

## DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District		Smiley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hemel
Peter Mann	1 <sup>st</sup> Gadebridge		Gareth Ford	3 <sup>rd</sup> Boxmoor
Nicola Adams	1 <sup>st</sup> Bovingdon			
Ross Dorras	1 <sup>st</sup> Bovingdon			
Richard Haynes	1 <sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green			
Phil McLachlan	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley			
Sheila Neep	District			
Sue West	4 <sup>th</sup> Boxmoor			
Lorna Glass	1 <sup>st</sup> Bennetts End			
Dave Jermy	1 <sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green			
Kevin Mills	1 <sup>st</sup> Apsley			

APOLOGIES.

Andy opened the meeting at 8.30pm.

- A. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as being a true representation of that meeting. It was noted that minutes will be written up for meetings going forward, and these will be hosted on District website at <http://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/downloads-new/notes-from-cub-section-meetings/> as well as being circulated by e mail.
- B. Andy welcomed all attendees at this meeting, noting the large number of Cub Packs which were represented. With there being a number of new attendees the opportunity was taken for each leader to briefly introduce themselves and advise which Group they represented. Andy noted that these meetings generally take the form of a review of events since the last meeting, development of future plans followed by AOB as necessary.
- C. Review of recent and forthcoming events:
1. Sixer & Seconder Day: Took place May 14<sup>th</sup> at Lees Wood. Feedback extremely positive, both from Cubs taking part and Leaders attending. Consideration to be given to running this annually.
  2. District Cub Fun day. Phasels Wood. 16<sup>th</sup> June. Run in the end as a cooking and campfire event. Was popular with those attending but numbers were not particularly high. This considered mainly to be down to lateness of letters and the

fact that Groups had already planned their programme. Andy acknowledged the point about letters and apologised for the delay in getting these out.

3. County Water Activities Day. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. ESSA water activity centre. There was no feedback on this event.
4. Previous two year programme was discussed whereby we would hold a Fun Day and a Sixer/Seconder day one year, then the next year a District Night Hike and a Cub Camp. From feedback received and with an interest in running Sixer/Seconder annually this will rather throw this plan. Should this be the wish of the Cub Leaders then that is what we shall do but we do need to agree this. Andy also put forward the consideration that we may wish to attend Cubjam as a District Cub event in 2019.
5. Cubjam was noted as being a one week long, UK wide event for Cubs with approx. 1700 Cubs attending. The last few iterations have been held at Gilwell, but the 2019 Cubjam will be at Overstone Park in Northamptonshire. The event takes place over the May Bank Holiday and detail can be found at <http://www.cubjam.org.uk/> Cost for the week in 2019 is £195, allowing for food and travel over and above that I would venture that the cost per Cub will be around £260. There is a discount available from Cubjam for early payment which might be available. Some local Groups have been to this event previously and were all enthusiastic about the experience, a sentiment very much agreed with by the Cubs who have been there. With 2019 being a Scout Jamboree year this is a great opportunity for Cubs to experience the closet they can get at this stage of their Scouting experience. This needs to be decided if we do wish to attend as a District as spaces will fill up fast, they always do. It was discussed that if doing this we would need to consider a staged payment plan for families. Andy volunteered to attend meetings with parents should Groups decide they want to participate.
6. ASAP. Taking place at Phasels and celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Phasels Wood. Several Groups noted they were camping for the weekend at this event, with others attending as Day Visitors only.
7. County Cub Night Hike. Saturday/Sunday 23/24 September 2017. As noted and communicated previously by County, this event has been cancelled for this year, and most probably subsequent years. The event was becoming too big to be achievable without significant additional support.
8. County Cyclocross. Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Takes place at Well End. Detail will be available from County website.
9. Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). Phasels on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Scanned copy of the flyer and application is attached. Applications should go straight to Phasels. John Allen was asked about timing slots, and advised checking with Phasels as will depend on



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10. Fireworks at Hobbs Hill. Taking place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. As ever there is an opportunity to run this as a fund raiser with half of ticket costs being returned to the Group selling them. Letters to follow shortly.

