

7th WORCESTER SCOUT GROUP POWICK AND CALLOWEND

Great News!!!! After a couple of years in almost total lockdown the Scout Association and consequently our District have plans in hand for events to restart. The first District event to take place will be the St. George's Day parade to the Cathedral from Angel Place. The parade through the centre of town is something the scouts look forward to. Watching hundreds of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their adult leaders marching and the band playing is something not to be missed. This year we might see the new section, Squirrels, marching with their respective Groups. Marching is probably the wrong word to use, if you have seen how the older Beavers parade through town. It will be a proud moment for me to see my Beaver grandson parading with the rest of the Group. Since he started last year he has earned a variety of badges and looks forward to the weekly meetings. In addition to the Parade, plans are well in hand for a District camp to be held over a weekend in the Summer. By the time you read this the Beavers will have attended a district First Aid event along with all the other Beaver groups on a Saturday in March; I'm sure they will have learnt lots.

Remember Beavers meet on Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm for boys and girls between the age of 6 and 8 years of age. The Cubs meet on Mondays, also for boys and girls, between the ages of 8 and 10 1/2. The meetings are from 6.30pm - 8pm. Unfortunately our Scout Troop is still suspended whilst we try and find at least two adults to run the section who would have to be 'warranted'. If you are new to the area or even a stalwart in the village and feel that you could spend a couple of hours on a Thursday from 7pm - 9pm to run the Troop please give me a ring. Scouts are for boys and girls between the ages of 10 1/2 and 14 years of age. Meetings for all sections take place in Powick Parish Hall or in our Scout Zone at the top of the Hall's carpark next to the playing field. At our last Group meeting one of the items on our agenda was the possibility of opening a Squirrel Drey section. This section would be for boys and girls between 4 and 6 years of age. The subject was of much interest and I will keep you updated on the progress. However I am sure you have all guessed that our initial stumbling block is the recruiting of warranted leaders. We would need a minimum of two warranted leaders with an assistant

to run a drey, with an initial maximum of twelve children. Finding time at the Hall, organising programmes to meet with Scout Association regulations, and basic administration would also need to be finalised before we could think of opening a new section. If you think running the new Squirrel section could be of interest to you please contact me or speak to one of the Cub or Beaver leaders

The Cubs have an excellent programme for this term, with activities including fire safety and fire lighting, a hike over the Old Hills, sewing and ironing shoe laces, tent pitching and knife and axe safety. It was pleasing to find that cub leader Steve had persuaded one of the dads to come along and help with the meetings.

In Nicole's absence, the Beavers have ex-Beaver leader Sue Matthews at the helm, ably assisted by adult leader Carol and young leaders Ella and Hannah. At a recent meeting Hannah organised the programme and I understand she did a fine job- congratulations Hannah. The Beavers programme has included leaning about saints David and Patrick. The Saint David's programme involved making Welsh cakes under supervision, making sure no one burnt themselves. Other meetings have included working towards their collectors badge and book reading badge.

It is great to see that the daffodil bulbs that were planted by the Beavers around the Scout Zone are now in flower and making the area look impressive.

If you are interested in becoming a warranted leader with either the existing Scout troop or the potentially new Squirrel section then please contact me on 01905359764.

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