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2021 Annual Report



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AGENDA for 2021 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Group Scout Leader's nomination of
 - the Group Chair
 - certain members of the Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Secretary & Group Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Executive Committee
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Presentations
11. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our 2021 Annual report.

We have had another year of challenges as we have navigated our way through the changing regulations during the Covid pandemic. I would like to commend our leaders and adult helpers who have worked hard to find ways to offer our young people as much of a normal Scouting programme as possible.

As Scouts our motto of "Be Prepared" has proved to be very pertinent as leaders have had to prepare well for sessions and use their creativity and experience to find games and activities that did not need any sharing of equipment and kept everyone as safe as possible.

The section reports provide more information about the activities during the year and I hope that you enjoy reading them.

We know that our children have missed out on some of the more exciting parts of the Scout programmes over the past two years, our opportunities to camp and enjoy nights away from home have been very limited. This was unavoidable, but we are aware of how disappointing it has been for the children. You will be pleased to know that plans are already being developed to provide camps and other nights away activities for 2022.

As usual I'd like to thank all of our warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and Young Leaders who give their time and skills freely throughout the year to the Group and I'd also like to thank my fellow Executive Committee officers who help to direct the overall work of the Group. Thanks also to Suzanne Clark who has taken on the role as Beaver Leader for the Oakwood Colony.





Many of you will know that Mark Steed has moved out of the area and has had to relinquish his roles as Akela of the Oakwood Cub pack and an Assistant Scout Leader with the Scout Troop. Mark's departure was in the middle of the pandemic and as such, we were unable to fully let him know how much we appreciated everything that he did for the Group. Mark is a wonderful Leader, gave his time freely and introduced our young people to his many skills, including science and chess. He came to almost all of our Cub and Scout camps and we will all miss his fantastic repertoire of silly songs (with actions!) at our campfires. He was also responsible for many of the fantastic films produced after camp, which took considerable time to edit and complete! We really hope that Mark will come back from time to time and we wish him well in whatever the future holds for him. We know that whichever Scout Group he joins next will be very pleased to have him. Thanks Mark!

We do need to urgently recruit some additional leaders; particularly for our Tuesday evening Cub Pack and our Thursday evening Beaver Colony. Both of these sections rely on the goodwill of long-standing leaders to keep them going and it would be fantastic to be able to strengthen the team. Over the next few months we will be having a recruitment campaign to find additional volunteers. I'd like to appeal to parents and friends of the Group to spread the word and to encourage anyone (including yourselves) that may be interested in helping us to come forward. We offer support, friendship and training and are happy to talk to people on a "no commitment" basis to see if we can find a place to use their talents and skills.

We also have space on our Committee for more parent representatives, if you would like to find out more, or put yourself forward for one of these roles please let your section leader know.

Volunteering with Scouts can be immensely rewarding and fun and can also help to build confidence and skills which are useful attributes for life. Please help us if you can!

Finally, I am sad to report the death of one of our veteran scouters and a real friend to the Group. John Kitchener had a long and distinguished career with the Scout Association in Wimbledon and he will be sorely missed.

I'd like to end by thanking you for your continuing support which is always appreciated.

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

This report comes at the end of a difficult and sometimes scary 18 months. That said, we look to the future with enthusiasm and optimism, which children and young people should naturally expect from life. We within Scouting aim to fulfil those young peoples' aspirations and give them the social awareness and skill sets required to navigate their complicated lives ahead.

Mental wellbeing for all people and especially youngsters should not be taken for granted, getting outside with your friends and enjoying nature and social settings at camp or during the section meetings is an escape from school life.

We have seen leaders taking on new skills and sometimes learning from younger members such things as video conferencing or other technology skills, I thank all those people who made it possible by providing time and space in their lives for Scouting in those dark days and those who are still doing that today.

I need to repeat my calling that none of this will continue without willing volunteers, one hour a month or 'whatever' you are willing to give will keep this Scout Group strong and vibrant, able to deliver Scouting to girls and boys from age 6 to 18. So if you hear the call for help, welcome and see what is required.

