Sainsburys award	250.00

Total Income	<u>2435.43</u>
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Total Expenditure	<u>3170.92</u>
Net Available	-735.49
B/Fwd 2011/2012	<u>5124.29</u>
Balance	4388.80

**Expenditure**

Grassroots	409.43
Beavers	178.63
Cubs	286.30
Scouts	1028.12
S/T	<u>1902.48</u>

Church floor	100.00
Church donation	200.00
Insurance	335.75
Camp	384.20
Misc	40.49
Training	30.00
Badges	58.00
Shelter Box	<u>120.00</u>

Total Expenditure	<u>3170.92</u>
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### Group Scout Leader's Annual Report 2012 to 2013

As Group Scout Leader & also the one who prints off the report, I'm lucky enough to see all the other the reports before I complete mine (plus I always leave mine to the last minute!). Therefore it's great to be reminded of all the wonderful things that have been done throughout the year & how proud we should be of all that our Group has achieved. The following section reports give details & are testament to that.

I am always humbled by the amount of time & effort our Leadership Team & Group Executive give up to make Scouting at the 20<sup>th</sup> Lewisham South happen. None more so than Beryl Roberts & Irene Ebden who have both been awarded the Silver Acorns in this year's St George's Day award list. This is the third highest award in Scouting & is given for exceptional service of rarely less than 20 years. Beryl & Irene have been dedicated Section Leaders for more years than they care to remember, sometimes in difficult circumstances & also given service to the Church & wider community. So they are both examples of the dedication that the rest of us can only try to emulate.

At the other end of the spectrum from a length of service point of view, I'm very pleased to welcome Rachel to the team as Assistant Beaver Leader & Elizabeth to the team as both Assistant Beaver Leader AND Assistant Scout Leader (she's not mad, we checked!). They have been a much needed breath of fresh air & enthusiasm for the Group especially in the Beaver Section. As you'll read below in the Beaver report, the section was being run by a team of people, including myself, who all now appreciate fully the hard work needed to run the youngest section. I reported last year that Irene retired as Beaver Leader and although she continued as a helper, I'm pleased to report that Irene agreed to come out of retirement to help support Rachel & Elizabeth & pass on her experience to them. The new team, including Suzette, are all working well together on new programme ideas. However despite our best efforts, Beaver numbers still remain low so please help spread the word & hopefully our numbers will increase. Our thanks must go to both the Volunteer Centre Lewisham & our Local Development Officer, Garry Leach for their help in recruiting Rachel & Elizabeth. Plus, after a successful Recruitment Evening, we were pleased to help Garry place new adults at a number of other Groups in the District when it became clear their location & skills were best suited elsewhere.

I would also like add a special thank you to Elizabeth for her efforts at two Scout events, Fire & Ice Camp at Tolmers & District Camp at Frylands. Fire & Ice was Elizabeth's first camp with the 20<sup>th</sup> and as we drove up there on the Friday morning in a blizzard to set up camp, got stuck in the car park with the trailer & pitched tents in 4 inches of snow, Elizabeth must have wondered what on earth she'd let herself in for! Despite even more snow over the weekend, once the Scouts arrived & we all had fun doing activities & having snow balls fights with our neighbours from Battersea Explorers, the hard work was all worth it & all involved had a camp that will live long in the memory. And at District Camp, with myself, Penny & Kevin all busy elsewhere, so with the help of Andrew, Elizabeth had to take the lead for the Camp & again did really well. Every time Penny or I popped in to see if they were OK, they were all having a great time, especially making some great open fires & cooking all their meals on them, proper Scouting!

I'm also equally proud of the support given by parents and others who aren't uniformed Leaders or part of the Executive because without them our lives as Leaders would be much more difficult. Two examples of this are the recent joint Cub & Scout indoor camp & District Camp. For the first, Joy ran the catering & Ronnie helped to look after one of the sub-groups. With Kevin away for a family holiday, Andrew

kindly stepped in to support Elizabeth at District Camp & without that help we probably would have had to cancel our involvement. There are many ways in which a small amount of support can help the Leadership team provide activities for our young people.

And whilst mentioning events, over the past year we have used the last of our Grassroots funding we received from the Capital Community Foundation to make most of our events free of charge or very cheap. Our thanks go to the Capital Community Foundation for this kind donation.

Please continue to bring in Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers as we are collecting again this year for more equipment that can be used to support our programme. You'll also find details in the Cub report of on-going & extra help from Sainsbury at Lee Green for which we are also very grateful.

