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19th Wimbledon Scout Group 2017 Annual Report



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AGENDA for 2017 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2016 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 Chairman
 - 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

I am very pleased to be able to introduce this Annual Report. We have enjoyed another successful year of Scouting and the Group continues to be in high demand from young people who wish to join us. Within the report you will find details of what each section has been doing during their weekly meetings and other events. I hope that you enjoy reading it!

I'd like to thank all of our volunteer Leaders, their assistants and helpers who work hard throughout the year to plan, develop and deliver interesting and enjoyable events for each section to enjoy. We are extremely fortunate to have a great team of skilled and enthusiastic Leaders and the continuing popularity of Scouting is evidence of the value that young people attribute to the opportunities that they are given throughout their years in Scouting.

Although we have a brilliant leadership team we remain keen to strengthen it further. We would like to invite anyone who may wish to help us to come forward! You would be made very welcome and we have an excellent training scheme to support you.

Last year I mentioned that we have a major challenge caused by the continuing high level of demand from young people who want to join us. We are currently restricting the number of children joining us at Beaver age as our two Beaver Colonies feed into our two Cub Packs and then into our Scout Troop. The Troop has high numbers of Scouts as a result and over the next few years it is likely to continue to grow even higher! This will impact upon how we can deliver a great experience to our Scouts as it becomes logistically difficult to manage very high numbers. We have not yet found a solution to this problem, but strengthening our Leadership team would give us more options to consider. Currently we have to deny some children the opportunity to experience Scouting, which is not a position that we like to be in.

Although the individual section reports will give you the detail of the past year's events I would like to mention one of the highlights of the year. Cub Scouts celebrated their 100th year birthday last year. It is amazing to think about the number of people who have experienced being a Cub over the past 100 years! Whilst some things have changed considerably since Scouting began I would expect that many of the things that our current Cub Scouts enjoy would still be familiar to people who were involved in Scouting a century ago. Our children still enjoy camping, cooking outdoors, playing a variety of games with their friends and singing silly songs around a campfire! Happy birthday Cubs!!

Our new building is now over two years old and we continue to attract a good level of external lettings, which provides a regular income stream to

repay the loans taken out when we rebuilt the hall and to invest further in equipment and resources for the Group. We are delighted that the Scout site is able to offer premises that make such a positive contribution to the community and we are very grateful for the continuing support of the people who hire our buildings and our neighbours and friends.

We remain focused on ensuring that the buildings and grounds are fit for purpose and we try hard to keep everything in good order and also to continue with our plan to improve the outside space further.

However, this is a challenge as our funds are limited and we rely heavily on volunteer help. Our monthly working parties are an essential part of our strategy, but we can only make progress if we have support from parents and friends. We have a small core of people who regularly turn up at the working parties and I'd like to thank them for their efforts, but I'd also like to ask again for more people to come along, even if only for one hour, to help us get through the work needed on the site. Your help can really make a difference!

I'd like to finish by thanking the rest of the Executive Committee for their work to keep the Group in good order, all of our work is undertaken on a voluntary basis and many of our Committee work full time and have very busy lives. Their contribution to Scouting is not as visible as our section Leaders, but is equally important!

If you have any feedback concerning the report or on any other aspect of the Group's activities please let me know at chair@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)



GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

The Scout Association has recently announced that there are a record number of adult volunteers helping to deliver Scouting to a rising number of young people.

This fact alone signals that the concerted effort of this Group and many others to widen the leadership role to young people is working. This is where a 14 year old can actively develop their skills and knowledge of leadership by taking responsibility for some activities which helps them to move on to adult training and give something back to the next generation. That is certainly what happened to me all those years ago, where I recognised that my Scouting experiences could be used to replicate that fun for others.

Since 2014 when the new HQ was built, we as a Group have looked at the recruitment of leaders and crucially the retention and succession planning in order to sustain the team required to deliver safe and effective scouting for over 170 young people within the Group ranging from 6 years to 18 years. We now have a number of newly trained leaders within our sections, some uniformed warranted leaders who are responsible for the direction and content of the programme and also sectional assistants who may wish to be part time or take a lesser role to assist. The Group relies on a lot of volunteers who are supporters and do tasks such as keeping the Group governance working or HQ functioning and helping out at activities or camps.

As a Group we have unprecedented demand from young people (girls and boys) to join Scouting in this area, to do this we need continued help and assistance to deliver Scouting. We have as you can see from the section reports added to the experiences and teamwork of the youngsters by practical and outdoor exercises. Scouting is a chance to make new friends and face new challenges such as staying overnight away from home for the first time, or camping and cooking, or on a hike in the pouring rain!