That said, we are as a group of leaders, parents and supporters keen and looking ahead to a full programme of camping and activities for 2022. Please keep in touch with your section leaders and what is planned via OSM. Thanks to you all for your continuing support.

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



It was fantastic that the summer term saw us back meeting together at HQ and taking advantage of the amazing outdoor space we are lucky to have. A great excuse to focus on adventure, outdoor games and camp craft skills. We built fires and toasted marshmallows, practised reef knots and explored all the wonderful things that Morley Park has to offer with a family treasure hike.

An additional theme which you may have noticed with Monday nights was torrential rain! Undeterred, the Beavers built shelters and hammocks and used their pioneering skills to build mini twig rafts which floated perfectly in the huge puddles. Unfortunately, the flash floods finally defeated us, and anyone lacking scuba equipment was sadly unable to pass under Raynes Park Bridge for our end of term party!

Arriving back in September, with more freedom and less rain, we've been cracking

codes and trying lots of different ways of communicating as well as getting to know lots of new Beavers including Bob the Beaver, our new mascot, who was democratically named by the Beavers at his first meeting. We're ending the half term with Air Activities including making helicopters that flew amazingly well and paper airplanes that are yet to be perfected.

Many thanks for all their work to Pauline (Squirrel), Ben (Panther) and our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers and Young Leaders, Alfie, Andrew and Owen. Also thanks to others who have helped me through training and getting up to speed as BSL.

Suzanne Clark (Robin)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY AND CUB PACK REPORT



Just like for everyone else, the tail end of 2020 turned out to be just as weird as the beginning. Whilst it was possible to meet face to face in a reduced capacity, the Mayhew Beaver and Cub meetings remained virtual throughout the autumn term in the run up to Christmas 2020. But this, we hope, didn't dampen the Beavers' and Cubs' spirits and helped maintain a constant in their daily routines and kept them on their paths to achieving badges. Given the similarity of our programmes for Beavers and Cubs this year, we have combined this report, which given its length might be a blessing!

At the start of our autumn 2020 term we welcomed new members to the Colony - Chloe and Aaron, and to the Pack - Jacob and Aiden. A year on I am delighted to say all have continued with us both online and in person, with Chloe having just moved up to Cubs and Aiden up to Scouts!



Despite our screen distance, we completed a varied programme of activities, ably assisted by our ever supportive and honorary leaders 'the parents'. Our activities included the old favourites of scavenger hunts and quizzes; a Halloween themed evening during which we constructed 'skipping ghosts' (made out of paper cups and pipe cleaners); we learnt about Remembrance Day and the roles Scouts played in the war effort; we tried to recreate ourselves (with some surprising similarity in places!) through leaves, conkers and other autumnal (natural) materials retrieved on our daily walks or school runs, and we learnt about stars and the solar system and created constellation viewers by eating lots of Pringles or drinking lots of coffee to empty the containers. In the run up to

Christmas we made some Christmas decorations and allowed the Beavers and Cubs to use glitter for a change, safe in the knowledge that as leaders we didn't need to worry about clearing it all up!

Perhaps the highlights of the autumn term were firstly a visit from the Bowbridge Alpacas, all the way from sunny Scotland, thanks to the magic of Zoom. The evening gave us a fascinating insight into how an alpaca lives, what they eat, their characters, how they differ from llamas, the four main colours an alpaca may be, and that at Bowbridge each alpaca is individually named with a corresponding name for their offspring. The second highlight was the opportunity to meet 'in person', throw some tomahawks and toast some marshmallows and dampers at the District Halloween Camp, where Chloe and Aaron were also able to make their promises and be officially invested in person. We also came away with some fabulous glow in the dark camp scarves, blanket badges and home made pizza kits, which were extremely delicious!

As 2021 dawned, lockdown #3 arrived which meant absolutely no face to face Scouting, so we prepared for another term of Zoom sessions, this time welcoming the Oakwood Beavers and Cubs to our sessions. We started by setting ourselves some resolutions as part of our Personal Challenge and attempting to stick to them until at least half term. I am pleased to say some very good (in true Scout spirit) resolutions were made



and kept up. The end of January brought with it the Big RSPB Birdwatch weekend, so we learnt about different birds and set about sitting down for an hour and observing which winged friends visited us. Unlike most others, I had only one visitor for the whole sixty minutes to my garden!

