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CUB SCOUTS TAKE TO THE TRACKS - LET THE RACES BEGIN

As in any form of motor racing there is plenty of preparation before Race Day and so it was for the 2016 Cub Scouts Pinewood Rally at Wilderness Sports Centre.

Months before the event Richard, Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs sought out materials so that all the car kits were identical. This involved visiting various DIY outlets and examining the pinewood so as to not get too many knots and sourcing the screws with a wide enough shank not to cause the wheels to rub against the main body. Then came the arduous task of putting together 300/400 kits and distributing them around the District.



Queuing for the check in



Weighing in. Hot Rod or Regular



The Venue starts to fill



And then it's full

So far so good. Next job was to find the right venue. Having had a few of these Cub Car events over the years the Cub section have found that the best venue is the Sports centre at Wilderness, but being surrounded by building works and reduced parking facilities would this be available and could the Cubs Section afford it. Luckily these problems were overcome and the venue booked.

Now not wanting to reinvent the wheel Richard got together with Ali Miller, who has been involved before and got down to working out the running procedure for the day.

Okay, so now the cubs and their appropriate adult could start on the BIG BUILD.



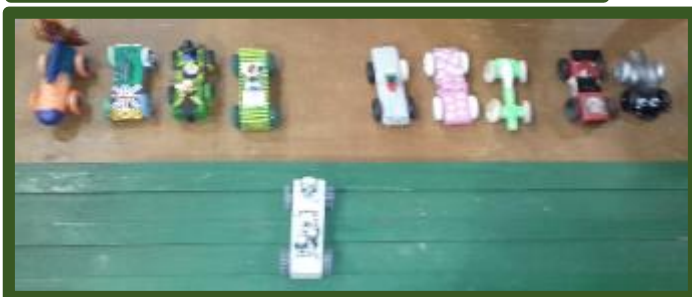
There were practise runs on the spare track so that adjustments could be made at Kevin's Pit Stop



Eventually
They are
OFF!



The cubs wait patiently (in some cases) for their three qualifying races.....



.....and judging of the best looking cars

Almost every pack had participants take part. Some packs sent the kits home for the cubs and parents to work on some started the process at their weekly meeting getting the cubs to design the cars and some brought the cars back to the meetings for the final touches. This year the competition included a race for

all comers and several Beavers and some adults entered this with much enthusiasm. Whichever way the cars were made or designed it was obvious that there were a lot of proud and nervous Mums and Dads (mainly Dads) on the scene with some of the cars being 'garaged' after every race to keep them in tip top condition.

Of course in every competition there has to be winners and nearly winners and some that didn't win as much as others but everyone having fun and getting satisfaction from their efforts is the main thing and that was obvious on the day. Here are pictures of people who took the prizes.



CUB CAR RALLY 2016

RESULTS

PACKS ATTENDING - 14

HOT ROD CLASS

1st - 15th Sevenoaks Otford Seonee
2nd - 12th Sevenoaks Edenbridge
3rd - 15th Sevenoaks Otford Waingunga

REGULAR CLASS

1st - 1st. Sevenoaks Hicks Own
2nd - 6th Sevenoaks Kemsing
3rd - 3rd Sevenoaks Stanhope

NON CUB CLASS

1st - Graham 'im indoors' Rutter

2nd - Sweet young lady from 1st Sevenoaks Braeside

3rd. Dominic 'The Big Tent' O Mahony

MOST COLOURFUL CAR

15th Sevenoaks Otford

MOST IMAGINATIVE CAR

15th Sevenoaks Otford

BEST LOOKING CAR

1st Sevenoaks Braeside

MOST COMICAL CAR

16th Sevenoaks Ide Hill

OVERALL 3RD PLACE

1st Sevenoaks Braeside

OVERALL 2ND PLACE

6th Sevenoaks Kemsing

OVERALL 1ST PLACE AND POLE POSITION

12th Sevenoaks - Edenbridge



For God for Harry and St George



So it was a slightly reduced turnout for the 2016 St Georges Day celebrations but that did not take anything away from sense of pride Sevenoaks District Scouts felt as they paraded through the streets of their home town. The usual crowd gathered and people left the comfort of nearby restaurants and pubs to encourage and support the young people. It has to be said that it was a cold day, more attuned to Remembrance Day than what is meant to be English springtime but never mind it stopped us dawdling and we managed to pass the crossroads before an irate motorist got upset with us. Oh dear!

With reduced numbers all the young people were easily placed in the Church and proceedings were able to get started practically on time. Well that's a first.



So much going on,
So many people,
So many pictures.

Hopefully we've got everyone
that received an Award but if
not, well there's always next
year.







Biggest Award of the Day

The Silver Acorn, was awarded to Pat Crawley who has worked in Scouting tirelessly with the Cub Section, the Fellowship and now the Active Support she also finds time to help out in local charities and has other hobbies .

