

It has been 9 months since the last AGM and our pack has seen a number of changes in that time. It has been good to be back in the hut, even if we have had to leave for a couple of occasions. We have been very grateful to the United Reformed Church who have allowed us to use their hall, once for the ceiling to be completed in the main hall along with lights and heating, and all of this has been most welcome as I am sure the other units will agree with, and once due to bad weather for camping. The most frustrating part was having no where to keep equipment and all our leaders are so grateful that they can have their homes back as we can now use the cupboard that has been refurbished for us.

Our camps have been well supported and we have managed 2 since our last report and our well-rounded programme has obviously encouraged the boys to do work at home as they are all bringing in badge work that they have completed.

Numbers

We have continued to keep our numbers above 20 but at present have spaces available for any 8-11 year old boys or girls. For the first time in a long time we have found ourselves with only boys in the pack so look forward to any female beavers who will be coming up.

Leaders

This is the area that has seen the most change since the last AGM. Baloo was eventually presented with her “wood badge” and Keego has taken the challenge up and has been invested as an Assistant Leader. But since Baloo was presented with her wood badge the leadership of the pack has taken a major change. Due to work challenges Akela felt that he was not able to give the full commitment that was needed, so some of us have changed names. Baloo has now become Akela and Akela is now known as Jacala. The cubs have dealt with this change well and have managed to call us by the correct names, correcting themselves if they have got it wrong. This would not have been possible without the support of both Raksha and Keego. We have continually been supported by the parents who, as usual, have never let us down when we have needed help, whether it has been pack meetings or camps. Our last camp saw the sad departure of Angie Smith as our able bodied kitchen help, and we thank her for all her help, as both her boys have just gone up to scouts and that is a space that will need to be filled to help Marian who continually keeps us well fed at camp. We also have a new young adult helper who has been given the jungle book name Bagheera.

Communications

Making sure that everybody knows what is going on has always been our priority and we believe that none of our parents is not able to find out the information that we are putting out, whether it be from the website at parbrook.org.uk or on our twitter feed @ParbrookCubs (which you can get as text messages on your phone as well as the PC) as well as our Facebook page which can be found by searching for “Parbrook Cub Pack”.

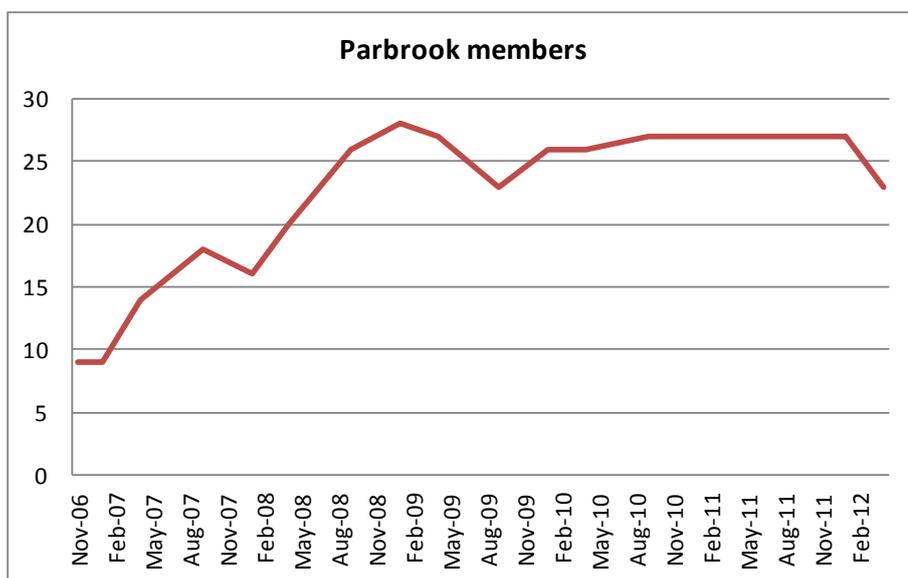
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Our painless fundraising now takes place at <http://www.spendandraise.com/parbrook/> and again it is raising us enough money to be to subsidise our camps and also keep our subs low. This is an easy and painless way to help raise funds for the pack. It doesn't cost you any more than you are paying for the item that you want but it helps to send extra to us.

