



Rugby & District AGM 2021

15th June 2021 7:30pm

Online Meeting - Zoom

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Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. DC Report
3. Treasurer Report
- 3.1. Statement of accounts
- 3.2. Appointment of Auditors
4. Approval of District Chair
5. Appointment of District Secretary
6. Election of District Treasurer
7. Election of District Executive

Rugby District Executive Members prior to AGM

Role	Name
District Chair	VACANT
District Commissioner	Mick Pearson, Graham Old, Philip Hargreaves
District Youth Commissioner	Bradley Sergent
District Secretary	VACANT
District Treasurer	Trevor Pook
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Paul Farr
District Scout Network	VACANT
Beaver Representative	Jeane Harmsworth
Cub Representative	Lin Pearson
Scout Representative	VACANT
Explorer Representative	Kevin Perks
Network Representative	VACANT
Fellowship Representative	Linda Lyndley
GSL representative	Tony Marcella
County Representative	David Colledge
Campsite Representative	Marilyn Barnett
Leader Training Representative	Richard Leader
Appointments Representative	Anita Colledge

DC Report

Unusual Times: The Second Episode.

12 months ago I said these are unusual times and little did I think that I would be here 12 months on still on Zoom repeating those same words. This has indeed been an even more unusual year than the last one.

Covid decimated face to face scouting and in June 2020 we were just starting to acknowledge the possibility of a long, drawn-out affair.

Online scouting became the latest challenge - how to keep a virtual room of kids entertained without beavers breaking the internet, cubs calling out, scouts swearing and Explorers Xboxing all night long. However, by the autumn groups were meeting COVID safely outside and the freedom of face-to-face scouting (although still somewhat restricted) was brilliant to experience. However, the lurking COVID was not defeated and as autumn turned to winter, tier 1 turned to tier 3 and became a full lock down again.

Our brilliant leaders stepped up and program ideas were recycled and recreated to engage with our youth members. However, the winter was long and our census numbers show the result of COVID, losing around a fifth of our members. The finances of the groups however overall have remained fairly strong due to government grants and prudent management of funds.

Come spring the lock down slowly lifted, and groups met again leading to a fresh round of risk assessments to complete and approve. Additionally, somewhat optimistically there has been a significant increase in new member enquiries and new leaders have also appeared. We have new DESC & ADC scouts from outside Rugby to strengthen and refresh the District team. Covid will soon be over I firmly believe Scouting will thrive as our life 'off line' becomes more and more important.

Gazing into the crystal ball for the next year is almost as hard as ever but I think I can be a little more optimistic - vaccination rates are high and soon even our explorers will be jabbed. So hopefully in the next 12 months we can celebrate some small milestones – maybe a group night without social distancing, or the end of hand sanitiser & masks. And finally, although limited camping has returned before this AGM let's hope that as I wished last year full restriction free camping will commence before the next AGM!!

Stay safe & keep Scouting

Philip Hargreaves

On behalf of Rugby Team DC - Mick Pearson, Graham Old & Philip Hargreaves

BEAVERS

Beavers have seen a drop in numbers across the district this year, which is in line with county beaver numbers being down since the start of the pandemic. Most Beaver Leaders for our Rugby colonies have reported many guardians whose young people are on waiting/joining lists stated they wanted to wait until the return of face to face before starting them at Beavers. Due to this we will be obtaining numbers again from leaders around the start of the autumn term along with arranging some recruitment.

We have also seen a decrease in active groups however, we are pleased to announce that 1st Dunchurch Beavers started again on the 7th June 2021.

Despite the various lockdowns and scout readiness levels we have still managed to deliver four district events during the last 12 months.

1. Random Act Of Kindness Challenge organised by Willow as ACC to help the Beavers across Warwickshire celebrate Beaver Scouts turning 35. The challenge was based on encouraging young people to carrying out their promise by “being kind and helpful”. Each Beaver who has returned their RAOK challenge form will receive a commemorative blanket badge. There is still time to return these forms.
2. Winter holiday season decoration competition. We asked Beavers to design a seasonal decoration to help them use their imaginations. The competition was won by a Beaver at Long Lawford who had designed a Christmas Tree Bauble which showed his family being together. The prize was Top Trumps - Scout Badge Addition, sweets from a local sweet shop in Hillmorton, and the Christmas Appeal Scout Blanket Badge. We are hoping to run the competition again next year with similar prizes.
3. Sean aka Toad from 6th liaised with David Wilson Homes to run a colouring competition for both Rugby Beavers & Cubs. This competition was to help share the message of “canal side living”.
4. The planned virtual camp mentioned in our last AGM report was a success with Beavers from various groups taking part and working toward various badges – you may have read about this already in Wispa.

Despite the lockdown many Beavers have still managed to achieve their Bronze award safely, and we have been invited to many social distanced sessions and virtual events to help present these along with lots of other badges, the Scoutadelic microwave mug badge seems to have been very popular among our Beavers.

Lissay is coming to the end of her first full year being part of team ADC Beavers Rugby and is very much looking forward to the years to come in the role with Willow.

We are still planning, for when it is safe and authorised to mix with other groups face to face, to host a face-to-face District Beaver event. We will discuss this with leaders when we are closer to that time, to decide on what this will be.

We would also like to take this opportunity to share a big thank you to all the Beaver leader teams who have helped make this year of scouting happen across the district. The last 12 months have continued to be a tough time for many, and we are incredibly grateful for all our leaders and the hard work and effort they have put in to adapting and keeping the movement going!

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cubs

No Report

SCOUTS

No Report

EXPLORERS

No Report



Sausages Sizzling, Fire Crackling
Water bomb splashing, Tents Flapping
Football bouncing, Precarious Pioneering
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Hammocks swaying and people smiling

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