

## Puma Cub Scouts Annual Report 2014/2015

2014/15 has continued to be a good year for Pumas, John and I have continued to run a fun and exciting programme, ably assisted by Richard Knight and Andrew Keen.

Our major highlight of last year was our first Cub Camp. The weather leading up to the camp was fantastic, sunny and very warm. That changed on the Friday evening when a tremendous thunder storm ensued. We have our fingers crossed for dry weather this weekend when we will be repeating the experience. For many of the Cubs this was the first time away without parents and many were slightly worried, these had turned into the most enthusiastic campers by the end of the weekend!

During the year we have enjoyed a wide and varied program. We have celebrated various different festivals, cooking our own three course meal for Chinese New Year, although due to a clash in dates, pudding was slightly less Chinese and more British with pancakes being produced by one Six.

As with previous years we've taken full advantage of being so close to Bowsey Woods with various hikes, shelter building and of course many sausage cooking evenings. I'm fairly sure that if we were abandoned on an desert island the pack would cope better than those currently appearing on a certain Channel 4 TV show! Not a Scout amongst them! As the nights become lighter and warmer we will continue to spend as much time as possible outside practising our skills.

Another popular activity last year was a cycle ride from Knowl Hill to Littlewick Green, time for a quick drink at the pub, soft drinks all round, then cycle back to Knowl Hill.

We have continued to take part in the different District events that are on offer. Junk modelling, rifle shooting, and the quiz have all been attended by Pumas and although we didn't win, each team we took gave each competition their all and tried their best. This year we have had new opponents in the Wildcats Pack which has led to some healthy competition! So far, they're winning but I'm confident of a Puma comeback!

We also took advantage of a District run trip to Gilwell, the home of Scouting, for a Funday. It was great, lots of very different activities for Cubs to do. I'm taking a group again this year and hope that the day is as much fun as last year.

Currently we have 24 children in the pack, both boys and girls, this is fantastic as it shows how much fun and excitement Cubs have and I'm so proud that so many children wish to join, however, we desperately need more adult help. You don't have to commit to every week, and we can work round other life commitments.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the parents who have been roped into helping, who have helped wash dishes, drawn maps, come on hike and generally helped out. Without your support it would be impossible to run Cubs. Thank you once again, and here's to another great year of Scouting.

**Fiona**