As the Group Scout Leader assisted by my leadership team, it is our mission to recruit suitable people to the leadership team who are vetted, trained, motivated and who will be supported in their role as mentors and providers of good quality scouting to the younger members. You, as supporters and parents of the Group, it is your responsibility also to do whatever you can to support that.

I thank the many people who have helped this Group in the past year to bring the successes seen on a weekly basis.

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



During the 2016-2017 period we have delivered a varied programme and covered some of the more challenging Beaver badges at the Oakwood Beavers. Making the most of our HQ site in the warmer weather we covered the Gardener badge, learning how to use gardening tools safely, digging, planting, raking and pruning (some rather a little too enthusiastically!)

The Global Issues Challenge came next and we recycled, learned about Fairtrade products and we held our own EU Referendum to discover what actually happens at a polling station. We have spent a lot of time this year considering how other people live and the challenges that they face. It came as a revelation to the Beavers that not everyone can just turn on a tap to have access to clean water. We attempted to make our own water filters but were grateful that we didn't have to rely on them at the end of the evening.

In the Autumn Term we had a visit from Nicole Dyson from The Lunchbowl Network who told us about the lives of the orphaned children living in the slums of the Kibera, Nairobi. We then raised some money to provide hot meals for the children (33p provides one meal) by selling soapstone hearts and bead elephants at the Scout Group campfire evening.

We had a visit from Dave Godden and three colleagues from the London Ambulance service to guide us through our Emergency Aid Level 1 badge and the Beavers enjoyed designing rapid response vehicles and turning each other into mummies with bandages. Our Autumn term ended in the traditional way with some Christmas crafts, the Beaver hand bell performance at the Group Carol Service and our Christmas party.

The theme for the Spring Term appears to have been food! We started with our Chinese New Year celebrations, eating rice and noodles with chopsticks (thank you to Christina Berkley). We then moved on to the Health and Fitness badge which involved making fruit kebabs and flapjack and participating in circuit training. Some of our Beavers took part in the District Beaver bike ride.

We are now looking forward to the most important event in the Beaver calendar, the Beaver/Cub Sleepover. This is such an exciting event as it is the first time away from home without family for many of our Beavers and they feel so proud to achieve their first "nights away" badge.

I would like to thank the Oakwood Beaver leadership team who have done an amazing job this year - Jenny Tew (Fawn), Suzanne Clark (Robin), Ben Stainer (Panther) and our D of E helpers for some exciting games and activities for us - Jack Barrett (Sparrow), James



Campbell (Buzzard), Cheyenne Horsman, Edward Berkley and Katie Bowyer. If any parents would like to be involved on either an occasional or regular basis you would be very welcome.

Pauline Godden (Squirrel)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Again it's time to reflect on what the Colony have got up to over the last year. It is pleasing to report that we are maintaining strong membership in the Colony.

Since our last report, the Beavers have tackled putting up tents, making shelters with whatever natural resources were available onsite and cultivating cress heads. They were also able to assist in lighting a fire to ensure good marshmallow cooking conditions! By way of tradition, our Summer term ended in a big wet water fight!

In the Autumn term, we tackled the Skills Challenge badge, where the Beavers learnt how to tie their own shoelaces, roll their scarves and discuss healthy foods. In addition, they learnt how to properly brush their own teeth and set an alarm clock to get up in the mornings at the correct time and get to Beavers on time in the evening! The Beavers also enjoyed a challenge evening, which included various problem solving challenges including navigating the length of the hut as a team on mats, dodging deadly lava flows!

For Halloween, the Beavers produced an impressive array of costumes, whilst taking part in activities such as dressing a mummy and zombie relays! Then for Remembrance Day, the Beavers learnt why we wear poppies and made their own to take home.

Joining the rest of the Group at the annual camp fire, where Rocco was invested, we started preparations for a short performance on the hand bells of a couple of favourite Christmas tunes.

Returning in the New Year the Beavers tackled their World Challenge badge. They enjoyed themed evenings for Burns Night (including Scottish dancing, haggis and shortbread) and Chinese New Year (making hand print dragons). The Beavers have also completed their Safety badge. Philip, with his guide dog Lester, visited the Beavers to talk about the Guide Dogs for the Blind and what it is like to be blind. The Beavers were also put through their paces blindfolded, before meeting Lester, a very placid golden Labrador, in person.

To complete their World Challenge, the Beavers played a few international games played by Beavers across the globe and planted their own grass heads out of soil, seeds and tights and the results (from what I am told!) are quite hairy! We rounded off the spring term again lighting a fire to cook marshmallows and exploring our fantastic outside space.

Sadly at the end of the Autumn term we had to say goodbye to Debbie, but we still have a fantastic leadership team which the Colony could not do without, so many thanks to Rebecca, Denise and Tom.

