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AGENDA

Welcome.

Apologies.

To agree the minutes of the AGM held on the 11th July 2019 and Chair's Annual Report.

Financial Report.

District Commissioners' Annual Report.

Election of Chair of District Scout Council and Executive Committee.

- Chair: Manda Bragg

Ex-Officio Members:-

- Treasurer: Steve Bragg

- Secretary: Matt Larkin

- DSNL: Neil Peerman

- DESC: Ian Wilkins

- DYC: Jack Fidler

- DDYC: Mathew Whitaker

Nominated Members:-

- Roy Tubbs, Scout Shop Manager

- Ken Powell, Chair of Campsite Committee

- Steve Thames, Chair of Appointments Committee

Co-opted Members:-

- William Weller, GSL 4th Farnham

- Network

Appointment of District Auditor.

AOB.

Close of Meeting.



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MINUTES

Committee Members Present

*Philip German, Ann-Marie Vinnicombe, Manda Bragg, Steve Bragg, Matt Larkin, Martyn Lass, Neil Peerman,
Ken Powell, Steve Thames, Roy Tubbs, Ian Wilkins*

Apologies

Minutes

Welcome

Cllr Forszyski (Waverley BC), Cllr Evans (Farnham TC)
Joe Rogerson (Surrey Scouts County Commissioner)
Julia Kielstra (Surrey Scouts Deputy County Commissioner)
Denise Iverson (Surrey Scouts Assistant County Commissioner, Beavers)
Paul Iverson (Surrey Scouts Assistant County Commissioner, Scouts)

Minutes of last meeting

12 July 2018

Matters Arising None Raised

Minutes Accepted

Chairs Welcome

Thanks to all attending

Financial Report

Report attached to the booklet available to all attending and on the FDSC website www.farnhamscouting.com

District Commissioners Report

A few statistics:

- 32 different sections in Farnham
- District numbers increased by 43% since 2010
- 12th from 0 to 100 members in 6 yrs.
- 2018-19: 99 new permits in the District for loads of activities
- 2019: 1st Queen Scout for a long time

Completed projects include:

- Refurbishment of Daniel Hall
 - Climbing Tower
 - Tarmac road
 - Water
 - Shooting hut
 - Refurbishment and extension of Garners Field Hall
- Thanks to Exec for support and Martyn Lass for project management
Garners Project Support of the Mayor – David Attfield

People to thank and be proud of – in no particular order:

- Linda German – for being totally supportive of me and Scouting in general.
- Shopkeeper and team:
- The Committee
- SASu, the Monday crew – doing work, talking, and drinking lots of tea
- Ken Powell for handling the Garners bookings - it raises £20k a year
- Training Manager Eric Goulding
- Jamboree attendees representing the District in a worldwide event
- The team of ADCs
- Everyone involved in Scouting

‘Pleased to have been DC now looking forward to being Ex-DC’

Investiture

Ann-Marie Vinnicombe invested as new DC by County Commissioner Joe Rogerson

Elections

Chair - *Approved unanimously*

Ex-Officio Members:

Treasurer: Steve Bragg

Secretary: Matt Larkin

DSNL: Neil Peerman DESC: Ian Wilkins

DYC:- Jack Fidler DDYC: Mathew Whittaker

Approved unanimously

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Approved unanimously

Co-opted Members:

William Weller, GSL 4th Farnham

Martyn Lass, Ex Chair 7th Farnham

Network (all 23 of them)

Advised only no voting required

District Auditor

Jones & Co, based in North Camp have agreed to remain our Auditors

Presentation of Awards

Adam Chambers – Commissioners Commendation Award for starting the 12th Wrecclesham and making it a successful Group

Eric Goulding - Commissioners Commendation Award – 2 x DC – Inspiration to PG and a lot of other people in much appreciation for training manager work etc.

