

Cub report for Porthill Cubs by Sharon Hickton

We have got 15 Cubs as we have lost some as they have moved up to Scouts.

This year is a special year as our group has celebrated 100 years of scouting.

We have done various things such as designing our 100 year badge to go on to our neckerchiefs.

In February we had a Founders Day Party for the whole group and parents were invited.

We have done our first family camp, this was held in May and we had a lovely time at Kibblestone, the parents enjoyed themselves and they have realised how hard it is to do a camp and they have asked us when the next family camp is.

During the summer we played various games such as cricket, rounder's, football and parachute games on the Marsh with the Beavers and Cubs.

We have just returned from a camp with Berryhill and we had a good time, we managed to do The Road Safety Badge.

We have done the usual things like attending St Georges Parade, going to camps with the district, which the cubs and leaders enjoyed.

We have had 3 Cubs achieving the Silver Award.

We have just completed My faith, Home Safety Activity Award.

Sharon Hickton

14th Basford Cub Pack Report

To date we currently have 25 cubs, 2 leaders (Laura Alcock and Chris Boyles), 2 helpers (Karen Price and Janice Lowe) and Alex Coombs a uniformed helper - aiming to become a leader.

Over the past year we have had a very varied programme and have completed a number of badges which have included:- Global Challenge, Outdoor Challenge, Outdoor Plus Challenge Fitness Challenge, Community Challenge, Campers, Collectors, Sports Enthusiast, Martial Arts, My Faith, Entertainers and 5 Chief Scouts Silver Award.

As well as badges we have had a number of Cubs take part in Castle Capers. We have also done most of the district events and all the camps apart from the Maer camp.

As part of our group the Cubs have taken an active role in a number of church services, helped with bag packing and Poppy Selling. We have recently done a number of Beaver/Cub events which have included a joint visit to the local Fire Station, Halloween Party and within the next month visiting Keele Observatory, and also the Pantomime at the Mitchell Memorial.

This coming year we are hoping to try and attend as many district camps and events as possible and hope to have a fun filled 2009!!!

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all my leaders, helpers and our Beaver Leader Sylvia for all there help and support throughout the year.

Yours in Scouting

Laura

15TH St Giles & St Georges Pack Report

Currently have 3 warranted leaders and 2 helpers
Cub numbers have been fairly consistent throughout the year averaging between 30-38
During 2008 12 cubs have moved up to Scouts with 8 receiving their Chief Scouts Silver Award.

Cubs got off to a flying start with winning the 5-a-side Football Competition at Keele and also won the Safety Competition and the Lewis Trophy on the Sixers Camp.

Other events included

Activity Day at Kibblestone
St Georges Day parade and service at St Giles Church
Sports Evening
Twinlakes Outing
Swimming Gala
Group Booking to see Castle Capers Gang Show where we had 3 Cubs and 1 leader in the cast.
Harvest Service at St Georges
Remembrance Service at St Georges
Bag Packing at Morrisons
Table Top sale at St Georges
Christmas Child (ShoeBox) Appeal at St Georges
Visits to Brampton Park, Apedale conservation park, Bateswood, Lyme Valley, Newcastle Fire Station

Badges gained

Astronomers included a visit to Keele Observatory

Scientist	Book Readers	Collectors	Hobbies
Road Safety	Cyclist	Hikes Away	Nights
Away			
DIY	Personal Safety	My Faith	Home
Help			

Community Challenge
Global Challenge
Fitness Challenge
Outdoor Challenge

Cubs have attended the Groups Family camp at Kibblestone, District Cub camp at Beaudesert and the Sixers Camp at Sherratts Wood.

I would like to thank all my leaders and helpers especially to Paul who comes and helps out each week and on Family Camp. Unfortunately Danielle had to finish with us in the summer due to work & college commitments.

Yours in Scouting

Sharon

25th Knutton Methodist Cub Pack.

The pack has still got eight cubs, but we have held an assembly at St. Mary's C of E Primary School to try and recruit more members in all sections.

