

**Minutes of the Group Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Present: Malcolm Baker, Amanda Baker, Alan Gosling, Robin Clee, Kerry Watson, Mark Burrell, Jill Skelley, Richard Simcock  
Apologies: Adrian Leggett, Jane Hedge

**AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were no amendments necessary.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**1. Hall / Building Renovations**

We are currently focusing on the rewiring of the hall.  
Alan has arranged for a quote from Pat Test UK.

**2. Fund Raising**

The 200 Club continues to grow - now over having 100 members.  
We are planning a Quiz Night for July 14<sup>th</sup>. Tables are being booked very quickly. Final total of 11 tables booked for 63 people.  
We are in the Waitrose Community Project during May 2016.  
Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
February	91	90	32
March	87	95	42
April	65	87	54
May	17	58	06

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Account Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

<b>Current Account</b>	£871.72
<b>Savings Account</b>	£7423.67

Main income since January has been Hall Hire £1119 and two donations for the rewiring project from Mrs Dobson and the Parish Council £1000.

**Expenditure**

Music Licence	£112.92
Explorer Flag	£238.70
Refuse Collection	£123.50
Gas Bill	£324.88
Electricity Bill	£107.76

### **3. Section Reports**

#### **Beavers Report**

Our Beaver colony is full to capacity with 25 young people. They have done Cricket at the Tigers Field, visited the Air Museum and completed the Air Activities badge. Visited Pets at Home. We have awarded 96 badges with 3 of them being Chief Scout Bronze. The Community First Aiders came in to do the Emergency Aid level 1 and all the Beavers were fully engrossed.

Planned activities are Cyclist Badge, Gardening Badge and the Activities Away.

Beavers have a camp at Walesby on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept staying in a lodge.

#### **Cub Report**

We have 23 Cubs at the moment who are all looking forward to the Cubs 100 celebration. The Camp at Walesby will be from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Leaders going are Adrian, Robin, Kerry, Nicola and Liz. There are currently 60 badges to be presented at the AGM with more expected. Some of these will be Chief Scout Silver.

Adrian to go for his Nights Away permit on the Cubs 100 camp

#### **Scout & Explorers**

Scouts has a full house plus 5 Explorers. Currently doing a 6 week canoeing course at Newark Canoe Club. Some of the Scouts have achieved the full Paddle Power Passport and the rest have the basic Paddle Power Passport.

At the end of May there is a Back to Basics Camp for the older Scouts and Explorers where they will have to prepare their food, including Skinning a Rabbit, and digging latrines. They will be sleeping under a tarpaulin. Alan is going for his Green Field Permit on this camp.

Summer Camp is all booked for Bournemouth with plans to go to Brownsea Island, the birth place of Scouting.

The initial costing for the Denmark trip next year is £239 and Alan still needs to write to head teachers about some Scouts leaving school a few days before the end of term.

More work to be done in the hall towards the Chief Scout Golds.

The Explorers planned a hike from Bilsthorpe to Kelham which went well.

The Explorers are looking at going to the Gilwell 24 stay awake activity.

Alan has registered for Duke of Edinburgh supervisor.

Looking at the splitting of the Scout troop, current suggestions are not welcomed. Leaders Rob and Kieran are not available on Fridays.

### **4. Group Scout Leader**

The group is performing well. There is no space on the waiting list for all sections.

All sections have a good program planned for the rest of the year.

### **5. On-going Projects**

- The emergency contact details are in the process of being updated. All Cubs details have now been updated but some Beaver and Scout details remain outstanding. **Amanda continues to monitor.**

- The Fire Plan is now in place. The register is still to be completed. It was agreed that Fire Drills for all sections should be undertaken at the beginning of each term. **Registers still need to be completed and details of the drill noted accordingly.**
- Another volunteer maintenance date will be organised for after the summer holidays to carry out basic work around the hall.
- The on-going project of upgrading the electric within the building was discussed. Quotes of £11.5k and £14k have been received. The possibility of putting the lights on the walls rather than the ceiling was discussed so that later work can be carried out on the ceiling when funds permit.
- It was agreed that named badges for the leaders would be a good idea. Malcolm has purchased some of these for the section leaders, just need to order for the assistant leaders.
- Malcolm advised that the roof and gutter need to be cleaned out.
- Amanda suggested a Copper Collection Challenge and showed an example of the money tin she thought would be good to use. This was well received and the committee approved the purchase of 100 tins to be distributed throughout the group.
- Scouts are going to start work on decorations to hang in the hall to reduce the noise reflection. Not started yet.
- Malcolm will look into the Green Waste collection scheme. As we are commercial waste we are not able to get a Green Waste bin.
- Malcolm said he would register the group for the Community repair scheme so we could get some paint for the hall. Still to be done.
- Alan recommended that we push to use easy Fund Raising. This is a scheme where donations are made by online retailers when goods are purchased on the Internet. Alan is using this through work to build funds. An area of the notice board has been cleared for Alan to use for second hand kit and uniform.
- Alan will contact the new person in charge of the church to try to organise a regular church parade each term.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- Gates to be organised for the rear of the building to make it secure for young people camping
- Malcolm has boarded up a hall window which has begun to crack following repeated impact from Balls.
- Alan to do a slide show for the AGM.
- More Hi Visc yellow jackets of various sizes have been purchased for outside activities, orange ones have been purchased for the leaders. These are currently kept at Malcolm's until a suitable place can be found to store them.
- All of the gas cylinders are empty, nothing available for the Cub 100 camp. The cylinders would be topped up by the group this time but in future they must be refilled by the section returning them. Plans to be put in place for the return of half cylinders.
- Amanda to be informed when booking camp equipment in and out to avoid clashes with hall hirers.