



3rd Alton Tiger Cub Pack

It has been a busy year for our Pack, and regretfully many evenings that were planned have ceased due to the Coronavirus interrupting all our lives. I hope all of you are well and coping, I know it still feels strange to me.

Since our last AGM report, we have been busy achieving a range of the core challenge badges plus visiting places & welcoming visitors to further the Cub's experiences.

The staple activities of hikes, camps, cooking, crafts and even the *dreaded* Home Help badge were all completed happily in the end. Our Pack loves to tailor the current events to a badge. For example, way back last June to commemorate the **D-Day** landings the Cubs constructed cardboard flat-bottomed Higgins boats, whilst we explained the importance of them at that time in history. Here are some highlights of our year: -

We were welcomed by our 'neighbours' for an evening of **indoor bowling**, the feedback was that it was a great success and the Cubs were happy.

Part of the Astronomer badge was achieved at our visit to Intech for the **Moon Badge** (celebrating the 50th anniversary of an 'ex'-Scout Neil Armstrong walking on the Moon).

The Book Reader badge was partially 'ticked off' with a hugely successful evening at **Waterstones**. Sam & Fiona were brilliant, and the Cubs had an enjoyable evening learning about cataloging, ISBN, names of the parts of a book etc.

On **Guy Fawkes night** we explained Personal Safety to the Cubs whilst handling sparklers, and having fun. Pictures of fireworks were made & many marshmallows toasted.

The *dreaded* **Home Help** was completed at home with parents, and at the Den. The Cubs discovered, some reluctantly, that making your bed, sewing on your badge, ironing your scarf wasn't quite as difficult as they imagined. Hopefully these skills have continued... MANY thanks for the parental help.

The **Remembrance Day Parade** was a well turned out occasion. I was particularly proud of the Cubs behaviour. This was followed up by an evening with **Royal British Legion Riders** who explained to the Pack it's importance, **and** let them sit on their precious, expensive bikes.

Several of our evenings were spent around the **camp fire**, most noteworthy our healthy eating evening. Thank you to all the parents who helped make fruit kebabs etc. I class it a success as some 'fruit avoiders' tried and liked a fruit they had previously rejected. The Backwoods cooking evenings were successes as well.

Hikes were completed mostly in the dry thankfully, through the woods or to Chawton. One with the environment particularly in mind, was a torch light litter pick around Town, complete with bin bags & grabbers.

Team games & challenges such as Lego construction, celebrating Founders Day, and coming as runners up (after penalties) at football. "We was robbed"! Thank you also to the Cubs for participating at the Chess tournament & Aqua Scramble.

'The basics' of training were also accomplished, with Sixers & Seconds learning flag training, the Promise hand etc.



Tai Chi evening January 2020



Intech Sept 2019



Waterstones Oct 2019



Hampshire Royal British Legion
Nov 2019



A memorable visit was by Jonathan of **Knights Brown**. The evening was spent with him explaining what the environmental considerations were when constructing any works, but then tailoring the talk to specifically the



Knights Brown 2019



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Butts Bridge. Using spaghetti and blue tack Jonathan challenged the Cubs into creating the tallest structure using the least amount of pasta. He then measured them using an *enormous* laser. The 'goody bags' were a nice surprise at the end.

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Christmas tea-light Gnomes

Craft evenings were cards for Father's Day, a collage of 'fingers' for The Promise, pictures of fireworks, and two evenings painting Christmas tea-light Gnomes. They were spectacular.

A sleepover at **Headley Scout Hut** was really good for backwoods cooking, the pizza making was very successful, and the 'first timers' survived and loved it.



Tai Chi Jan 2020

The **Tai Chi** evening was a rewarding evening, we all thoroughly enjoyed it. This taught importance of health & fitness whilst explaining it was a derivative of Kung Fu which a few Cubs attend.



Headley Scout Hut Oct 2019

Another noteworthy evening this year was a water safety talk by the **RNLI**, complete with a film plus leaflets.

Also as usual we celebrated **CNY** (Chinese New Year), this time the Year of the Rat. Always a lot of fun, whilst recognising another culture. The

Fortune cookies were particularly good!

During this year some of the badges we have achieved are: four Silver Chief Scout, and another two waiting to be awarded/Emergency Aid/Hikes away/Nights away/Challenge badges/Home help/Book reader/Astronomer and others partly done.

The 24 Cubs in our Pack are a well-behaved group of which I am proud of. The feedback from our visits, & visitors has been always highly complementary.

I would like to take the time to say a huge thank you to the Cubs, without you it really would be a very dull & unexciting time. Another massive thank you to the parents for your continuous support, we really couldn't do half the activities we do without you. Lastly to our leaders Baloo, Rikki, and the help of Heather in the background – I am very grateful.

To Terry our GSL, I have enjoyed our time together and wish you all the best. To Matt I wish you much success in your new role.

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