Even though we are low in numbers we have had a very busy year. We attended the IFC, two cubs came on a day visit and two camped out for the full week and all of them thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Two cubs also attended the District Cub outing to Twinlakes. Chris took the cubs on a tour around Radio Stoke and they had fun recording their own messages. We have also visited Newcastle Library as part of the Book Readers Badge. The other badges we have completed are the:

- Campers Badge
- Promise Badge
- Athletics Badge
- Scientist Badge
- Naturalist Badge
- First Aid Badge
- My Faith Badge

Next year we hope to increase numbers so we can partake in more district events and to have even more fun!

Ashley Cubs

As another year draws to a close and we look back over the last 12 months we have seen our numbers continuing to rise and demand for a second pack. The Cubs have enjoyed 2 Camps, one at Maer and the other at Milldale (proved to be the most popular location), we have completed various challenge awards and activity badges, had an afternoon of archery and enjoyed an evening with the Scouts for a firearms demonstration. We have continued our tradition of Carol singing for the Ashley Luncheon Club and managed a 3rd place in the Swimming Gala. We look forward to even more adventure in 2009

65th Madeley Cub Scout Pack

Annual Report To District

Activities

During the last 12 months the Madeley Cub Pack has reduced in size due to a large number moving on to Scouts.

We have enjoyed a Group Camp but have only enjoyed one or two district activities due to lack of support.

The Cubs are continuing with their allotment project although the dark nights have put the lid on our weekly evening session 'til Spring.

Figures 2008

We have averaged 10 Cubs over the 12 months.

7 have moved on to Scouts

4 Invested / Enrolled

Badges 2008

We have a few Cubs doing different badges at home.

As a Pack we have completed 2 challenge badges and 6 activity badges.

Leaders 2008

Due to personal and work commitments, Karen Jennings has stepped down as CSL and is now an ACSL. Paul Adamson, who has been ABSL has taken up the position of CSL but will continue to support the Beaver Colony too.

74th Silverdale St Luke's Scout Group

The cubs have had another successful year, many badges gained and many nights on camp.

The badges we have all achieved are the Athletics, Book Reader, Swimmer, Entertainer, Campers, Outdoor Challenge, Global Challenge, Map Reader and Astronomer.

The cubs took part in the St Georges day parade and Remembrance Day services at St Lukes in Silverdale.

The have attended several camps this year including – the district camp, group camps where all of the cubs had a great time.

The Cub pack currently has on only 2 cubs leaders and additional support from leaders from the other sections as needed.

Yours in Scouting

Chris Dunn – Akela

Pack report for 77th Audley Cub Scout Pack

As many will know this year has been a bit of a turbulent one for the Group and the Cub Pack has been affected by this to some extent.

Up until June/July time Lucy and Jon were running the Cub section so I can't really comment on the achievements of the Pack in this period, however numbers stayed steady at around 12 young members.

From the point where Lucy and Jon moved on to other things the Pack has been kept ticking over by myself and Deana, the Groups Beaver Leader.

We've managed to maintain numbers, averaging around 10 Cubs every week, however we have around 15 young people on the books. Since stepping in Deana and I have been concentrating on getting records up to date, making sure that the Cubs are turning up in uniform and improving the behaviour of the Cubs.

I'm pleased to say that the records are nearly there and that the Cubs are mostly coming along in uniform now. On the whole the behaviour of the Pack has calmed down although we have a few individuals that aren't quite there yet (but don't we all)!

Admittedly the programme of the section has slightly mirrored that of the Scout section but adapted to the age range. Typically a night will involve a few fast paced games, a challenge and then another activity should time allow. The highlight of the current term so far has been when we've taken the Cubs to a climbing wall at Goldenhill Scout Hall where a couple of Cubs claimed it was the 'best Cub night ever'.

We'll be finishing the year off with a trip to Trentham Gardens Ice Rink on the 16th December where I hope to be able to invest a few of the newer Cubs and present some badges as well, after which we'll start looking a lot closer at the Cub programme and working out what we're going to do for the start of next year. We're also looking for a permanent Cub Leader to take over in the Section as the situation amongst the current Leaders is not sustainable.

Dave

79TH URC SPITFIRES



AGM REPORT 2008

There are currently 15 cubs in the pack. There are three warranted leaders.

