

## Two Down, One to Go

It is not a crossword clue but it is a clue all the same.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we started a Cub Pack here in the Wychwoods. We wanted to have some connections with the past so we assumed the original Group colours of yellow



on khaki, and the same name *The 1st Wychwoods Scout Group*. The Cubs were an instant success. At Whitsun we started our well-subscribed Beaver Colony. It took a few weeks to settle down, well they are only six years old!

### Cubs and Beavers Away!

Now at the end of our first term we have a fully established Beaver Colony and Cub Pack. This has only come about by some hard, dedicated work by our uniformed leaders. Our Group Scout Leader (the one in charge) is Andrew Monkhouse, (aka Bob!), not from this area but from across the hill in Carterton. Bob has been involved with Scouting for more years than he cares to recall but under his leadership our Cub Leaders Ian Marshall and Tim Jones, assisted by Clare Brown and John Fenton have all shown amazing talents working with our Cubs. Once they were up and running Bob turned his attention to our Beaver Leaders Matthew Harper and Andrew Fermor, who have been also been supported but this time by a team of parent helpers. Bob now feels that all our Leaders are of sufficient quality that he can take a step back and continue the support of his home group in

Carterton. No mean task as all our leaders started from scratch.

### Scouts Next

My role is to support our Leaders and supply them with the 'tools of their trade'. I also have an able team with Revd. Kate

Stacey as Secretary, Sarah Russell as Treasurer, Laura Jones and Eve West as fund - raisers and Martin Walsh who is trying to get to grips with our website. The initial stages of funding were difficult as we started with nothing. The Wychwood School, where we meet, has been very supportive and grants from Scout HQ, Oxfordshire Scout Council and our own West Oxon Scout Council have now come in, with more offered by concerns nearer to home.

This brings me back to my opening remark. The clue is that we are looking to start a Scout Troop in the autumn. We have the youngsters, some too old to join Cubs and some in Cubs who are old enough to move up. We have the venue, and we have the evening, Monday. We are now looking for a team of around four adults initially to train - on the job - as Scout Leaders. Bob will come back to help. This is a job-share opportunity rather than a go-it-alone role. It will not be a full troop of 24, probably nearer half to start. If you are interested please contact me on: 01993 832614, or on: [wychwoodsscoutsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:wychwoodsscoutsinfo@gmail.com) or via the School.

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