



## 1ST WYCHWOOD CUB SCOUTS

**Y**OU may have read the recent article in "The Wychwood" or seen the posters around the villages, which told the sad story that our local Cub Pack, the 1st Wychwoods, was threatened. John Fenton had been doing a great job, ably assisted by Adam Scully, in keeping the pack alive, but was retiring from scouts and the pack was facing closure. We thought that this would be a sad thing for our village so I, Marilyn Nichols, Adam Scully and Mairi and Dave Radcliffe volunteered to help, and we now run the pack.

We ran our first full meeting in mid February and the boys made balsa models of Concorde, started work on a weather monitoring station and learned about the Royal Family, as well as playing a few games. The cubs were very tolerant of my attempts at Grand Howl and prompted me when to salute!

Our priority is to increase numbers from the current nine to at least eighteen boys, and John is contacting all those on the waiting list, but if your son is interested, please phone me. We have also extended our meeting times to one and a half hours to allow more time for games and activities.

There are some exciting events planned this year, including 'Deluge Day' at Youlbury Camp site near Oxford in June — cubs from all over the county will descend on the site and will have the opportunity of participating in dozens of activities such as climbing, abseiling, cookery, archery, shooting, aerial runway and many more. All are free and properly supervised. The District Cub Camp at Heythrop is in July.

The purpose of Cub Scouting is to have fun while encouraging the development of the boys. It is also preparation for the Scouts, and I am pleased to report a very active Scout Troop with three full-time leaders and about fifteen Scouts, so at ten and a half to eleven years old, the Cubs will move into a thriving Scout Troop to continue their enjoyment and development.

If your son is, or soon will be, eight years old and is interested in Cub Scouting, please get in touch — you could phone me or come to Tiddy Hall, Ascott-under-Wychwood on Thursdays 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. — or I would be very pleased to talk to you.

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