

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 23rdth June 2021

Meeting held via video conference

The challenge of the last year at the 11th

To do our best, and to help others are central elements of our promise through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and into Adult Leadership.

During the past 12 months we have all been affected by the requirements to change our normal way of living due to the Coronavirus.

This has been challenging for us as parents, carers leaders and young people.

It has been uplifting to see how our Leadership at the 11th has risen to the challenge of adapting our Scouting programmes and continuing to give our young people a sense of continuity and ongoing support in their Scouting journey. I know that I speak on behalf of the Executive Committee and all of you as parents or carers with the best interests of our Young People at heart in our thanks for their commitment, resourcefulness and care.

The Section reports of our activities illustrate how we have continued to do our best, and how Scouting at the 11th has thrived despite the challenges that we have faced.

Looking Forwards

As we look forward we are now carefully increasing the range of Skills for Life that we are able to offer as more of a face to face programme is re-established.

Each section will be responsible for making their own decisions on the degree of face to face Scouting they feel able to offer over the next few months ensuring we are considering the needs of our young people and our volunteer leadership.

We have been and will continue to be guided by The Scout Association in the formal authority on any necessary restrictions concerning how we can conduct our programme

Our leadership

I am delighted to confirm that during the year the following awards were received by our great leadership team.

Joelle Bailey our Beaver Leader achieved her Wood Badge which signifies the completion of the adult training program training for a uniformed Section Leader. She also accepted the appointment as Beaver Section Leader.

Glenda Hunter was awarded the Silver Acorn for distinguished service to Scouting at the 11th during her appointments as Beaver Leader and Executive committee member

All of the leadership at the 11th both within sections and within the Executive Committee is voluntary....without it we would have no Scouting.

I would like to say a particular thankyou to Pat Hewson who decided to step back from Scouting after a sturdy 32 years service. – remarkable ! She was both Cub Leader and a parent to 4 boys who went through the troop and helped the Group give many young people a great Scouting experience they will never forget. A Great Service. - thankyou

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An invitation to become part of our team

We would love to welcome new helpers into the group with the knowledge that the more help that is available the stronger and more purposeful we can be in helping young people.

If you are considering the possibility of joining us in providing Scouting at the 11th either through the Executive or becoming a Helper in one of the Sections we would be delighted to hear from you, and would love to be able to tell you a little more about it, in order to help you consider whether you would be willing to join us.

Please contact any of the leadership for a bit more information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mungo Knott', written in a cursive style.

Mungo Knott
Group Scout Leader

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AGENDA

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| 1. Executive committee welcome | Mungo Knott |
| 2. Apologies for absence | Glenda Hunter |
| 3. Thanks to the executive committee
With appreciation for contribution of Pat Hewson | Mungo Knott |
| 4. Approval of Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report | David Hunter |
| 5. Review and Approval of Reports from Sections and Executive | Mungo Knott |
| 6. Nominations / Elections to Executive Committee | Mungo Knott |
| a. Group Chair: - Vacant | Mungo Knott |
| b. To elect Group Treasurer: Mr David Hunter | Mungo Knott |
| c. To elect Group Secretary: Mrs Glenda Hunter | Mungo Knott |
| d. To approve Group Scout Leader's nominations for Executive Committee: | Mungo Knott |
| i. Mrs Nafisa Ashing | |
| ii. Mrs Alina Rusu | |
| iii. Mr Ben Weinberger | |
| iv. Mr Philip Hardy | |
| v. Mr Peter Gibbs | |
| 7. Confirmation of Ex Officio membership from the leadership | Mungo Knott |
| i. Mrs Geraldine Palfreman - CSL | |
| ii. Mr Tom Inman - Christ Church Representative | |
| 8. Approval of independent examiner – Andrew Aitkin FCA | David Hunter |
| 9. Report from the Group Scout Leader | Mungo Knott |
| 10. Q&A | Mungo Knott |
| 11. A.O.B. | |

Close of Meeting

**Income and Expenditure Account
for Period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021**

INCOME

<u>2019-20</u>		<u>2020-21</u>
23	Interest	23
9,634	Subscriptions	4,897
1,598	Gift Aid Tax refund	2,011
7,070	Hire of Headquarters	2,400
82	100 Club net	77
	Jack Petchey Awards	750
38	Easy Fundraising	74
350	Sale of Marquee	
	Section income	248
301	Donations	65
	Covid-19 Assistance Grants	21,444
<u>19,597</u>	Total Income	<u>31,989</u>