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader)

MAYHEW CUB PACK REPORT



Gosh, another year has gone by! Since our last report, the Cubs have been very active in weekly activities, camps and District events.

As part of the 2016 celebrations for Cubs100, the Cubs joined many others from across the District for a weekend of celebrations, with activities including crate stacking, caving, rock climbing, orienteering, T-shirt making, kite making and archery. Returning from camp, the Cubs enjoyed shelter building, fire lighting (well, we are Scouts!) where they made some delicious sausage sandwiches and of course ended the term with our annual water fight! Again, no one went home dry!

Returning after a well-earned Summer break, we gained the assistance of Anna (Bagheera) whilst the Cubs were straight into working towards their Skills Challenge badge. In doing so, they sewed buttons and their Mayhew flash badges on their uniforms in place of their Burlington badges (all were very much straight!). For some, the Skills badge offered up their first opportunities of using a hot iron, and for a few weeks at least, the Cubs enjoyed having crease free scarves!

The adventurous members of the Pack joined the Oakwood Cubs at PGL for a weekend of fun and adventure. Over the weekend, the Cubs enjoyed activities such as archery, giant swings, zip wire, aerial runway and raft building/racing, where it is safe to say that some teams had more success than others in staying afloat!

We got our swimming practice in before the District Swimming Gala, with all of the Pack earning at least one stage of their Swimmers badge. This was followed by a very good performance in the Gala with some impressive individual performances.

As the Autumn returned, Halloween approached and another themed evening was spent, this time racing to wrap team members up as mummies and searching for hidden balloons and playing ghostly games! The Cubs' costumes, as ever, were very impressive. Perhaps the highlight of the autumn term was



the Cubs' performance of Snow White and the Eight Cubs. The Cubs provided the parents with a very polished and at times very funny performance, of the somewhat adapted fairy tale.

After Christmas, the Cubs were straight back working towards their World Challenge badge. As part of this, they enjoyed themed evenings for Burns Night (where haggis was on offer and Scottish dancing was to be done) and Chinese New Year, when Maureen came down to speak to the Cubs about Chinese traditions and growing up in China, and the Cubs were able to try some Chinese foods. Our favourite, the chopstick and prawn crackers relay got the Cubs excited.

The Scientist badge was the theme for this year's District Badge Day and the majority of the Mayhew Pack were able to attend to try growing cress, making their hair stand on end with static electricity, make circuits, volcanoes and learn about blood. In March we were joined by Philip and his guide dog Lester who were kind enough to come down and speak to the Cubs about Guide Dogs for the Blind and the challenges faced by a blind person. Philip asked the Cubs to undertake various challenges blindfolded so that they could see first hand the difficulties the blind faced. Philip provided the Cubs with a very interesting and informative evening.

In conjunction with the Oakwood pack, we entered three teams into the District Chess Competition and, whilst we didn't win the top prize, all three teams performed very well. Returning to the Challenge badge of the term, the Cubs have learnt about water and the challenges faced in water deprived areas where children (of a similar age) carry often dirty water for their families for miles, and recycling and the importance of reducing the amount of materials we put in landfill.

At the first glimpse of daylight during Cub hours, the Cubs were outside as usual lighting fires in preparation for using two typical domestic sieves to 'pop' popcorn, with varying degrees of success! As we return after Easter we have many activities to look forward to, including Adventure Day, the annual Cub and Beaver Sleepover, Cub Camp and a water sports evening.



As usual, none of the above would be possible without our terrific leadership team, therefore thanks again to Rebecca (Akela), Tom, Denise (Kaa) and Anna (Bagheera). Here's to another exciting year in Scouting.

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT



Another busy, action-packed year... but aren't they all ?

We started it by working towards the new version of the Outdoors Challenge badge, with all manner of activities relating to firefighting, learning how to put up tents (they became rather good at this!), the Country Code and building camp gadgets. We also had our regular annual Sleepover with the Beavers and a very nice weekend under canvas in June, with other packs across the District at Walton Firs. There was even time to throw in a trip to the cinema to see the Jungle Book movie, have a Saturday picnic at the hut (with a bouncy castle!) and enjoy a day at the Cubs Paintballing event in Cobham - which was so popular, we will soon have a repeat visit.



After the summer break, we switched our attentions to the Adventure Challenge and extra badge work. We built sisal trails, obstacle courses, catapults and more, along with trying more gentle challenges like sewing, cycle safety, Halloween masks and working towards the Entertainer badge with the shadow plays proving quite successful! The Cubs entered the District

Swimming Gala once again and came back with a stack of medals. But the highlight of this Autumn term was the trip to PGL - the Cubs loved building rafts, jumping off tall poles and having a go at fencing.

