

# 1<sup>st</sup> Crownhill 2003/2004 Review Meeting

## Agenda

6.30 Arrive –

6.40 Introduction by GSL

6.50 Section presentations (Cub, Beavers then Scouts)

7.30 Refreshments

8.00 Close





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Dear Parents / Fellow Members

Hopefully most of you should know me by now, if not by name then certainly by sight. This will be the first annual review I have had to present, and not being part of the group over the previous year means that it is difficult to tell you what the group we been up to so I will concentrate on the where we are today and the future.

Since the parents evening in June we have come a long way. Then there was talk of the group not being able to continue and potentially closing. A lot of work has been completed since then. We now have new section leaders, Clare Mann took over as Beaver leader together with Dave Mark who is looking after Scouts. On the executive committee side Jean Dejean formally takes over as Treasurer for the group at the review meeting, and Mark Woodruff is now after all the group's equipment as Quartermaster.

The group's membership has increased significantly since the census was last completed in January and in June where we were down to approximately 18 members.

Section	2002	2003	2004	Present
Beavers	19	16	10	18
Cubs	18	17	12	8
Scouts	24	17	6	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>

Beaver's has seen the most increase which is important for the group as it feeds the other sections and gets kids involved in Scouting at an early age. Cub's has just seen three of its members move in to Scouts which started the new term with 4 members and has now increased to 12 and continues to grow week by week.

Attached is a copy of the groups audited accounts. Please take the time to look through, you will note over the last two years the group has lost money and it's reserves are at an all time low. One of our challenges over the next 12 months is to get more funds in to the group. Currently your subscription money (subs)



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covers expenses such as membership to the Scouting Association, rent, insurances etc. However we need to purchase equipment for the group to run activities such as camping. I would ask that you support fund raising activities and that if you have ideas that could help bring more funds in to the group speak to either your section leader, Jean or myself.

To move the group forward we need the continued support of all the parents in many areas. Parent rota's are now running across all the sections and offers tremendous help to all the leaders. Thank you to all those parents who have helped out so far, and for those. I know I sound like a worn out record but we need more ! Critically the group must find a Cub Leader by the end of December. Liz Arkless has done a great job in looking after the section but has other duties in district which she must return to in the New Year. Additionally we need assistant leaders for all the sections and executive committee members. If you can help in any way then either speak to your section leader or myself.

Finally, I am sure everyone would like to say a big thank you to Gary and his team of district leaders – Yvonne (Beavers), Liz (Cubs), Mick, Graham & Liz (Scouts), who have put so much hard work in to keeping group going during the year. We greatly appreciate all their efforts and thank them for their continued support over the coming months and years.

Yours in Scouting

Tony Mann  
Group Scout Leader (GSL)



### 1<sup>st</sup> Crownhill Beaver Review

For those of you who don't know me let me introduce myself. My name is Clare Mann and I have a son Ashley who is in Beavers and a son Luke who is going up to Scouts in September. Over the last half term I have been helping Yvonne with the Beavers and will take over as leader in September. During the day I work as a Nursery Nurse at a Council day nursery. The Beavers had a busy half term getting out and about and only used the hall for one meeting, when we made kites and parachutes and tested them out on the field. The Beavers took to pedal power and went on a bike ride around Crownhill. We worked as a group on a walk around Stony Stratford finding out facts about the town. Everyone enjoyed an evening of swimming at Wolverton open air pool. Crownhill Beavers joined with Stony Stratford colony for an evening of camp fire fun at the quarries, we cooked sausages and marshmallows and amazingly no-one got food poisoning! On 10<sup>th</sup> July some of the Beavers went by coach to a Beaver Fun Day held at Braidwood camp site, where they got to try their hand at activities such as abseiling, outdoor cooking and boomerang making, a great time was had by all. The highlight for the Beavers was the end of term trip to Activity World where they wore themselves out while the Leaders sat and chilled out.

We have welcomed a lot of new Beavers and look forward to more in September. A big thank you to Beaver parents who have been extremely supportive and have always been willing to help with activities and of course to Yvonne and Vicky without which none of it would have been possible.

Clare Mann  
Beaver Leader