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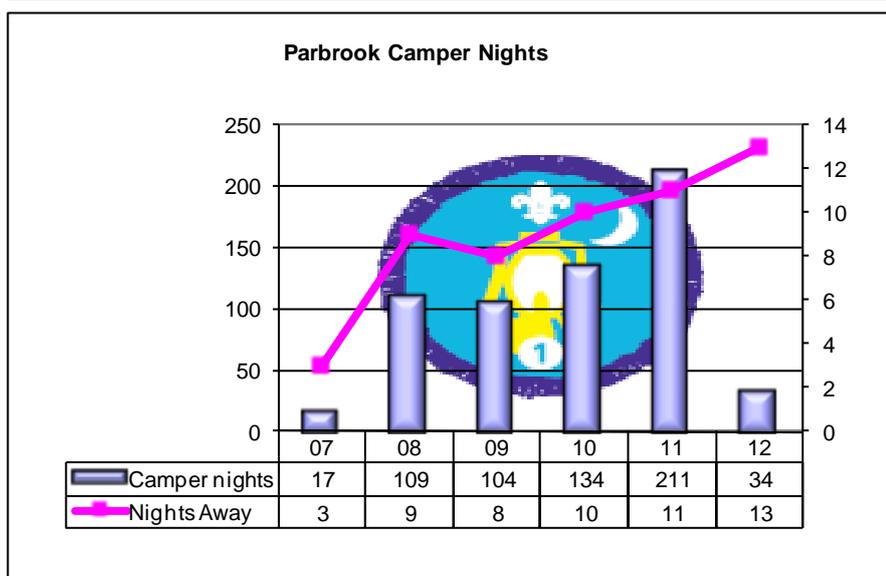
We monitor a number of indicators to show our performance over the years.



Membership

We're holding our numbers at just over 20. In fact, things are likely to drop back a bit as some of our older Cubs move on to Scouts.

We are now able to take names off of the waiting list as well as those that are moving up from Beavers.

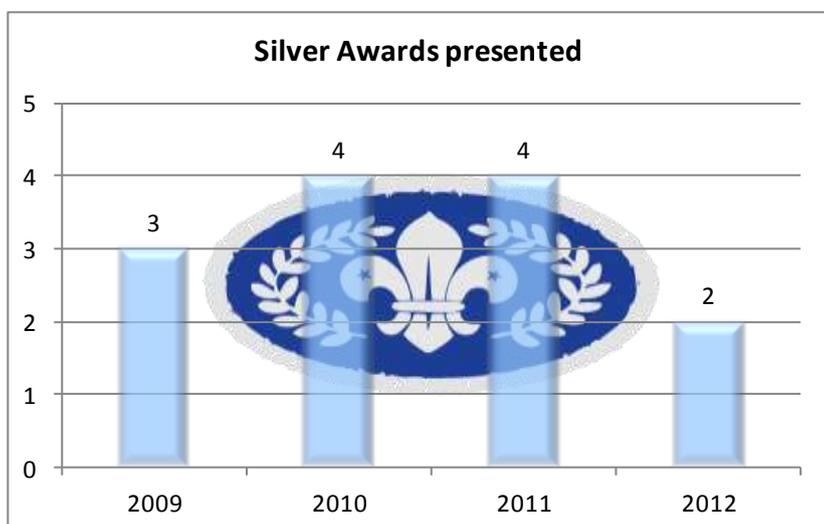


Nights Away

It has always been our promise that we will run at least one "night away" each term.

Since the last AGM in Sep11, we have added 76 camper nights to our total.

In 2012 we expect to offer a further 11 nights away over the rest of the year.



Silver Awards

We have presented 6 Silver Awards over this last period.

We believe that badges should be earned and not given away for just turning up. This means that not everybody will complete their Silver Award - thus making it more special to those who do.