February wouldn't be February without pancakes and we had some super sessions making pancakes from scratch. Anna also hosted a super evening of bingo for the Beavers. We learnt about Chinese New Year, worked out who was born in which animal year and made hand print dragons and Chinese lanterns.

With Easter approaching we resorted back to a scavenger hunt, but through the help of parents, the Beavers and Cubs were challenged to follow a series of hidden clues to find their Easter prize. We ended the spring term with an informative visit from Horus Birds of Prey with Paul introducing us to owls and other birds of prey. Our visitors were very well behaved and kept a watchful eye on the Beavers and Cubs, who again came armed with lots of interesting questions.

With the start of the summer term came the opportunity for proper face to face sessions, albeit with all the Covid restrictions of social distancing etc still in place. In total we had spent twelve months on Zoom, delivering something like thirty online sessions for the Beavers and Cubs!

What better way is there to mark our return to Scouting than to light fires and toast marshmallows and sausages on a campfire?! It was simply great to see the Beavers and Cubs and how much they had grown! We were able to welcome a number of new Beavers into the Colony during our first 'in person' meeting, whilst also saying cheerio to others who were ready to move up to Cubs - those of you familiar with the Mayhew sections will know that as Denise, Rebecca and I run both sections we never really say goodbye to our Beavers as they move up to Cubs as they are stuck with us! Christopher also joined us as part of his DofE volunteering. Christopher was once a Beaver and Cub in the Mayhew sections and has since progressed up through the Troop and now into the Explorer unit and it is great he is volunteering with us. Welcome back Christopher!

With the prospect of warm, light summer evenings we maintained an outdoor programme which included building shelters with tarpaulins and ropes; the Beavers followed the nature trail around Morley Park whilst the Cubs were more intrepid and completed a nature hike on Wimbledon Common. We also made bug hotels; learnt knots and how to light matches, and fires with flints for the Cubs; we made very imaginative clay heads and attached them to the trees around the site; next it was leaf imprints in plaster of Paris and the mess that ensues from that, and spent an evening testing our senses through sight, memory, smell and touch.



Offsite we took the opportunity to try the log climb at the District HQ. Whilst attendance numbers were low for Beavers, those there thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had plenty of goes, including two dads! The Cubs had a better attendance but still had sufficient turns to make an enjoyable evening. As it was Jacob's birthday we also enjoyed sausages and burgers on the campfire.

In Beavers we aim to have fun, but everything we do contributes to an element of one of the badges. The highest award a Beaver can achieve is their Chief Scout Bronze Award. It was with great pleasure that through her hard work over lockdown we were able to award Daisy her Chief Scout Bronze Award. Whilst generally awarded as a Beaver approaches the end of their time in the Colony, it may also be worn on the Cub uniform. Owen Purcell, once Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers (now County Commissioner) came down to make the official award. Well done Daisy!

In September 2021 all restrictions were removed from Scouting activities, but what we have got up to since returning this term is for another report!

Of course, none of the above would be possible without a strong leadership team. Huge thanks to Rebecca and Denise, who persevered throughout our online sessions and through the restrictions in the face-to-face sessions. Thanks also to Ros (Group Chairman) who has also now joined our Beaver team and certainly seems to be enjoying her time being actively involved with a section! Chloe and Alicia have joined us as helpers in Cubs and are extremely welcome. Lastly we mustn't forget to thank our parents. You took on the roles of chief resource supplier and helper in our online sessions. Delivering our online sessions was challenging for us at times, but we at least knew what was being planned - you had sometimes only a matter of days to gather together resources or download apps etc. Well done and thank you again, not least for tidying up after our activities! Thanks also for your patience and compliance with all our COVID restrictions etc. We look forward to another fun year at Beavers and Cubs!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader and Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT

cubs When I retired from being Akela of the Oakwood Cub Pack in 2019, I never imagined I would return and certainly not so soon, but then I never envisaged a global pandemic either! Mark who I worked with for many years and who succeeded me on my retirement has moved away to new pastures and we wish him every success in his future career.

