

7th WORCESTER SCOUT GROUP



POWICK AND CALLOW END

I must apologise to the current members of our suspended Scout Troop and to potential new members because I honestly thought that, when we had no alternative to suspend the Troop at the end of last year, it would be weeks not months before we would reopen. Unfortunately, a considerable number of Leaders in Worcestershire District decided to step down from Scouting and along with other Groups we have found it extremely difficult to recruit. The Scout Association are aware of this and I understand they are endeavouring to speed up the process of becoming a Leader. If you are interested in becoming a Leader, or a Leader looking for a change of scenery, please contact one of our Beaver/Cub Leaders, Cam March our Group Scout Leader (GSL) or myself for an informal chat.

Not only are we lacking Scout Leaders but District are hoping that by Christmas every Group in Worcester will have opened the new Squirrel section for boys and girls aged 4 to 6. We would love to say 'yes we can do that' but the stumbling block would be our lack of Leaders to run the new Drey section as it is called. Please give it

some thought, I'm sure you will enjoy the experience of working with young children!

I was pleased to read recently that changes had been made in the District 'management'. The position of a single District Commissioner (DC) will be replaced by a team of four. They will each be responsible for certain aspects of the DC's role. Cam March, our GSL, will be one of the four. I was on the District Executive for more years than I care to remember and there has only ever been one DC. The position can be overwhelming and it is pleasing to see that this has been recognised and I am sure the team of four will do a good job. One must remember that all Leaders, no matter what their position, are volunteers and do not receive a wage.

Our Cubs meet on Mondays from 6.30 to 8pm at either our Scout Zone or Powick Parish Hall and is for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 10 1/2. Our Beavers meet on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm at the same venues and are for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 8. With the lighter evenings and warmer weather I am sure the majority of their meetings will be

held in our Zone.

I understand our Cub and Beaver leaders are trying to organise a Group BLINC day on a Saturday in the summer. A BLINC is where the two sections get together, with the Cubs trying to pass on their Cub knowledge to the Beavers who in due course will become fully fledged Cubs.

Our Beaver numbers are now back up to pre-pandemic levels which is pleasing to report. At one of their recent meetings I was informed that with three pieces of paper cut accordingly, together with a paper clip, can be turned into a helicopter. I could not see how until Beaver Assistant Sue showed me and I was fascinated. I am sure all the Beavers had fun with their helicopters.

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