

1st Weald Brook Cub Scout Pack

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Report to the Annual General Meeting 2nd June 2019

The Pack continues to flourish, enjoying a fun, challenging and adventurous programme.

Highlights from the past year's Pack meetings include:

- ❖ Playing Petanque by floodlight
- ❖ Meeting "Ginger" one of Grey Brother's hens and learning to make omelettes for World Egg Day
- ❖ Discovering just how a Japanese toilet works
- ❖ Playing conkers
- ❖ Making a huge Lego street
- ❖ Making and flying kites
- ❖ Going "Ski-Hi" at Thriftwood
- ❖ Enjoying a traditional Burns Night Supper – including haggis, Irn-Bru and dancing
- ❖ Making flower arrangements for Mothering Sunday

Away from Tuesday evenings, highlights include

- ❖ Discovering a "new to us" camp site – Crow - which both the leaders and Cubs have fallen in love with
- ❖ A Shooting and Archery Camp at the hut – our first chance to use the new archery equipment
- ❖ Our now traditional Backwoods Cooking afternoon in July and Winter Activity Day in December
- ❖ Skyping with 32 different groups of Scouts from 22 different countries world during JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) – and singing the Penguin Song with Scouts from Germany!
- ❖ A night hike from Benfleet to Leigh on Sea and an afternoon hike in the Ingatestone area where the older Cubs did a great job completing route cards and leading us for part of the way.
- ❖ Earning Personal Safety and Road Safety badges during a sleepover – and having lunch at Burger King
- ❖ A "Wild West" Camp at Thriftwood
- ❖ And last month a day spent canoeing, kayaking, sailing, rowing and dragon boating on the West India Quay

Congratulations must go to Iain, Will, Fraser, Oliver and Cody who have all earned their Chief Scout's Silver Award – the highest award in the Cub Section.

Sesh ("Raccoon") joined us as an Assistant Cub Scout leader and Jo ("Raksha") as a Section Assistant. We've all thoroughly enjoyed their input into the programme.

Congratulations go to Grey Brother 'on earning his "Nights Away (Camp site)" Permit and also on gaining his Archery Permit.

My personal thanks go to all in the Cub Pack Leadership team - Marcus, Rosemary, Kevin, Sesh and Jo for their invaluable contributions to the life of the Pack and also our spouses – John, Mydge, Gavin, Jackie, Rochelle and Ash for all their continued support.

And finally, thanks to the most important people, the Cubs themselves, who continue to inspire, amuse, amaze and at times, it has to be said, exasperate, but who make being a Leader such a fun, challenging and rewarding experience.

Kate Alexander, "Akela",
2nd June 2019