Ken Powell – Commissioners Commendation Award – Service as Campsite and long service at 5th

Matt Larkin - Tenure

County Address: Joe Rogerson

What PG was able to do was encapsulate what is wonderful about Farnham – wonderful people delivering quality programmes so that everyone in the town knows what Scouting is and means to the people of Farnham

Jamboree Address: Ian Wilkins, Maya, Megan, and Harry

Pre-Jamboree:

Started in Oct 17 - 12 training events across the county including making friends

Surrey County show raised over £6k in a weekend.

The Jamboree itinerary:

Flew on JFK, New York on 19 July

New York: Times Square, 9/11 memorial

West Virginia: 10 days with Scouts from 152 countries up to 55000 people there on a site bigger than the City of London

Then to Washington DC for 4 days – UK contingent event

To Canada – camp with Canadian Scouts for 4 days

Returned to NY to fly home

Thanks go to all who have helped to raise funds especially Ian who helped organise various events including Car park marshalling and many other things.

Presentation and Thanks by Chair to ex DC Philip German

The Chair presented a plaque, a watch and a commemorative card signed by much of District celebrating the tenure of Philip German as DC 2010 – 2019.

AOB

No items raised

Meeting Closed

20.45

Attendees - 62

*Matt Larkin
Farnham District Secretary*



District Commissioner Report: April 2019—March 2020

We are Farnham District; we are 755 youth across 8 Groups, (28 sections) and 4 Explorer Units (2020 Census).

We have strong engaged Scouts, earning 118 Chief Scout Awards across the 4 Youth sections, as well as a Queens Scout Award for a member of our Network, (who is also an Assistant Leader and District Youth Commissioner).

We have 164 uniformed Section Leaders/Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants and countless occasional helpers to ensure week to week session are planned and full of fun.

We have 95 Groups Scouts Leaders, District Managers, Executive Committee, Appointments Committee, SASU and Network members, all providing invaluable support, knowledge and experience.

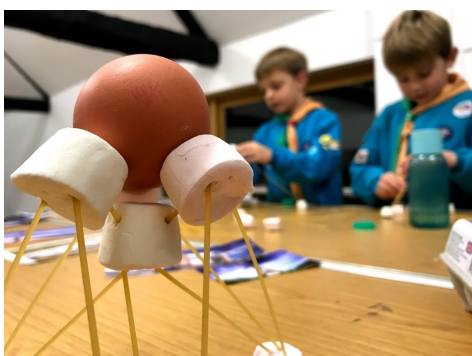
We have 132 Activity permits from archery, climbing, shooting to a variety of water disciplines and 47 Nights Away permits.

We have provided adult training in the form of mandatory training session, training day and direct training by our Training Advisors.

Every single person giving taking their time, commitment and energy – **THANK YOU.**



Ann-Marie Vinnicombe - District Commissioner



Beaver Report 2020

2019 - 2020 was another amazing year for Beaver Scouts in Farnham. The Leader teams across our 8 groups continue to push the boundaries with ever more exciting and engaging programmes and we are extraordinarily grateful for all the hours, ideas and organising that they put in.

Our colonies are running at capacity.

With Ian moving up to the ADC role, leadership of the 3rd Farnham Beavers has passed to Morgan Dixon from the Summer Term 2019. Marion Stagg has agreed to continue to support Ian as part of the District leadership team.





Farnham District Cubs Annual Report 2019-20

Cub Scouting in Farnham continues to thrive – most packs are operating at capacity and some have managed to take children off the waiting lists and give them the opportunity to become cubs this year.

I visited all the packs last year at some stage – all of the programmes sent to me were superb with a good mix of activities and badge work with the odd trip out thrown in too! I am always amazed by the innovative ideas that leaders come up with for their weekly sessions. This has continued throughout the lockdown and well done to all of the leaders for keeping scouting going at this difficult time.

Farnham District took 90 + cubs to Scram in June 2019 - a great time was had by all and a lot of great ideas were picked up by the leaders that went along too!