The New Year came along and we decided to add a bit more of an international flavour to our meetings. We tried some 'exotic' foods, a few games from overseas and welcomed visitors to talk about their own heritage and culture. We also touched upon how we 'do our best' (which is a key part of the Promise) and how to look after our environment - we've just started to build our Bug Hotels out the back. Learning about our community, Bagheera came along in his emergency response ambulance again and showed us just how well-equipped these vehicles are. We had a couple more District events as well - the Science Badge Day and the Chess Competition - both of which were hosted at our own HQ.

So as it stands, we now have 29 Cubs on our books with 14 saying goodbye in the last year (11 of which went to Scouts). We've welcomed nine new faces from Beavers as well as one other from elsewhere. Leila from the Scouts has joined us as a young helper alongside Matt, but we said goodbye to Tommy as he continues his studies. Our thanks for all their help in the Pack, as well as to all the Leaders who continue to work tirelessly to provide a great programme for the Cubs.

Mark Steed (Baloo)

SCOUT TROOP REPORT



Over the last year the Scout Troop have been very active with lots of events and activities in addition to a varied weekly programme. The Scouts have achieved a great number of challenge and activity badges and it is very positive to see some of them wearing a '50 nights away' badge on their arm, showing they have spent 50+ nights away through their time with the 19th Wimbledon.

We currently have just under 50 Scouts in the Troop which prompted a recent decision by our patrol leaders to open a 6th Patrol. As all of our patrols are named after famous explorers, we thought that with the recent return of British astronaut Tim Peake, an appropriate name should be the 'Peake patrol'.

Summer Camp is always the highlight of the Troop calendar. Last July we camped at Lyons Copse near Southampton with 36 Scouts attending. Scouts took part in a range of the on-site activities during the course of the 11 days including archery, rock climbing, shooting and rafting. A day out hiking in the New Forest took us past the Bolderwood deer sanctuary where we had a fantastic experience of seeing groups of Fallow Deer, in addition to all the rabbits, horses and cattle strolling across the paths around us. One evening Master Donnelly and his Tae Kwon Do team allowed us to join them at their school of martial arts for an intense and enjoyable training session. 'Ready, Steady, Cook' was certainly a new highlight for camp. Each patrol planned their own two-course meals for dinner to a budget and we then took them to Sainsbury's to buy the ingredients and raced to the checkouts. The patrols kindly treated all the leaders to very nice dinners of Chinese, Mexican and Italian food. Some of us also learnt some lessons about HOT chilli peppers!

Thanks to our Jack Petchey Award winner, Tristan, we were able to take a trip across to the Isle of Wight by Hovercraft. We all had a try at tree climbing, ascending into the canopy of a 70ft Oak tree, which gave some great views over the Solent, followed by some relaxing time on the beach with an ice cream and of course, a sandcastle building competition! Of course we cannot forget the Night Hike which was kindly planned by Mark. An amazing number of Scouts pushed themselves physically and mentally through the night and completed the route of over 20km, arriving back to campsite around 3am. After some fantastic weather, the rain decided to visit us on the last evening but we wouldn't let anything spoil the fun. Our Scout Disco was a party to remember with music, singing, dancing and lots (and lots) of glowsticks! Congratulations to our winning patrol of the 2016 camp - Livingstone!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the leader and support team who generously volunteered to take time off work and away from family so that Summer Camps can happen. The 2017 Summer Camp will be at Braggers Wood Campsite, near Christchurch, where we look forward to another 11 days of adventure.





In November, two teams of Scouts entered the District Incident Hike and then in March we entered the County Night Exercise. In both events we joined Scouts from other groups, putting navigation and teamwork skills to the test.

Late January we held our

Winter Camp at Bentley Copse in Shere. It was a chilly but dry weekend for the 28 Scouts who attended. On the Saturday we explored the Surrey Hills in search of Pokémon using GPS devices. Pikachu was hiding rather well. In the afternoon we practised using different types of lamps and stoves, looking at modern principles and comparing these to the WW1 period. Our evening meal was 'backwoods' style, cooking baked potatoes in the embers of a fire. On the Sunday we took part in some of the on-site activities including a game of laser tag in the wood, the zip wire and climbing the Jacobs ladder.

Congratulations to Tristan and Sam who have received the Jack Petchey Award over the last year for their achievements in Scouting. Thank you to all our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders over the last year, who have all demonstrated fantastic leadership skills and assisted in the running of the Troop. This year we have adopted the 'Youth Shaped' principle in Scouting which empowers our Scouts to help decide, design and implement their own programme. This term, the Scouts have been completing their Skills challenge and DIY activity badge through a series of activities they chose such as carpentry, electrics, cooking, gardening, shoe polishing, ironing and circuit training.