When I took over the pack again in January 2021, we were limited to Zoom calls and I'm very grateful to Liz and Rebecca of the Mayhew Pack for organising joint meetings and helping me to familiarise myself with all the new technology. Who says it's too late to teach an old dog new tricks! We regularly had a dozen children



from the Oakwood Pack who joined in each week with the activities which included scavenger hunts, cooking and craft activities as well as badge work. It was however with some relief when we were able to meet again face to face after the Easter holidays. We started our outdoor programme with a firm favourite, lighting and cooking on fires leading to most Cubs gaining their backwoods cooking badge. A priority was getting the children invested as more than two thirds of the pack were waiting to make their Cub promise, as well as teaching the children how to do the Grand Howl as only the eldest Cubs had any experience of meetings pre-Covid. For the rest of the term we focussed on the Skills Challenge Award which included physical, creative and home skills as well as problem solving and healthy living activities. It gave the children opportunities to learn new skills like window cleaning, changing a lightbulb and making a hot drink. Children also worked together to make a model eco home and played team games and problem solving challenges like the gutter run. However what the children enjoyed the most was getting together again and being able to run about in the grounds playing wide games and team sports so we finished the term with a games evening ending with ice lollies for everyone.

The new term in September started with one boy going up to Scouts and 3 children joining us from Beavers and one sibling from the waiting list which means we now have 28 children in the pack. In September 18 children went paintballing at an event organised by the District and all had a thoroughly good time. We've also had a fun evening making mini-rafts that would float with a lit candle on them and an evening making kites although getting them to fly was more challenging and a few ended up in puddles! Other badges achieved have included Emergency Aid stages 1 & 2, Artist badge, Physical Recreation and Road Safety. At the time of writing we are also looking forward to some exciting outdoor activities including a hike on Wimbledon Common in half term, a trip to PGL Marchants Hill Activity Centre next March and Cub Camp (Covid permitting).

All these things couldn't take place without our fantastic leadership team which consists of myself and my good wife Mrs Akela, Helen, Chris and our newest member Laura who joined us at Easter. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents for their continued support so that we can work together to give the children a rich and varied experience.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)



SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS The Scout Troop returned after the 2020 Summer holidays, enthusiastic to be able to return to face-to-face activities. During our first few weeks back, Scouts successfully managed to light fires in the rain and played glow in the dark crazy golf in the woods at HQ.

In December, nine Scouts completed their Expedition Challenge, the final part they needed to achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award. The Scouts had completed a virtual training course, run by our expert – Dick B. We then met the groups in Richmond Park for an initial brief before they set off to navigate their routes, ending at the Scout HQ just before dark to cook their dinner.

Due to the pandemic, we were then required to return to virtual Scouting for the Spring term. The leaders delivered packs to Scouts which were full of the activities we had planned for our Zoom sessions. It was great that lots of Scouts were able to continue with virtual meetings. We played battleships, made bows and arrows, had a bingo night, created paracord people and origami.

From April we were pleased to safely return to face-to-face Scout evenings. During the summer term we were able to get back into our outdoor activities such

as practice putting up tents, campfire cooking, archery, pioneering and Frisbee golf.

In July, we held a mini summer camp – three days at our HQ. This is the first time Scouts had been able to camp for almost two years and it was great to be back. We camped out in tents, had a campfire, went hiking, cooked on fires, held our very own Olympics, laser tag, bungee running, log splitting, wide games, air rifle shooting... It was a really action-packed three days and a great reminder of what we hope to look forward to as Scouting continues to get back to normal.

Finally, thank you to all our leadership team who have made all our meetings, events and virtual activities possible this last year.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)



RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



Well, what another interesting year this has been!

We started the year with online meetings only. We had mixed success with this as all our members just wanted to get back to seeing each other and having fun. The best evening was probably the Great Raynes Park Bake Off. Sadly Summer Camp 2020 had to be cancelled. We had planned to join with the Flying Penguins and travel to Bournemouth and Poole.