Over the last 12 months we have invested 8 new cubs. The new sixers and seconders have now been presented with their new badges. We have now reduced the sixes down from four to three to accommodate the reduced numbers.

Throughout the year there has been cubs camps at Barnswood, Sherratts Wood (Safety Competition & Lewis Trophy) and Maer (Robin Hood Camp).

Throughout the year the cubs took part in the following activities: -

- Five-a-side football tournament
- District camps
- St. George's Day Parade in Newcastle
- Sixer's camp including the Lewis Trophy and Safety Competitions.
- Sports evening
- Church services at URC
- Halloween Party
- Games Night
- Creative Craft evening

Can I ask that you log on to our web site at www.urscouts.org.uk to see the photographs of some of the cubs enjoying themselves.

In addition, the website will allow the cubs to view the photographs of the Scout sections and to show what the cubs can expect when they go up to Scouts which includes the International Friendship Camp at Kibblestone.

The Cubs took part in the Sixer's Camp which provides the older cubs with additional skills. There is two competitions run that weekend. The Lewis Trophy and the Safety competition. This Lewis Trophy was presented to the District in 1962. The Cubs had to deal with activities such as fire lighting, compass work and tracking over a period of one day. In addition, the cubs were provided with a mock up regarding safety in the kitchen and had to point out all the hazards.

Staged Badges:

Nights Away : These start at 1 night away and go to 200 nights away.

During the year the cubs have also attained the following badges: -

- Home Help
- Artist
- Camper
- Home Safety
- Road Safety
- Book Readers

The cubs have only a few elements to complete for them to achieve the following badges:

- Personal safety
- Local Knowledge
- My Faith
- World Faith

We are trying to arrange a date to take the cubs to Newcastle Fire Station to complete their local knowledge badge and to tie this in with the **Firework Safety Code and Home Safety.**

The cubs have also learned about the Chinese New Year. Each cub cooked a Chinese

that each cub was born and most were born in the year of the Dragon and some in the year of the Tiger. This year is the year of the Rat.

The cubs also sampled some FRUIT ! We purchased dragon fruit, kiwi, melon, Sharon fruit, strawberries , blackberries, apricots, grapes. Firstly, the cubs had to identify the different fruits and secondly each cub tasted a very small sample. Hopefully, the cubs learned and tasted something new !!!!!!!

Events coming up:

- Night Hike; This will go towards a new staged badge “Hikes Away”. This goes from Hikes Away 1 to Hikes Away 50. For the Cubs, the hike should be for 3 hours. This will take place when it gets slightly warmer !!
- Bring a friend night;
- Fire Station visit;
- Five a side football (10th January 2009);
- Pack Camp along with the Hurricanes;
- Swimming Gala (15th November);
- Carol Service (8th December);

Lastly, can I thank Rachel, and Paul for their help and assistance throughout the year.

Richard Anderson (Akela)

79th U.R.C. Hurricanes Cub Pack Annual Report 2008

At the moment we have 18 cubs 5 leaders and 1 helper. Over the last 12 months the cubs have achieved several activity badges which include:- cyclist, cooks, DIY, Scientist &y faith and World Faith. At the moment we are working on our astronomers badge. We have been on all 4 district camps and cubs and leaders had a good time.

The cubs went on a visit to the mayors parlour and they enjoyed it. A few of our cubs and one leader were in the cast of Castle Capers which was very successful. Those of our leaders, which were not on stage, were involved in one way or another. We took part in the district swimming gala, sports evening and five-a-side. We took part in St Georges Day Parade which was a great occasion as always. One of our cubs represented the group in the guard of honour at Jill and Johns wedding. We are looking forward to our group gang show Flying High, rehearsals start soon.

I would like to thank Lyn, Paul, Kate, Jordan and Andrew for their continued support and hard work throughout the year.

Tony Wilkinson
Cub Scout Leader

87th Holy Trinity Cub Pack

Pack Report 2008

The pack currently consists of 27 cubs 3 leaders and 1 helpers.