EXPENDITURE

3,382	Membership Fees	2,449
	<u>HQ Running Exps.</u>	
2,114	Heat & Light	1,249
	HQ Repairs	384
10	Rent	10
252	Surveys	489
698	Cleaning	684
1,070	Section Expenses Group	703
1,304	Books and Badges	262
2	Section Expenses	1,196
2,429	Equipment purchase/repair	65
1,794	Minibus	980
78	Sundry exps.	
2,008	Insurance	2,074
<u>15,640</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>10,546</u>
<u>3,957</u>	Surplus for year	<u>21,443</u>

Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Assets</u>
2,948	Investment - National Savings Bank	2,971
8,630	Cash at Bank etc.	30,989
187 (P)	Adj: Sundry Creditors(C)/Prepayments(P)	- 752 (C)
<u>11,765</u>		<u>33,208</u>
<u>General Fund</u>		<u>General Fund</u>
7,808	Balance at Start of Year	11,765
3,957 (S)	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D)	21,443 (S)
<u>11,765</u>		<u>33,208</u>

Beaver Section Annual Report

New Beavers this year	13
Badges Awarded	192
Chief Scout Bronze badges awarded	6
Beavers at June 2020	20 (of whom, 4 have Swum Up to Cubs on 21.06.21)
Leaders	3
Parent Helpers (regular)	1
Young Leaders	2 (from 14.06.2021)

Badge work this year

We've had an interesting year, spending much of it doing online Scouting.

Many thanks to our Beavers and families who continued with us all through lockdown.

We didn't miss any Beaver meetings and operated online through to April 2021. This made parental help with badges more important.

Our lovely Beavers built dens, made wreaths and key rings, camped at home, made beds and cakes in a cup. Being online allowed us to do some practical cooking, which we would not have done in the Scout HQ.

Online, we played games, learned about nature through Rama's nature quizzes, which were very popular, did badge work and played games.



We managed to squeeze in a hike and nature walk with a rope course and games in October last year and started face to face scouting with outdoor games at the end of April.

We also went to ESSA for some double-hull canoeing in April. Thanks very much to the parents who provided additional muscle power. It was a lot of fun so we hope to go again. All 15 Beavers in the colony at that time attended along with 11 Cub scouts. The Beavers have earned their Time on the Water (1) and Paddle Sports (Level 1) badges.

We've done badge-work on the following badges this year amongst others:

- Adventure, Outdoors, Teamwork, Skills, World and Personal Challenge
- Space, Builder, Global Issues, Gardening, Cook, Creative, Book reader, Communicator, Experiment, Navigator, Cyclist Hikes, Health and Fitness and Faith
- Our online Beavers also earned their Great Indoors Badges (badges are on order)



Our Beaver leaders:

Many thanks to Sue (Rainbow), Peter (Rama), Tash Knowles and Sam (Hawkeye) for all the help they give to the Beavers. We're also delighted to welcome Elysa Mozooni, our recently joined Young Leader and to have occasional help from parents including Emma, Stella and Nick.

Beavers will run until mid-July and then we wish you all a happy and healthy summer break until September.

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Cub Section Annual Report

At the time of writing, we have 30 cubs registered in the Cubs section on OSM! 5 of these are Beavers not yet invested 3 are new joiners, with possibly a 4th in the wings. 4 however are Cubs that have not yet returned. we remain hopeful. These are good numbers after the year we have had.

During the lockdown we managed to provide regular on-line sessions via zoom with a good core attendance of around 15 cubs.

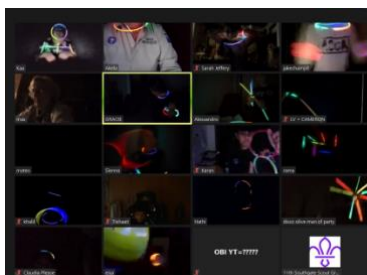
It took us a little while to get into the swing of it, many of us learning how to use Zoom for the first time, (it seems you can teach an old dog new tricks!) but we managed to offer a range of programs that covered a variety of topics and badge work.



We had regular Wildlife quizzes, along with many other similar activities, some fun some educational e.g. Countryside Code and Star Wars, we even managed a guess the baby quiz with some cub parents kindly sending in baby photos to sit alongside the Leaders baby photos 😊. We played Map Symbol Bingo, We learned about and acknowledged VE Day.

The quizzing must have paid off as when we had our first District on-line event – a Quiz – we had a few Cubs take part and they won!! Well done guys.