Congratulations to Eric, who has been very dedicated this year in completing all his leader training and as you read this, will have just run his first Scout camp. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all our volunteers (leaders, helpers and parents) for their support and hard work over the year for providing a fantastic Scouting experience to so many young people.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)

RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



Explorer Scout Units belong to the District rather than specific Groups, however we are very pleased that the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit (RPESU) has very close links with the 19th Wimbledon, meet at our HQ, and many of our Scouts move up to join them.

This year has been very busy for the Raynes Park ESU with weekly activities, hikes and competitions all with big leadership changes to work around. The unit has grown quite considerably in number going from around 20 to now having 32 members. We will have even more moving up from the 19th Scout Troop and direct entry through friends of the group which will mean we have around 40 by the end of the year!

Many of our Explorers are doing both the Scout awards and the Duke of Edinburgh's award with some completing their bronze hikes over the past couple of weekends. We also have a group completing the Gold award which gives nearly all of the responsibility to the Explorers in terms of organisation of their team and their route. This is aimed at the older Explorers to give them a chance to show what they have learnt during their years at the Unit and give them an even bigger sense of achievement!

We are proud to report that James Bowyer, Jamie Umblijis, Daniel Haynes, Daisy Smart and Philip Baggridge completed the Explorer Belt where they hiked through mainland Europe meeting various people and learning the culture of our closest neighbours. It involved them covering over 100 miles during a ten day period, completing numerous challenges to investigate the local area, all on 10 Euros a day, and then producing a report and presentation on their exploits.

We have competed in the county Red Flare night hike with two teams entering and placing 5th and 26th out of 32 competing teams. This is a tough competition testing the grit and determination of all competitors to navigate in the darkness and complete gruelling challenges while tired from a long hike around a remote area. Congratulations to both teams for getting through the challenge and winning the Explorer Team Trophy!

As described at the beginning we have had a big leadership shift. We have had to say goodbye to Lucy Self (McLauchlan), Olly Self and Keith Johnston who took the Unit from being a small group to the thriving and busy Unit we have today! Lucy and Olly are now living even further west near Swindon and continuing with their love of rebuilding old cars no matter how rusty or smelly they may be. Keith has moved to New Zealand with his wife and enjoying the wonders on the other side of the world. We wish them all the best with their adventures in the big wide world. Thank you all once again!

We have also welcomed Claire Said, Andrew Rowlands and Alison Reynolds as Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders to our team. They have been a great help with running the various evenings and have bonded really well with the Explorers. Unfortunately Claire and Andrew have recently had to take a step back for the time being but we hope they will rejoin our team in the future.

I am sure the RPESU will have more adventures this coming year and we cannot wait to create more memories with everyone involved!

Robbie McLauchlan
(Explorer Scout Leader)



MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2016-2017

Chairman	Ros Barnes
Secretary	Ian Haynes
Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Dick Bowyer
Beaver Scout Leader - Oakwood	Pauline Godden
Beaver Scout Leader - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Rep	Pam McLauchlan
GSL nominated member	Jane Purchase
Oakwood Beaver parent	vacant
Mayhew Beaver parent	Neil O'Rourke
Oakwood Cub parent	Karen Dehlavi
Mayhew Cub parent	Paul Mutimer
Scout Troop parent	Wayland Ward-Smith
Quartermaster	Gary Clark

2016 '100 Club' Winners

Jan	£15 John Kitchener	Jul	£15 Rosemary Matters
	£15 Neil Messenbird		£15 Rhys Beynon
Feb	£15 Sheila Mowbray	Aug	£15 Jane Purchase
	£15 Chris Chapman		£15 Nigel Bishop
Mar	£15 Lucy Self	Sep	£15 Diana Smith
	£15 Tony Rochford		£15 Lyn Jones
Apr	£15 Mike Mayhew	Oct	£15 Evelyn Bleasdale
	£15 Jane Purchase		£15 Nigel Bishop
May	£0	Nov	£15 Ros Barnes
			£15 Adrian Chapman
Jun	£50 Sheila Mowbray	Dec	£50 Michael Tolmie
	£15 Joan Brunt		£15 Robert Chapman

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group have not been finalised at the time of writing this report but full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

This year saw further expenditure of approximately £20,000 on site development for the outside space at Group HQ. However there continues to be a great demand from various groups to use the facilities so we are generating an annual income in excess of £40,000 which offsets the running costs and helps in repaying the loans. Our positive financial situation means we are in a position to repay some of the loan capital in addition to annual interest payments and have now repaid £44,000 from the original £150,000 borrowed.