However, as soon as we were able, in the autumn term, we got back to meetings at the hut, mainly outside. We had fun playing with our new slack lines, thanks to a Jack Petchey award. We also enjoyed an evening of fire lighting.

Another purchase from a Jack Petchey award was a pizza oven. We tried our skills at how to use this, it took a few goes but finally mastered it properly, not too well done and all the topping staying on too!

Also on the eating activities we had another 'Who does the best chips in Raynes Park?' survey. We had a different winner this time! Other evenings included; Frisbee golf and parents evening, volleyball and an end of term water fight.

We recommenced our Award Hike Training; starting with Chief Scout's Platinum Award/DofE Bronze. The qualifying hike took place in October. We will be running this training and hikes again in the Spring for both Platinum/DofE Bronze and Diamond/DofE Silver levels.

We joined the Scouts for the delayed Paintball Day, again and much fun was had by all. Thanks again to Dave Bixby for organising this.

We had some members at the 1st District Cyclocross event at Frylands Wood. This was open to all sections and was a great success. Many thanks to all the leaders who helped set up, run the day and clear up.





Summer Camp 2021 was probably the highlight of our year. After many online meetings, eight units from Wimbledon & Wandle and Royal Kingston Districts went to Gilwell Park for a week. Many of the leaders had never worked together before or even met each other until the start of camp! We split all the Explorer Scouts into four sub-camps according to ages and then mixed up the units so that everyone got to meet some new people. We had a day hike, many Taskmaster challenges, volleyball competition and on-site activities. The highlight of the week was a trip to Lee Valley Water Sports Centre (where they held the 2012 Olympic Canoeing). We took part in white water rafting and a water assault course. We also ate a huge amount of pizza on the last evening, topped off with doughnuts from the new County Commissioner!

All our activities are the cumulation of the hard work put in by all our leaders.

I would like to thank all our leaders as always for the work and time that they put in each week throughout the year to run the Unit. Also, to both the Scouters and the Exec committee from the Group for all their enthusiasm and support.

Neil McLauchlan

(Explorer Scout Leader)



GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Scout Headquarters site is back in use every day of the week, we are almost operating at our pre-COVID levels of activities and we are very pleased that the building is used so well by a variety of organisations. As well as the Little Forest Folk nursery, we have exercise classes for both adults and children, a support group for children who are home educated and a local Church group.

The buildings are also used by local Rainbows, Brownies and Guide Groups and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit. We have also recently welcomed the Polish Brownies and Cub Groups who are using the site on a weekly basis.

We are now limited to Sunday afternoons for children's party bookings, and there is significant demand for slots. If you are interested in a booking for your child's birthday, please ask in plenty of time!

The income from the hire of the site enables us to continue to invest in the buildings and the outside area and we have plenty more ideas of ways to improve our site over the next few years. We look forward to giving you more details as they emerge.

We welcome enquiries about letting our Hall and rooms. Please make contact by email on lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)



CHILDREN'S PARTIES

Are you looking for a venue for a children's party?

Have you considered the Scout Hut?



Did you know that we let our Phoenix Hall for children's parties on Sunday afternoons?

We charge £120 for a 3-hour hire period (based on a two hour party and half hour set up and clear away) and we also ask for a refundable damage deposit of £50. If you are interested, please email lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk - but make sure you plan at least two months in advance; as the hall is very popular for parties!

"It was a fantastic party, not least because of the great venue" - July 2019

"Many thanks ! The party went very well and everyone complimented on the lovely setting and how great the Scout facilities are" - July 2019

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2020-2021

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Richard Bowyer
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Mike Mayhew
Beaver Scout Leader (Fawn) - Oakwood	Suzanne Clark
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew (interim)
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Leader	Neil McLauchlan
GSL nominated member	vacant
Oakwood Beaver parent	vacant
Mayhew Beaver parent	vacant
Oakwood Cub parent	Anne Khan
Mayhew Cub parent	vacant
Scout Troop parent	Becky Schmidt
Quartermaster	vacant