Over the summer holidays camps were held by some of the packs and I was able to go along to a few. I went to Phazels Wood to visit 3rd Farnham Cubs who picked one of the hottest spells of the summer for their camp. Simon Lomas -Clarke was running the camp to obtain his Nights Away permit and I am very happy to advise that he passed with flying colours! One of several leaders I have assessed and passed recently – our cubs are lucky that we have such committed leaders.

On 4,5 and 6th October (2019) a District Cub camp was held at Garners Field – 125 cubs came along and did lots of scouting activities at bases to earn a survival tin with fire lighting striker, whistle, compass, emergency blanket and other items in it. On the Sunday we hiked to Frensham Little Pond for a picnic lunch and the weather was glorious. The beach was fairly quiet – unlike now! My thanks go to Amanda Morgan for helping me organise and run the camp, Ann-Marie for her support, all the leaders who helped run bases, county instructors Russell and Colin who taught knots and compass/map, Chris Moss and Janet and Michael Watts, Graeme and Charlie Morgan and of course in the background and without whom I could not run the camp - my support team Davis, Danielle, Oli and Gary !

Remembrance Day Parade was well attended by the groups based in Farnham Town Centre – we seem to grow every year and it always makes me proud to see our cubs marching along and behaving so well at the War Memorial and in church afterwards.

This year has been a challenge – a lot of plans have had to be changed or cancelled. The District Cub/Beaver Camp is still planned for 2/3/4 October 2020 at the moment – I am loath to cancel it unless I really have to given so many camps haven't happened. Time will tell if we are able to go ahead!

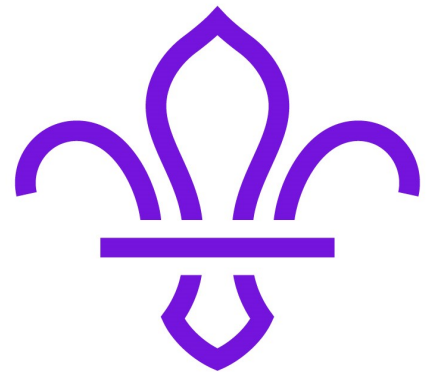
Scouting has never been more important to our children and their families especially the venerable ones. We take a lot for granted – maybe its time to reflect on how lucky we are!

Nicola Clements ADC Cubs

July 2020



Scouts



Unfortunately, Karl Arnold our ADC Scout stepped down in Dec-19 (and we are still looking for someone to step up.)

Summer camps galore in 2019 - from Bude to Lake District to Broadstone Warren, group survival camps, Frost Camp at Bentley Corpse, monopoly runs, trip to Buckingham Palace, National Scout Shooting Championships at Bisley, Warhammer, Aldershot Nepalese Buddhist centre, Islamabad visit, Remembrance parade, sailing, donating, karting, pioneering, cooking, hiking and biking.



EXPLORERS



Farnham Explorer Scouts Annual Report - April 2019 - March 2020

This has been a great year for Explorer Scouting in Farnham.

We currently have around 65 young people, spread between four units. These four units are:

Scorpions - based at the 2nd HQ in Hale, meeting Mondays

K2 - based at the 5th HQ in the Bourne, meeting Wednesdays

Eiger Tigers - based at the Elstead Youth Centre, meeting Thursdays

Madcats - based at the 11th HQ on the Guildford Road Trading Estate, meeting Thursdays

Explorers is the fourth section of Scouting, following on from Scouts, and before Network. We take young people aged 14-17 and try and give them a wide variety of experiences, fun, adventure, friendship, and skills for life. This is enabled by a great team of leaders who have my heartfelt thanks for all they do. They're amazing! We're always looking for new adults to join in the fun of our leadership team.

Weekend camps

We have had three great weekends away this year. Gilwell24 - a frenetic 24 hour activity weekend with over 4500 Explorers attending. Theme Park Camp where Explorers and Network come together, go to Thorpe Park for the day and have fun discos and camp fires and play games in the evenings, and Family Camp where the Explorers camp together as a "Family" and help run activities across the camp for young people to have a go at.

