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Concorde AGM Report - July 2011

Concorde have once again completed a hectic, busy year full of interesting activities and outings for the Cubs and the Leaders. That about sums up our Pack's report for this year 2011. Unfortunately, on reflection I did not think I could get away with such an accurate, yet perhaps brief, report so have compiled the following to, as they say, put meat on the bones of this report.

One main thing of note for the Pack is the change of main Leadership that occurred in February. Whilst this change was to all intents invisible to the Cubs, I ceased being Group Scout Leader in February 2011 at which time the very capable Angela took on the role of GSL. In a weak moment, during this transition, I said I would be the Concorde Akela again (I had been Akela for Concorde for ten years (1990 to 2001) before being GSL). Thankfully, because Angela is such a good Leader, I was able to take the Leadership reins of the Pack with no problem. I just hope I can continue to lead them as well as Angela did and though her feet are actually smaller than mine, stepping into her shoes will be no mean feat (or should that be feet). Therefore, in respect of the rest of the Pack activities written about and contained herein, it is really Angela who was, is and remains the driving force for the Pack so making us one of the best in the District with (in my opinion) only Merlin coming close to being at our excellent standard.

Here are the facts and figures for the Pack. In September 2010 we had 24 Cubs in the pack and now, as the bright days of June 2011 are upon us we still have 24 Cubs (not all the same members though as some have moved onto to Scouts). Over the year have had two Cubs go to Scouts - both of whom attained Chief Scout Silver Award, one cub transferred to Merlin and one transferred to us from Merlin. Four Cubs left (two moved away and two 'out-grew' Cubs) one new boy joined, and three more came to us from the Denmead Beaver Colony.

For Camps, we went with Merlin for a week long camp in July 210 where the theme was a World Cruise (see photo) during which time we visited many different countries.



We went on an 'indoor' weekend camp earlier this year to Lyons Copse, have a District camp (27 cubs camping - Merlin and Concorde) in a couple of weeks time and have already planned another exciting Summer camp for this July/August.

As a Pack we have been to the District Swimming Gala, Six-a-side Football (where we let Merlin get to the runners-up place), organised and ran the District Chess Competition (again we let a Cub from Merlin win that event), went to Longleat, went to the District Scrap Heap Challenge, played games at our meetings, held an 'Inter-pack challenge' against Merlin (which we just won by only a quarter of a point), visited 'Pets at Home' (in Havant), played games, packed shoe boxes for a Christmas charity appeal, made Christmas cakes, played games, hiked from Hambleton, held meetings in Creech Wood, played games, had a treasure hunt in Waterlooville precinct, made 'stuff for Easter, played games, had fun, lit fires and incinerated sausages on them. All in all we had a great year full of fun-filled activities and games.

The Pack is successful because it has such good leadership. For this, my thanks go to Angela for being a great Leader and superb organiser, for Simon for being a dependable rock and another great Cub Scout Leader, for Jackie who always turns up to help the Pack every week and is an asset to the Group; for Martyn and Dan who help make the evening activities so much easier and for Tina who keeps us on the financial 'straight and narrow'. There are many other parents who have helped the Pack and continue to do so - thank you all.

Over the year both Cub packs run similar programmes and go together on all camps and District events. We are effectively one Pack that meet on different nights so, whichever your son is in be assured that Denmead will provide the very best Cub Scout Activities to all its Cub Scouts and any bias in this report toward Concorde is because I am writing this. Please do not tell my wife Concorde is better because she is a Leader at that other Cub Pack - Merlin

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