'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2020

Jan	£15	Sue Payne	Jul	£15	Charlie Mowbray
	£15	Susanna King-Christopher		£15	Paul Henderson
Feb	£15	Ian Haynes	Aug	£15	Joseph Williams
	£15	Liz Strutt		£15	Robert D'Alessio
Mar	£15	Jane Chase	Sep	£15	Mark Harbour
	£15	Kathy McLauchlan		£15	Denise Walters
Apr	£15	Steve Chambers	Oct	£100	Helen Orchard
	£15	Jane Dowek		£15	Robert Stone
May	£15	Marianne Haynes	Nov	£15	Rhys Beynon
	£15	Rosemary Hickson		£15	Kevin Kilbane
Jun	£15	Mark Steed	Dec	£100	Helen Jeon
	£15	Tobias Butterfield		£15	Catherine Williams

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £7,500 in the financial year to 31 March 2021. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

As a result of the covid pandemic our income from other users of our premises was greatly affected as so many groups were unable to meet for much of the year. We received a total of £15,130, compared to £46,772 in the previous year. We also decided to not charge membership subscriptions for some of the year so this income totalled £5,377 compared to £15,650 in the previous year. As our premises are subject to business rates we qualified for the government small business covid grant of £10,000. We had planned to repay £20,000 from our loan taken from District to finance our new buildings but decided to repay only £10,000, leaving a balance of £30,000 to repay. Fortunately our positive financial position meant we were able to weather the pandemic storm and pay all our usual running expenses as well as spending over £6,000 on site development and £6,000 on equipment

We continued to raise money from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc. We have also started to raise donations from AmazonSmile as a percentage of purchases made through their website. It costs the buyer nothing so we'd like a lot more people to use these schemes. Details of them can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.



Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £2,300. The Gift Aid scheme continues to provide useful additional income. I would urge all parents to sign up if possible.

The 100 Club is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to James Roe for running the Club. If you would like to join please email: 100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

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GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

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Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony Mondays, 6.15 – 7.15	Suzanne Clark (Robin) oakwoodbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Mayhew Cub Scout Pack Thursdays, 6.30 – 8.00	Rebecca Gregg (Akela) akelamayhew@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Oakwood Cub Scout Pack Tuesdays, 6.30 – 8.00	Mike Mayhew (Akela) (Interim) akelaoakwood@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Scout Troop Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.00	Dave Godden scoutleader@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15	Neil McLauchlan leader@rpesu.co.uk



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VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

Would you like to be part of a successful team, make a real difference to young people's lives and have a positive impact on society?

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk and for more general information about Scouting visit www.scouts.org.uk.

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Chair - chair@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk. After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Ros Barnes (Chair)

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held by video conference on 16th October 2020

Present: There were approximately 18 people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive.

Welcome: The Group Secretary, Ian Haynes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this first ever AGM by video on Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions. He passed on apologies from the Group Chair, Ros Barnes, who had unfortunately fallen ill and was unable to attend. He also introduced the officers of the Executive Committee.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Ros Barnes, Laura Paine and Neil McLauchlan.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 5th October, 2019 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Eric de Regnaudcourt and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Secretary presented the notes the Group Chair had prepared for the presentation of the Annual Report. This was an unusual and challenging year where we needed to adapt to changes in the way we provided Scouting. We currently have 124 young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and we are pleased to report almost everyone has recently re-confirmed their commitment to the Group. Whilst the virtual meetings did not suit everyone, the whole programme of activities and challenges through lockdown were well received by children and adults alike. Thanks to all the leaders who made that possible, but special thanks to Scout Leader Dave Godden who led the way with activities, challenges and videos despite being a key worker himself. Please take a look at the report and see the breadth of activities this year, and of course this includes all the usual face-to-face meetings pre-lockdown. We are determined to offer a mix of face-to-face and virtual meetings going forwards.