We have now raised over £1,400 from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance theatre tickets etc. It costs the buyer nothing. Thank you to over 50 givers who are signed up but we'd really like to have a lot more. Details of the scheme can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.



giftaid it Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £4,600 including Ocado and the Peter and Teresa (Rabagliati) Charitable Trust.

The Gift Aid scheme continues to provide useful additional income. The last payment received from HMRC amounted to £2,940 which included a rebate of basic rate tax on over 85% of membership subscriptions received in the tax year. 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. We haven't quite reached 100 members yet, so if you would like to join please email: 100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

ERIC - From Volunteer to ASL

I joined the 19th a year ago as an Assistant Scout Leader. Since then, I have not only had the pleasure of supporting the Scouts and working with other adults but have taken advantage of numerous opportunities for personal growth and learning, all while having a great deal of fun. In this short time, Scouting has become a big part of my life and I am very proud to "fly the flag".

I was a Cub and a Scout growing up. They say that youth is wasted on the young - this was perhaps the case with me. I certainly enjoyed Scouting but, looking back, I did not take it as seriously as I could have and should have. Re-reading my Scout handbook from back then, I found myself wishing I could go back and do it again. Perhaps I could do so when my children are old enough to participate, I thought. Then, I heard of the very long waiting lists for young people joining, largely due to a shortage of leaders, and I thought, "why wait?"

I was welcomed into the 19th with very open arms and immediately made to feel part of the team. I was able to join the Scouts on their Summer Camp - always a memorable experience - and by the time we started the Autumn term's programme, it was as if I had always been there.

Aside from the extensive practical support given by fellow leaders, I was particularly aided by the broad training curriculum that is offered to newly joining leaders. Everything from the history and structure of Scouting, through planning a quality programme, nights away experience skills, down to very important modules on safety,

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Thank you.

safeguarding and first aid is planned and covered for the newly joining leader. It seems like a great deal of required training - and it is - but the content is available in a number of different formats. I was able to complete about a third of the required training in my own time through online modules or workbooks. Also, at the outset, Alison Edwards, the training coordinator for Wimbledon & Wandle Scout District, worked with me to tailor the core training programme to my interests and experience. We found that a number of the requirements could be met by previous non-Scouting experience, which she and the Scout Association are happy to accept: Another third, done.

Some training did need to be completed in person, but I found these to be by far the most rewarding. These were typically a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday. Aside from the obvious learning experience, they are a great chance to meet and get to know Scout leaders from surrounding groups and districts. It is extremely interesting to compare the challenges faced by a large (and fairly well-off) group like the 19th to the smaller groups in the county. The culmination of these sessions was the nights away practical module I took part in a few weeks ago. 10 adults from across South West London spent a weekend at Walton Firs, camping as if we were Scouts, and learning some extremely practical skills in the process.

All in all, it took me about six months to complete the core training requirements - without very much struggle or inconvenience. I find myself more and more confident as a leader and consequently more able to contribute to the leadership of the Scout section. In addition to the core trainings, I have had the chance to do some really interesting "extracurricular" training, such as air gun youth proficiency scheme tutor, or marine band VHF radio operator. I never would have come across these skills had it not been for Scouting and its very open approach to providing opportunities for training to leaders and they have been rewarding for me and I hope they will prove valuable to the group.

Scouting exists "to actively engage and support young people in their personal development." Young people are the focus and the Scout Method aims to provide them opportunities to grow and learn. Very luckily for me, that has been equally true for adults in Scouting, and I feel as if I have been allowed to go back and do it again, now with the maturity to appreciate a good thing when it is offered!



Eric de Regnacourt (Assistant Scout Leader)

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held at Group Headquarters on Sunday 3rd July, 2016

Present: There were approximately 56 people present, including Assistant District Commissioner, Leaders, Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, parents and members of the Group Executive.

Welcome: The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She also introduced the officers of the Executive Committee.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Lucy Self, Olly Self, Robbie McLauchlan and Chris Chapman.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21st June, 2015 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by James Roe, seconded by Eric de Regnacourt, and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Chairman presented the Annual Report booklet and highlighted that we are a growing Group and now the largest in the District, however this also presents its challenges, especially for the Leaders. The sections reports show a huge variety of activities which requires great planning from everyone. Ros particularly noted the Group Camp, a huge event, and thanked everyone for coming with a 'can do' attitude, with particular thanks to Mike Mayhew and the organising committee. Today we are opening our 'outside space' and she thanked Paul Wilkins especially for all his hard work in preparing this, including dealing with the recent flood damage. Our monthly working parties have been going well, with over 400 trees planted in one weekend - so please keep attending. Today we will be planting trees in memory of two of our recently departed former members, a pussy willow for Peter Connellan and a cherry tree for Ted Mayhew.