It is with regret, that Hazel has decided to step down as Chairperson at the AGM & I would like to thank her for her four years of service in this role. Hazel took over the role in 2008 just before I became GSL so we had to support each other in the new roles with the backing of the Executive. Hazel has always kept us focussed & moved our meetings along, plus her strong connection with the Church has helped maintain that relationship. Hazel will be missed but I'm sure she will continue to support the 20<sup>th</sup> in one-way or another in the future.

Our thanks must also go to our Sponsoring Authority, Brownhill Road Baptist Church who provide our wonderful halls free of charge & also their spiritual support. We attend the All Age Services as part of our Duty to God & commitment to Brownhill Road Baptist Church but would like to see an increased attendance from our young people. We know many are busy with football or other commitments, but it would be nice if they could make at least one or two of the services per year. We must also thank the Church for hosting the Lewisham District Carol Service which was a great success back in December.

I am immensely proud of our young people in the Group. They all wear their uniform proudly & put their training & Scouting skills into action on many occasions. It's a great reflection on both them & all the section Leaders that our Scouts have won medals & shields at a number of District events. Winning is not always the important thing & event organisers often complement me on the way our young people take part & behave.

I realise again that I have typed on for too long but I'm proud as GSL of what the Group achieves so make no apologies for wanting to shout about it. I would like to thank everyone involved in the Group, from the youngest Beavers to the oldest Scouts about to move on, to the parent who helps occasionally to the Leaders with long dedicated service. Without your time & help the 20<sup>th</sup> Lewisham South wouldn't exist so long may it continue with another successful year ahead.

Barry Goswell  
Group Scout Leader

## Beaver Colony Annual Report 2012-2013

First of all thanks must be given to the Leaders of the other Sections who have kept Beavers running during the year of 2012, namely Barry, Penny, John, Beryl and Jo. Also, thanks to Suzette and Anita for all their help. During the year we were very pleased to welcome into our Section Rachael and Elizabeth who are training as Assistant Beaver Leaders and who have brought with them enthusiasm, ideas, energy, organising and practical skills. So we can go on more confidently on knowing that new Leadership is in place for the future.

During the year many varied programmes have been covered, including tent pitching with Teddy, making ginger bread men, peppermint creams, chocolate eggs, pancakes, rocket building, growing cress seeds, making celery change colour, all for their Creative Challenge Badge. They have also been working for their Global Challenge Badge including being able to say a greeting in another language, making pizzas, learning about Fair Trade and the Country Code and planting flowers for others to enjoy. We have recently been working on our Imagination Badge when Beavers have imagined what it would be like to live in the future, including drawing some really scary monsters blasting off to another planet, junk modelling and acting out a story. Other programmes have been covered during this year including Easter - making Easter Baskets and Easter Egg Hunt, an origami evening, history of Scouts, meaning of Beaver Scout Promise and St George's Day - when shields and swords and princess crown were made. We will now be working on our Healthy Eating Badge and Health and Fitness Badge.

We have the Leader, the ideas and practical expertise in our team, which now consists of Rachael, Elizabeth, Suzette and myself, what we don't have are many children at the moment but we are hoping this will be rectified in the future. An open morning was arranged by Gary Leach at Sandhurst Road School, but unfortunately this only produced one Beaver (the Secretary's son who attends Torridon Road School!) If anybody knows of any children who would be interested in coming, please pass on our details or let us know.

Finally thank you once again to Rachael, Elizabeth and Suzette for all their hard work over the year, despite the lack of numbers.

Irene Ebdon  
Beaver Scout Leader

## Cub Pack Annual Report 2012-2013

It's always good at this time of year at our AGM to be able to look back over the past year and see what has been achieved by our Cubs.

We feel it has been a year where Cubs and Leaders have enjoyed themselves while also managing to achieve badges, learn new skills and gain knowledge. We feel very fortunate to have a group of young people in our care who are willing to learn, are enthusiastic and up for anything. This makes our job as Leaders an enjoyable and worthwhile one.

We had a wonderful summer of celebration and parties both for the Queens Jubilee and the Olympics where we held our own mini Olympics - great fun. We have worked on several badges as a group and the Cubs have gained individual badges. Hopefully at the AGM we will be able to present some Artist and Collectors badges. Our week-to-week programmes have been varied, including cooking, which they so enjoy, making presents, discussions, games, Scouting skills etc. etc. They all seem to enjoy it as they come happily each week. Thank you to the parents for your support in bringing your child each week.