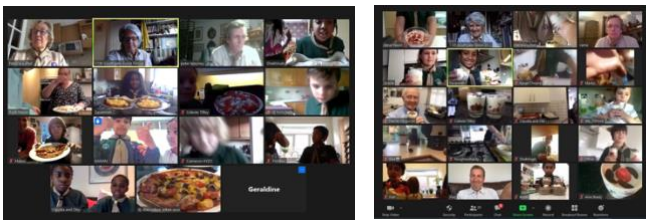
From a badge work perspective we managed to cover a lot of areas if not quite completing some badges, yet. We covered map and compass, map symbols and navigation, some knots, St George, complete with our promise Renewal ceremony on-line, St Patrick, stars and planets and constellations, and of course covered our Digital Citizen Badge.



We had some fun with an evening in disguise a bit like “Guess who is behind the mask”! We had glo sticks and danced to Bruce Springsteen “Dancing in the Dark” We made Remembrance Day Poppy Wreaths and coloured in Poppy posters, We had a guest artist that tried to teach us all some drawing techniques and how to have fun with drawing. I have to confess my effect was quite laughable! We watched some you tube videos and got a tour round a Recycling Plant and a Fire Station and tuned into a web cam to watch Osprey chicks hatching, growing and leaving the nest.

A number of keen cubs did badge work at home and we also had quite a few join in the big Camp at Home event. But, possibly the events that the kids and parents enjoyed most was our on-line cooking sessions! We made pizzas, scones, fruit desserts, cup cakes and palmiers.

To enable all this to happen the commitment of the Leadership team was key. We twice delivered “activity boxes” filled with materials so that we all had the same materials in front of us for upcoming programmes. The leadership team delivered these to all the regular on-line attendees. And we have to thank Kaa and Bagheera for leading the majority of our cooking sessions.



Some stats: During the last year (April 2020 – April 2021) we have:
Awarded a total of 176 badges! Including:-
3 Chief Scout Silver Awards, with a socially distance outdoor award ceremony!
6 Membership Badges
4 Moving On Awards
20 Joining In Badges alongside a whole variety of other Challenge and Activity Badges.

As you can see from the above this means that :- 6 cubs were Invested whilst on-line. 4 cubs moved onto Scouts and 20 cubs received badges for their time in scouting ranging from 1 to 4 years.

At the end of April we finally got to meet our cubs again in person. Some cubs we had never met face to face before. Our first 4 pack meetings we decided would be outdoors and the weather was reasonably kind to us. Our First meeting was in Ludgrove Playing Fields, the older cubs did a little pioneering and then we just had fun getting to know each other again. For our second meeting we went into Hadley Woods and did some shelter building. We also took this opportunity “invest” our newest cubs in person. We called this a Promise Renewal ceremony and it was a lovely setting for it.



The following two weeks were at Well End Activity Centre in Borehamwood where we got to do some fire lighting and cooking Marshmallows!

We have therefore managed to cover

some of the activities that we would normally have done at camp.

Although we do have the weekend of the 2-4th July booked at Well End potentially for a camp we still do not know if we will be allowed a residential event. Watch this space for more information as soon as we have it. Worst case scenario - we should be able to have two activity days.

Overall I am pleased with the past year. I am very proud of the team and the way that we managed to engage around half of the pack throughout lockdown. On-line meetings are not for everyone and it has been very rewarding to see these guys return to the fold now that we can meet again. It is also good that we have been getting enquiries from outside of the movement, often through word of mouth from scouting friends.

There is always a lot of thanks and appreciation on my part for the Leadership team that I have around me but especially so for their efforts and support over this past year. Their ideas and contributions, their enthusiasm and smiling faces made the past year possible, enabling us to keep pack numbers up and keep kids engaged with scouting. Thanks also to the parents, without them the Cubs would not have been able to get on line and join in.

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But one last special thank you and that is to Pat Hewson, “Bagheera”. She has decide that it is time for her to hang up her scarf and woggle, to put her feet up a little and have a very well deserved rest. I do not know exactly how long she has been with the group but I have never known the 11th Southgate without Pat, she taught me the ropes when I joined and I have been involved for over 32 years now. All 4 of her boys went through the group and it will be strange to have the 11th Southgate without a Hewson involved. Good Luck Pat, Thank You for all of your years of Service, enjoy your retirement from Scouting, it is well deserved.

Geraldine Palfreman
AKELA



Scout Section Annual Report

To be filled