Ros finished by thanking all the leaders and the backroom team of Executive Committee, helpers and of course their partners, especially Marina, Marianne and Kiki. She invited and welcomed other parents to volunteer. Approval of the Report was proposed by Mark Steed, seconded by Denise Roe and agreed by the meeting.

5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted that there is now significantly less going in and out of the accounts compared to last year at the peak of the building work. There has been expenditure of £24,000 on site development

but equally a healthy lettings income currently, and Gift Aid tax refund to help offset this. He thanked Nigel Taylor who is stepping down from running the 100 Club and welcomed James Roe who has taken this over. Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Richard Porter and agreed by the meeting.

6. **Group Chairman and Executive Committee:** The Group Scout Leader reminded the meeting that the Scout motto is Be Prepared, and we certainly had to be prepared when the site was being flooded out due to heavy rain running off the playing fields. The Group also needs to be prepare with its leadership team and there is a focus this year on recruiting new leaders, helpers and succession planning. He then nominated Ros Barnes to continue as Group Chair, and nominated Jane Purchase to serve on the Executive Committee.
7. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Chairman was pleased to advise that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and that Adrian Chapman was willing to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Denise Wilkins, seconded by Mike Mayhew and agreed by the meeting.
8. **Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee:** Parent representatives Wayland Ward-Smith, Gary Clark, Karen Dehlavi and Pam McLauchlan were nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their election was proposed by Mark Steed and seconded by Neil McLauchlan, 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 Denise Wilkins, seconded by Mike Mayhew and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Presentations:** Paul Wilkins then presented the Ron Day Shield to the child who had gained the most out of Scouting at the 19th Wimbledon in the previous year. On this occasion the trophy was awarded to Georgia Tew.
11. **Any Other Business:** Ros Barnes announced that the Group would be making greater use of Online Scout Manager going forwards and the system would be used for sending emails, tracking progress and making online payments for subscriptions and activities.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chairman invited everyone to celebrate Jane Barnes from the local Residents Association formally open the outside space, and to join together outside for the tree planting in memory of Peter Connellan and Ted Mayhew.

GROUP HQ - A Site for the Community

The HQ building continues to attract lots of community use and our income from letting the building has enabled us to continue to overpay our loan repayment tranches each year as well as invest further in equipment and the building and grounds.

I would like to thank everyone who has come along during the year to one or more of our working parties to help us keep the buildings in good order and to work with us on transforming the previously overgrown and neglected external space. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Paul Wilkins for the work that he has personally undertaken; he has tackled a range of jobs around the site to keep the costs down to a minimum for the Group

The changes we have made in the outside space are now clearly visible and the grounds are getting good use from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the other groups using the HQ. It has been great to see camping, fire lighting, tent pitching, pioneering, Easter Egg Hunts and Christmas Tree selling in the grounds.

We now have a fantastic space for our young people to enjoy. The outside space will provide us with a wonderful space for years to come and we intend to carry on investing in it to make the most of the area.

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 Saturday and Sunday afternoons?



We let the Hall 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.

If you are interested, please email lettings@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk - but make sure you plan at least two months in advance; as the hall is very popular for parties!



Recent feedback includes:

*"We had such a great party. The best venue in the area!
Thanks for letting us hire it".*

"The party on Sunday was a great success! Such a perfect venue. I have passed your details to another mum who is interested in hiring it!!"

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 close links with St Matthew's (C of E) Church and the Sacred Heart (RC) Parish.

Group Chairman

Ros Barnes

chair@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

Group Scout Leader

Paul Wilkins

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Assistant Group Scout Leader

Dick Bowyer

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Mayhew Beaver Scout Colony

Thursdays, 5.30 – 6.30

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

mayhewbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony

Mondays, 6.15 – 7.15

Pauline Godden (Squirrel)

squirrel@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)

akelaoakwood@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

Scout Troop

Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.15

David Godden

scoutleader@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit

Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15

Robbie McLaughlan

leader@rpesu.co.uk



FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 100 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 & receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold an annual dinner each year for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

The people listed below are registered as Friends of the 19th. If you would like to become a Friend or renew an acquaintance with one of the people below then please contact the secretary:

Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

e-mail: secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

The Friends of the 19th are proud to support the efforts of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys & girls.