11. District Cub Activity badge day. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Hobbs Hill Wood school. Badge for 2017 will be artist. Letters were noted as to be e mailed the evening after this meeting. This has taken place. Capacity was again noted as being maximum 200 for this event.
12. Christmas 2017. Colonel Custard is booked to undertake parties for both beavers and Cubs on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Letters were again noted as to be e mailed the night after this meeting. This has taken place and it was again advised that max capacity for this event is 200 Cubs.
13. District swimming gala. Will take place Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at SportSpace. Format and timings will be as used in previous years. Letters to follow. This event again will be free for Cubs.
14. County Bushcraft Day. 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Held at HarmerGreen Wood. Positive opinions of this event previously were expressed. Only 1 Hemel Group attended last year. Detail will be available on County website.
15. District Sixer and Seconder Day. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Agreed to hold this event again, discussion around ages but decided to keep as Sixer and Seconder. This will require some new bases to ensure we continue to keep this exciting for those attending. Agreed again to keep the format where we split Cubs up from their own Packs. Discussed potential themes which may be possible to theme some of the bases. Eg World Cup/Nations. Request already made to Lees Wood to have Les Willis Field for this event and to keep climbing as the challenge aspect. Andy, Kevin and Phil agreed to look after this event.
16. Cub Activity Hike. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Format for this was discussed as having Scouts camp on the Friday and Saturday, with Cubs arriving around lunchtime Saturday. Cubs would then do badge aspects Saturday pm, and a night hike Saturday evening with Scouts running bases. Cubs then camp overnight and depart Sunday. Generally agreed, discussed ensuring that only one badge be attempted to reduce complexity. Various routes around Phasels were discussed. Indicative costs were talked about and Andy suggested that £15 per Cub would be a realistic estimate. Smiley agreed to lend a hand in getting this up and running.
17. Jamboree Launch and party. 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Date to celebrate fact that 2019 Jamboree will be in USA. Andy has discussed this with Russ and suggested that with this being a week night any start before 6.30 would most probably not work. Suggestion (all to be confirmed) would have Beavers and Cubs at Phasels 6.30/8.00 pm with an overlap and Scouts there 7.00/9.00. Exact format of event to be considered. Any thoughts, suggestions or volunteers to Andy or Russ please.
18. ASAP 2018. 14<sup>th</sup>~16<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Discussion took place about this possibly being considered as a District Family Camp. Several Groups already use this camp for this purpose. Discussion took place around various scenarios re central catering, groups doing their own thing etc. Andy stressed that various possibilities would be possible and groups would be able to determine what best worked for them and their attending families, from families catering for themselves through to centrally catered by Phasels. District would look to facilitate, not mandate provided all alternatives were safe.
19. District Cub Badge Day. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018. 2018 badge will be Scientist.

20. Xmas 2018. Consideration to be given to a pantomime for 2018. Kevin Mills volunteered to research some possibilities and bring these to January 2018 Cub Leaders meeting. Format and event to be agreed at that meeting.
21. Cubjam 2019. 25<sup>th</sup>~31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. See link earlier for detail. To be agreed or otherwise at January 2018 meeting.

Details of all District events can be found on Hemel District website diary at :

<http://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/diary/>

Details of County events can be found at: <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/>

D. Discussion points from previous meeting.

Nil

E. AOB: Andy reminded Leaders to ensure their contact details are correct in Compass to assist with preparation of new District Directory.

Andy also noted at this stage that running the events noted from a District perspective is only possible if people lend a hand. Setting up events such that Leaders run bases for their Cubs is one way we do this, but help in pulling together the event to begin with is essential. No-one will get dropped into this, support from people with experience of doing this will be available, and Russ' noted District Admin support will also be available. Anyone who may be able to lend a hand should have a chat with Andy.

F. Dates for next meetings:

1. Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
2. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
3. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood

Link to District Website <http://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/>

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.