

**DECEMBER REPORT**

On behalf of our Scout Group I was sorry to read that this will be the last edition of 'The Voice' until someone picks up the reins and resurrects the magazine. The magazine gave an insight into village life past, present and future and it will be sadly missed.

Unfortunately, as I have written over the last few months, we have been seeking volunteers to enable the Scout section to reopen and to try and start a new Squirrel section. I do believe it is a sign of the times. When I was a youngster 60 plus years ago, there was normally one adult breadwinner working an 8am to 5pm five day week with most weekends free. Today both adults are having to work and gone is the basic 9 to 5 with many adults working shift patterns including weekends and being unable to commit to any volunteer work.

During a Saturday in October our GSL, Cam March, attended a Recruitment Drive at the Guildhall in the centre of Worcester. We had been recognised by the District as one of the Groups that needed prioritising in finding potential adult help. As far as I am aware there was a good response and those who put their names forward will be contacted by the District team with a view to meeting up with Groups in need. Let's hope that one or two

adults or more are keen on joining us. Fingers crossed.

On a positive note, both our Beaver and Cub sections are doing well and it was pleasing to see so many at the Remembrance Service held at Powick church. Along with the 'Guiders' it was a wonderful to see them acting as a guard of honour as the parishioners left the church at the end of the service.

As a Group we now have the District Carol service to look forward to at the Cathedral. I understand the Beaver sleepover has been agreed and the leaders are awaiting confirmation of the final numbers. The theme of the weekend will be all about space.

We would still love to have local adults joining our Group, so if you are interested please give me a ring for a chat.

You can find details of when our sections meet on page 34 of this magazine.

On behalf of the Group may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year

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