

**7th WORCESTER SCOUT GROUP
POWICK AND CALLOW END**

On behalf of the 7th Worcester Scout Group - Powick and Callow End - may I take this opportunity to wish you all a belated Happy New Year. Surely this year cannot be any worse than last year. After a frustrating year with many of our 'Section' meetings held by zoom instead of face to face in our now completed Scout Zone things can only get better. I visited the Zone recently and it impresses me every time and I am sure the Beavers and Cubs will be making full use of the facility when the warmer weather arrives. There were no District events for us to attend and as a Group we did not even manage a weekend camp. It is great to see that plans are already in hand for a District Camp in the Summer this year. Back to last year, our Cubs attended the Remembrance Service at Powick church. There was a restriction on numbers and unfortunately the Beavers could not attend. The Cubs also contributed a decorated Christmas tree to the festival at Madresfield church.



Towards the end of last year our Exec. Committee and our Leaders held a meeting face to face for the first time in a very long time. We held our AGM, where our Treasurer Crispin Steele submitted our accounts which were accepted. Both Crispin, as Treasurer and myself as Chairperson were re-elected for the year 2021-2022. Most years we hold our AGM's in either June or July; it always seemed a bit odd to me that we were elected at a time when we were already three months into the new financial year—this year it was almost nine months! We are still looking for a secretary and if you think that is something you could do please give me a call.

During the meeting our Group Scout Leader presented Long Service Awards to two of our Assistant Beaver Leaders. Carol Oliver received a 25 year award and Sue Matthews received a 30 year award. Congratulations to both of them. Sue a previous Beaver leader will stand in for current Beaver leader Nicole whilst she takes a

maternity break. Congratulations to both Nicole and her husband on the birth of a boy just before Christmas.


At the meeting we discussed our Scout Troop and what progress had been made in finding Leaders. Unfortunately during the Covid lockdowns an awful number of Leaders were lost by the Scout Association. Consequently we are not the only Group within Worcester District looking for Leaders. If this is something you might be interested in undertaking please give me a call for an informal chat.

At the meeting I was pleased to announce that I had been contacted by a couple of ladies offering help with the younger members within the Group. Both have experience, one in scouting and the other in guiding. As a group we were only too pleased to accept their offer and they are settling in well with Beavers, especially with Nicole taking her maternity break. They contacted me as a result of reading an article in this magazine towards the end of last year. A big thankyou to the magazine. Let's hope there is someone out there that can help fill our other vacancies.

Don't forget we take both boys and girls and meet at Powick Parish Hall as follows:

Cubs, aged 8 to 10½ years of age on Mondays from 6.30pm to 8pm. Beavers, aged 6 to 8 years of age meet on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Scouts had been meeting on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm and that was for Scouts aged 10½ to 14.

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All meetings start at 2.30pm unless otherwise stated. Indoor meetings are at Powick Parish Hall.

VISITORS WELCOME. Membership £5

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