We would like to see better attendance at Church Parades as this has been very poor. Also, we were disappointed that at our recent Quiz Night there was only one family from the whole Group who came. We were raising funds to help your child. It was a great evening and fortunately all the Leaders and their friends came.

In February we had a joint camp with the Scouts which was a great success. Nearly every Cub was able to come to this and a great time was had by all. It was cold but at least it didn't rain. We were very fortunate on the cost of this camp. I work for Sainsbury's and they recommended me for a sum of money to help the Cubs. It was awarded and so we were able to subsidise camp fees and it also went towards paying for the activities for the whole camp. We are very grateful for Sainsbury's support, in fact, for the past 6/7 years they have given me £200 under the Local Hero Scheme to go in our general fund which has been really appreciated and does help as money is tight.

Another fun evening we had with the Scouts was when we all went to the local Bowling Alley. We have a great group of Cubs, very well behaved, which makes taking them out a pleasure.

I couldn't run our successful Cub Pack without the help of my Leaders and I want to thank Jo-Ann, Emilie and John so much for all their support, enthusiasm, loyalty, ideas and much more. Thank you all so much. I couldn't do it without you.

We will be so sorry to lose Emilie this summer when she goes to University. She came as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award for 3 months but has stayed with us. She has been such an asset and will be missed by both Cubs and Leaders. We wish her every happiness and success for her future. She has promised to come along when she can and we will hold her to this.

I'm sure I speak on behalf of us all in saying we look forward to the next year in Cubs.

Yours in Scouting

Beryl Roberts

Cub Leader

## Scout Troop Annual Report 2012-2013

Our 10 Scouts are divided into two, rather perfect (I'm biased) Patrols: Panther and Tiger. Looking back over the year is always encouraging as it reminds me of all the fun we have had and how many activities and events we have attended.

As I have found juggling a Scout Troop and my own family rather full-on, I have decided not to attend every Tuesday night or all camps and events but I am still involved in the running and organising of the programme and offer guidance and support to my dedicated Leaders; Kevin, Elizabeth - thanks so much to them! Our GSL (Group Scout Leader) Barry has also been going on Tuesdays so thanks to him too. We also still have a lot of support from parents especially Andrew Beck and Ronnie Hampden who, without them, it would be a struggle to get the Scouts out and about so much. So, back to the last year's activities and events - I can't believe how busy we were in the last year:

### **Badges**

The Scouts have obtained their Global Challenge, Creative Challenge, Outdoor Challenge, Outdoor Plus Challenge and Adventure Challenge badges. They have attended a Mechanics badge course at The Fort (South London Scout Centre in Dulwich) where they built a working model of an Internal Combustion Engine and were shown around the engine of a car and they all took turns to take the wheel off the car and put it back on again amongst other things. Debbie Soar, from the London Ambulance Service, ran a First Aid evening which meant the Scouts achieved their Emergency Aid badges.

After each camp, either outdoor or indoor, we total up the total number of nights they have spent away and, at the moment, Ryan has reached 18 nights away! This is a massive achievement and the other Scouts are catching up fast. The badges are given out in stages when the Scout reaches, 1 night, 5 nights, 10 nights and 20 nights. Most of our Scouts have now received their Campers badge and after District Camp, their Camp Cook badge.

### **Troop Nights**

Troop nights are a mixture of games, scouting skills, e.g. map reading, phonetic alphabet, knots. We also do creative activities, cooking, and preparing for Church Parades e.g. Harvest Boxes, or getting equipment out for upcoming camps and events. We also had a movie night which made a nice change.

### **Camping, Trips, Events**

Our Camps include: Commando Camp; Fire & Ice; Indoor Camp with the Cubs and District Camp at the beginning of May this year. Our Scouts have camped in all weather conditions including, Snow, rain and lovely sunshine. They haven't complained and have always made the most of it - and they always come back for more. Competitions include: District Cycle Cross and District Shooting and the events we have attended are: Dig & Eat and Golden Jubilee Beacon at Frylands, Quad biking, District Ready Steady Cook and Bowling.

We say "goodbye" to three of our Scouts in July as they will be going up to Explorers: Ryan, Effie and Nicholas. They have been well behaved, fun, enthusiastic and mature Scouts and we will miss them greatly but hope they will come back to help some day.

It really has been a fun-filled year with a great bunch of Scouts, Leaders and parents and we look forward to the next year with anticipation.

Yours in Scouting

Penny Hann

Scout Leader