

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

Firstly I am sorry to say that as a Group we have still been unable to recruit any adults to become Leaders and as a result we have been unable to reopen our Scout Troop or even think about opening a Squirrel Drey, the new Scouting section for boys and girls aged between 4 and 6. As I have said before there is a shortage of adult Leaders within the District and as a result we must try and recruit from within our community. If you think this is something that might appeal to you please speak to either one of our Beaver or Cub Leaders. Failing that contact our GSL Cameron March or myself for an informal chat.

When I was a youngster, Scouting was something that never interested me whatsoever. My eldest son, who is now 43, was a cub and was told by his Cub Leader that the cub football team would have to cease unless a dad was prepared to run it. I responded by saying I didn't mind helping out but I didn't really want to get involved. That didn't happen and I finished up running a very successful Cub side for a few years and even ran a good Beaver side which entered various District 6-a-side competitions in the city. I went on

Dads and Lads camps during the summer thoroughly enjoying myself and above all meeting all the Leaders and dads and became friends with many of them. In due course I was asked to join the Group's Executive Committee and then I became Treasurer before becoming Chairman. During those 35 years plus, I have met many leaders and parents and as I reported earlier have become firm friends with many of them. Please give it some thought, you might find it changes your outlook on leisure and hobby activities.

On a positive note I am pleased to say that both our Beaver and Cub sections are thriving. Our Leaders are providing a wide and varied Scouting programme enabling, over a period of time, the Beavers and Cubs to earn themselves a variety of badges. Recently I spent a Saturday morning with the Beavers on a District First Aid event. I was asked to attend to ensure the adult Leader/Beaver ratio was maintained. 10 of ours Beavers attended along with over 30 Beavers from other Groups within the District. I was responsible for five of our Beavers and, along with a Leader from Hallow and five of her Beavers, we took part in the five

Bases that had been prepared including cuts, burns, asthma attacks, unconsciousness and calling for help in an emergency. All 10 of the Beavers listened attentively and asked sensible questions during and at the end of each base. Hopefully they all learned a lot about First Aid, I know I certainly did. At the end of the three hour session all the Beavers were awarded a First Aid badge.


I also attended the final Beavers meeting before the Easter break where they were split into two groups; one group learned about St George whilst the other had the exciting task of making chocolate nests, using melted chocolate and shredded wheat (other cereals are available!). Each nest had three eggs and a little chick. The meeting finished with them on an Easter egg hunt around the Parish Hall and a good time was had by all.

The Cubs have had a busy term. They have been for a walk around Worcester learning a lot of information about our city; they attended the Knitted Bible exhibition at St Peter's Church; they learned about the UK's patron saints; they visited a farm to see new born lambs and did many other activities including soft play archery and making their own 'junk band' with musical instruments they created out of recycled material. Most important of all they learned about bullying,

acted out certain scenarios and discussed how best to deal with the problem.

Just to remind you that our cubs meet on Mondays from 6.30 to 8pm and are for boys and girls aged 8 to 10 1/2 years of age. Beavers meet on Wednesdays from 6 to 7pm and are for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 8.

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Karl Jenkins
"The Armed Man"
A Mass for Peace
Choral Workshop and Concert
Saturday 7 May
Christ Church, Avenue Road, Malvern

Conductor: Jonathan Brown
with *Regency Sinfonia*

Visiting singers, who know the Mass, are invited to join MFC for an afternoon workshop (advance booking required) and evening concert at 7pm

Cost: £12 for visiting singers (includes music hire and tea between the workshop and the concert)
Concert tickets: £10

Drinks will be available after the concert