Bryan Adams	Mike Dowek	Neil McLauchlan
Keith Angliss	Declan Gleeson	Neil Messenbird
Mukhtar Baber	Peter Haynes	Frances Moody
Jane Barnes	Paul Henderson	Peter Moody
Ros Barnes	Rosey Hickson	Charles Mowbray
David Beynon	Sally Hickson	Richard Porter
Pam Beynon	Andy Higgins	Brian Prescott-Decie
Rhys Beynon	Deborah Humphrey	Kevin Quigley
Erica Bishop	Alan Jales	Alastair Rabagliati
Mark Chandler	Keith Johnston	Aiden Roberts
Len Conley	Andrew Keene	Anthony Rochford
Andrew Connellan	Michael Keene	Howard Rochford
Mary Connellan	John Kitchener	Lucy Self
Paul Corner-Halligan	Alison Lydon	Diana Smith
John Creasey	Mark Lydon	Chris Stutt
Robert D'Alessio	Rosemary Matters	Colin Tarver
Helen D'Alessio	Paul McKenna	Jeff Tombs
Tara Dawn	Kathy McLauchlan	Julia Whiting



19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Group registration number 41377 Registered charity number 303793

Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2017

2016	RECEIPTS	2017	2016	PAYMENTS	2017
13,765.00	Subscriptions	14,251.00	3,591.00	Scout Association membership	3,770.00
600.00	Subscriptions RPESU	600.00			
1,243.98	Donations	4,916.65	0.00	Headquarters site Rent	0.00
27,000.00	Donations to rebuilding fund	0.00	24,526.61	Development	16,434.53
36,217.72	Lettings	44,737.05	1,448.27	Maintenance	5,697.89
			717.09	Water	1,499.63
			3,021.00	Electricity	3,285.00
	Fund-raising events		441.53	Telephone	450.07
255.00	President's meal	0.00	240.93	Bottled gas	396.60
391.26	Cake sale	0.00	4,341.45	Cleaning	3,811.64
			0.00	Refuse	362.00
646.26		0.00	34,736.88		31,937.36
			12,091.00	Rebuilding project	0.00
236.73	The Giving Machine	267.85			
456.00	100 club	558.00	6,413.75	Insurances	3,491.05
2,467.72	Gift Aid tax refund	2,938.97	7,368.30	Equipment New	2,187.45
0.00	Grants	0.00	56.60	Maintenance	17.69
67.00	Miscellaneous	55.00	7,424.90		2,205.14
413.00	Group camp	0.00			
			965.32	Miscellaneous supplies	576.19
52.05	Interest Scout Association	38.79	1,201.84	Uniform, badges etc.	1,940.68
0.00	Bank	0.00	74.85	Website	131.89
52.05		38.79	0.00	Online Scout Manager fees	385.59
			79.92	Stationery, postage etc.	56.18
			112.89	AGM	217.30
			2,500.00	Scout Association loan interest @ Base+2%	2,000.00
			0.00	Training Weekend	1,007.39
			0.00	Training courses	126.62
	SECTION INCOME			SECTION EXPENSE	
18,409.98	Camps and outings	16,902.18	15,541.28	Camps and outings	16,953.22
203.00	Sale of scarves etc.	30.32	196.05	Badges, scarves etc.	25.00
450.00	Fund-raising and donations	500.00	1,008.57	Section activities	1,065.26
50.00	Other income	0.00	502.18	Stationery, postage and sundries	366.08
19,112.98		17,432.50	17,248.08		18,409.56
102,278.44	TOTAL INCOME	85,795.81	86,440.43	TOTAL EXPENSE	66,254.95
0.00	DEFICIT	0.00	15,838.01	SURPLUS	19,540.86
102,278.44		85,795.81	102,278.44		85,795.81

Note: The Group occupies land on the north side of Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0SZ at a peppercorn rent.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis as previously.

Contact: Adrian Chapman, 40 Amity Grove, London SW20 0LJ

Signed on behalf of the Group Executive Committee



A. Chapman
Group Treasurer



R. Barnes
Group Chair

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2017

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	4,776.08	Current account	10,805.73
100 club current account	1,223.00	100 club current account	1,814.00
Scout Association short term investment	10,000.00	Scout Association short term investment	1,000.00
Cash	78.38	Cash	205.02
100 club prizes payable	(707.00)	100 club prizes payable	(710.00)
Loan from Scout District	(48,000.00)	Loan from Scout District	(46,000.00)
Loan from Scout Association	(80,000.00)	Loan from Scout Association	(60,000.00)
	(112,629.54)		(92,885.25)
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	108.42	Cash	0.00
	108.42		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	430.34	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	430.34		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	782.58	Current account	852.43
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	782.58		852.43
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	4,031.52	Current account	4,297.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	4,031.52		4,297.00
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE	(107,276.68)	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	(87,735.82)
Group surplus	19,744.29		
Sections deficit	(203.43)		
NET SURPLUS	19,540.86		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	(87,735.82)		

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £504,960 and equipment with an insured value of £43,056.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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