She is Always first to volunteer and find time to visit folk that may need a little help.

Pat doesn't just wear the uniform she does what it says on the tin. Congratulations – Well deserved.

District Trophy Winners

Sajo Trophy (Beaver Colony)

9th Sevenoaks. Seal

Mickey Spearey Trophy (Cub Pack)

15th Sevenoaks Waingunga Pack

Dudley Barrow Trophy (Troop)

3rd Sevenoaks Bradbourne Troop

The John Lane Trophy (Explorers)

Steven Middleton - Sam Thompson - Tom McKeen

Buffalo Horns (Outstanding Contribution)

Nicky Harvey

District Trophy (Group)

4th Sevenoaks St. Johns

Otford Seeonee Cub Pack

Have a High Old Time

THE SHARD?
I Don't Get the Point

22 Cubs (and one Beaver) along with leaders and parent helpers travelled up to London on 19th March for a height challenge. This was to mark both the 100th year of Cub Scouts and raise money for a good cause. We climbed The Shard, St Paul's, The Monument and Tower Bridge. Apart from a couple of refusals to go any higher than the Whispering Gallery at St Paul's - which meant Akela and Baloo had to do the trip twice - all reached the top of the other landmarks.



The Shard

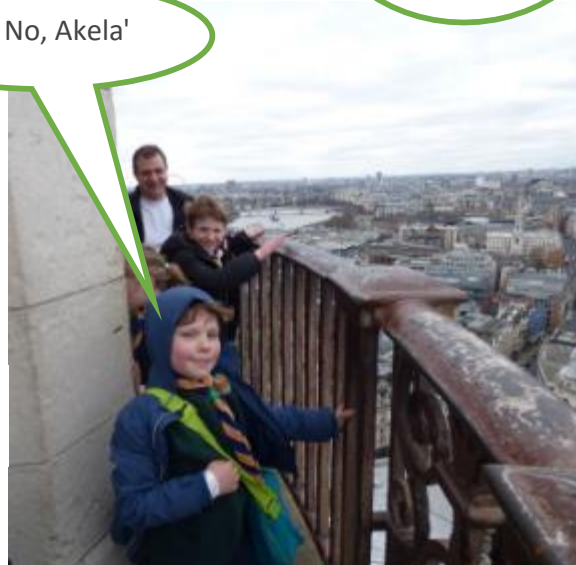
'Quick get out! I'll hold it up for as long as I can'!



Oi!
'I've just b****y mopped that'!

Tower Bridge - Glass walkway

'Still No, Akela'



St Paul's

The safest place for Cubs; 160 feet up and behind wire mesh

The Monument



If you include the Millennium Bridge at a giddy 36 feet, the total height reached was 1,418 feet.

The views from the top of each landmark and back towards the last one climbed were fascinating. Despite the shaky legs, the pounding heart and bursting lungs (in the case of Akela) (and yes we admit we got the lift to the top of The Shard), all had a great day.

The Cubs raised a fantastic £616.06 which will go towards funding a community CPR training programme in support of the local volunteer community first responders and the three AED's (Automated External Deliberator) placed within Otford

A BIG WELCOME TO STUART 'P'NUT' HOLDEN

WHO HAS COME INTO THE SEVENOAKS DISTRICT AND TAKEN ON THE ROLE OF GROUP SCOUT LEADER AT THE 6TH SEVENOAKS (KEMSING) GROUP.

P'NUT HAS HAD MANY YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN SCOUTING AND HAS ALREADY GOT STUCK IN WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

THE 6TH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN STRONG ON FUNDRAISING, THEIR JUMBLE SALES ARE LEGENDARY, AND RECENTLY THEY HAVE HELD A VERY SUCCESSFUL QUIZ.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND THERE IS A DEFINITE FEEL OF POSITIVITY IN THE AIR.

I AM SURE I SPEAK FOR THE WHOLE OF SEVENOAKS DISTRICT IN WELCOMING STUART AND WISHING HIM WELL.

BUT LOOKS LIKE BEING A



SAD



GOODBYE TO GRAHAM STILL

WHO PLANS TO LEAVE HIS ROLE IN JULY

As old rivals as Postmen it is unusual for me to give Graham a good press but let's be fair he has been an excellent Cub Scout Leader (well on at least two occasions) No! No! Stop it. I jest.

Graham has always been keen on supporting District events when work allowed and organised several himself. Need Help? Ask Graham and he'd be there with support and ideas. The Waingunga Pack will certainly miss Graham (they need to improve their aim) and he will be a hard act to follow.

Hopefully once he has given up he will have more time to concentrate on his good lady and also getting the Royal Mail letters through the right doors.

Even more hopefully (can you say 'more hopefully' ?) he will consider keeping some kind of role open in the Sevenoaks District.

Come on Graham give Active Support a whirl – you know it makes sense and Sheela can join too.

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