CUBS	LEADERS	HELPERS
Ethan	Janet (Akela)	Val
James	Angela (Kim)	
Mitchell H	Theresa (Baloo)	
Jay Jay		
Henry		
Jack K		
Matthew		
Omal		
Paul		
Joe G		
Jack C		
Alistair		
Joe P		
Callum		
Daniel		
Brandon		
William		
Josh		
Jack R		
Elliot		
Matthew H		
Jake		
Joe F		
Joe B		
Mitchell		
Daisy		
Natasha		

During the year 2 cubs moved on to Scouts. One achieved the Silver Award.

Three more cubs will move on to Scouts at Christmas all three are working towards the Chief Scout Silver Award.

Badges Awarded

Community Challenge	17
Creative Challenge	3
Outdoor Challenge	15
Chief Scout Silver Award	4
Moving on award	5
Nights Away	41
New Chums	10

Activity badges

Astronomer	7
Chef	6
Home Help	6
First Aid	6
Animal Carer	11

During the year the cubs have taken part in the following activities and visits:-

District Events

5-a-side football (Jan 08)
Car Park Duty – Jan
Cub District AGM – Feb
Centenary Meal – Keele Hall – March
St George's Day Parade – Ethan carried the flag
Scout District AGM – May
Sports Day – June 2nd place
District Outing – Twin Lakes
ADC Wedding - Oct – Mitchell flag bearer
Swimming gala - Nov
Christmas Carol Service at The Salvation Army Citadel in Chesterton

Pack & Group Events

Civic Mass - March
Visit Gang Show Castle Capers April
Skiing – April at Kidsgrove Ski Club
Work Party @ hut June
Family Camp (Kibblestone)
Visit Keele Observatory
Remembrance Day Service – Nov Brandon carried the flag

District Camps attended

February Barnswood (indoor) Countries & Cultures
July Sherratt's Wood Sixers Camp (outdoor) Angela and Theresa
October Maer Cottage (indoor) Robin Hood – Gill Heeks parent helper

Special Meetings

Mothers Day - cards
Pancakes
Halloween Party
Visit to Mayor's Parlour

We are currently preparing to host the Annual District Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church.

I would like to thank Theresa for her assistance, she has not been well for some time, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

I would also like to thank Val who comes to the headquarters every pack night to clean-up and has happily stepped in to help while Theresa is away.

Many thanks to Angela for her invaluable and continued support.

Regards
Janet Hammond
Akela

94th Keele Pack Report

2 Silver Chief Scout Awards gained.

12 promise challenge, 10 outdoor challenge, 12 creative challenge,
3 outdoor plus, 8 community challenge

Activity badges - astronomer, scientist, personal safety, animal lover, artist, athlete and athlete plus, camper, communicator, map reader, local knowledge, road safety, emergency aid, nights away. Environment group award.

3 group camps attended at Barnswood.

4 cubs moved onto scouts having completed the moving on award.

107th St Andrews (Westlands) Cub Pack Pack Report 2008

We currently have 27 cubs in the pack, three of which are yet to be invested.

Nine Cubs left us this year and five of them went to St Giles & St Georges Scout Troop and we have had 17 new Cubs start since last May.

This year we have awarded numerous activity badges; most of the Cubs earned their Communicator Badge by making contact with my nephews Cub Pack in London and also the Navigator Badge where none of them managed to get lost!

There were five Cubs just after Christmas who gained their Chief Scouts Silver Award. One of their challenges was to teach 13 new Cub Scouts all about Cubs. They did really well and even made up their own quiz to test them all!

We had the usual round of cooking with the Cubs and the glitter did make an appearance courtesy of a brilliant web site that sends you all the stuff!!! The Cubs have recently just passed their Chef's Badge and Home Help Badge.

The Cubs entered all the competitions this year including the Sixers Weekend, Sports Day and the 5-a-Side Competition.

The Cubs attended the May camp at Beaudesert as well as the camps at Barnswood and Meir.

We have held a joint firework party with the Beavers and are looking forward to the Christmas Party in December.

My thanks go to the other leaders - Dan, John, Chris & Andrew, along with the various Scouts from Holy Trinity - without them the pack couldn't and wouldn't run.

Jill Hewitt CSL 107th St Andrews (Westlands)