We thank Jenny Tew for leading the Oakwood Beaver Colony in recent years and report that she is stepping down but we have been fortunate to find a new leader in Laura Paine. Generally we are still limiting the numbers in Beavers and Cubs to prevent the Scout Troop reaching an impossible size. Also, at the moment, we are restricted to 15 young people per evening. We could offer more places if we had more adult help, so please look at the volunteering page in the report and see if you can help in any way. Financially we are still in a healthy position despite the reduction in lettings income recently and the subscriptions holiday in the summer term (although thank you to those parents who donated their subs payment instead). Subs pay for fixed costs such as Scout Association membership fees, insurance, badges etc and do not go away even with reduced meetings. We appreciate all the support from our parents. The Group Chair also expressed her thanks to all the leaders, helpers and exec committee for the efforts over the year to make the 19th such a fantastic Scout Group.

Finally, a mention of the sad loss during the year of some people who have had a long and strong connection with the Group: Dick Hooper a Scout Leader for over 60 years; Norma Shemmans a regular helper at recent summer camps; and Mary Connellan a previous Secretary at the 19th and helper in many capacities over the years. We hope you enjoy reading the full Report. Approval of the Report was proposed by John Kitchener, seconded by Mark Steed and agreed by the meeting. John also took the opportunity to commend the Group on another excellent year of Scouting, despite the challenges, and they should be proud to be a leading example to others.

5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted that with the healthy rental income of £46,000 it has been possible to repay the Scout Association loan. There is now £40,000 remaining from the original £150,000 borrowed. Gift Aid tax refund also helps significantly. Paul also noted that we have Polling Station income this year which is useful to the Group and provides a service to the community by avoiding school closures. Anne Khan echoed this and said it was truly a double win. Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Paul Wilkins, who also thanked Adrian, and agreed by the meeting.
6. **Group Chairman and Executive Committee:** The Group Scout Leader thanked Ros and recognised that she has a particular eye for detail and forward planning that has served us well, especially through the challenge of making the premises COVID ready. He nominated her to continue as Group Chair.
7. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Secretary advised that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and Adrian Chapman to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Marina Bowyer, seconded by Denise Wilkins and agreed by the meeting.
8. **Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee:** Parent representative Becky Schmidt and Explorer Leader Neil McLauchlan were nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their election was proposed by Liz Strutt and seconded by Mike Mayhew and approved by the meeting.
9. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by Denise Wilkins and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Presentations:** There were no formal presentations but Paul Wilkins thanked all the leaders for being resilient and adaptable in this unusual year. Parents Anne Khan and Becky Schmidt also expressed their thanks and appreciation for the fantastic programme of alternative activities through lockdown. The Secretary thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club for another year and announced the AGM draw winners Helen Orchard (£100) and Robert Stone (£15).
11. **Any Other Business:** Adrian noted that we have now signed up to AmazonSmile for free charitable donations as you shop.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Secretary invited everyone to stay for virtual chit chat!

IN OUR THOUGHTS

This year we were saddened by the loss of one of our longest serving leaders, John Kitchener. We acknowledge his generous voluntary service and send our sympathy to his family and friends. We will miss him.

John Kitchener: John had a long and distinguished career with the Scout Association in Wimbledon, as a Scout Leader with the 5th Wimbledon from the 1970s, and then with the 15th Wimbledon when they merged with the 10th. He was also Group Scout Leader at the 15th, an Assistant District Commissioner Scouts, and Vice President and long time Executive Committee member for the 19th Wimbledon. Of course, he helped in many other ways too, taking a leading role when the first Scout Hut burned down on our HQ site, as well as helping at countless camps and Raynes Park Venture Scout Xmas Expeditions. John's Summer Camps were legendary feats of organisation, his camp fires were truly memorable and his leadership was both educational and inspirational. His wise words and counsel were appreciated by young and old, and he stayed involved in the 19th right up to the present day, attending our virtual AGM last year and still giving encouraging words to the leadership team. John was also well known in the community, an active member of St. Matthew's Church, a keen supporter of the Wimbledon Guild and a teacher at Beverley School (now Coombe Boys).

There are a huge number of young men and women today whose lives have been greatly enriched by the Scouting John provided and the time he devoted to the Scout Group.



FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold an annual event each year for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

Unfortunately we were not able to get together in person again this year. Hopefully we will all be able to meet up again next year.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact the secretary:

Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

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