Summer Camp

This year we took 40 young people to Collard Bridge campsite near Barnstaple in North Devon. Early one Saturday morning at the start of the school summer holidays we packed a big lorry full of kit and three minibuses full of Explorers and headed off in a convoy from Farnham. Some time later we arrived and unloaded it all again. Working together and working hard we put up the District marquee as a massive store tent, kitchen, and on the off chance we got some liquid sunshine. Then we divided the Explorers into patrols, each patrol getting a dining shelter to put up and cooking gear to look after themselves for a week. Everyone then busied themselves putting up teepees for personal kit and small tents and hammocks to sleep in.

During the week we had some massive games of beach cricket, sand castle competitions, we had some superb surfing lessons that had everyone catching a wave, we biked along the Tarka Trail, including some on tandems (with varying levels of success), and went horse riding.



We also helped the National Trust with a beach clean and nurdle hunt. Finishing off the week with a stunning hike along the South West coast path to Lynmouth, fish and chips, and a ride in the funicular up to Lynton. Great teamwork on the final day, tired as everyone was, to pack everything up, convoy home, and unpack everything again.

A special mention to Carolyn and Richard Dance who for the second year came and did all the food buying and “quartermaster” duties. No mean feat with nearly 50 people on camp!

International

We had six Explorers go to the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia USA. Safe to say they had an incredible time as part of the three Surrey Units. They started off in New York for a day or two, then went off to the Jamboree site for two weeks where there were 45000 participants from 152 countries! The campsite (Summit Bechtel Reserve) was so massive it could take 1 ½ hours just to walk from one part of the site to another. While there they took part in all sorts of activities like huge zip wires and long range rifle shooting and skateboarding and climbing. Then there were the huge opening and closing ceremonies with drone light displays and fireworks. There were also cultural days where they got to try cuisine and play games from all over the world. Each unit was surrounded by units from other countries and have come back with new friends from across the globe. With the trip to Canada, Niagara, and a baseball game after the actual Jamboree they were away for nearly a month. An incredible experience for them all.

We also had two Explorers who joined up with Hampshire and went to Malawi for four weeks, camping, doing community work, and going on safari. The photos were amazing, it looked like they’ve also had a life changing experience.

More Explorers have also been selected for EuroJam2020 in Poland and have been going to preparation camps. Unfortunately due to coronavirus this has been postponed to 2021. Still, something to look forward to!

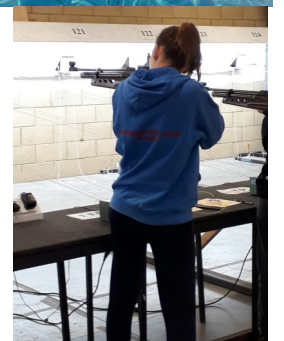
Weekly meetings and other stuff

As usual we had an eclectic mix of evening meetings, from pancakes to deep fried custard creams to bike rides to tie dye to wide games to Dungeons and Dragons to fireball spinning to a trampoline park and a whole host of other random stuff. As well as more traditional scouty things like shooting (including a team at the Bisley National Scout Rifle Championships) archery climbing kayaking etc.

Just before lockdown over 50 of us did a Monopoly Run in London, along with over 3000 other scouts and guides from across Europe, splitting into small teams, running round London and jumping on and off tubes and buses to try and buy as many properties as possible before everyone else. Tiring but fun!

All in all, another busy year!

Ian Wilkins Farnham District Explorer Scout Commissioner July 2020



network



Summit Network District AGM report 2018—2019

Summit Network is a group of 18-25 year olds who run their own evenings and camps with some guidance from our Network leader. Unlike the other scout sections Network does not pay subs but relies on members attending fundraising events. Unlike the other scout sections network runs throughout school holidays and does not have terms like the other sections. Network is open to anyone whether or not you have been in scouting before or come all the way up from beavers and has no real goals apart from to help out within the district and the community as well as having fun.



This year was very active for Network with lots of camps and new interesting evenings and other events for members to take part in. Since lockdown Network has taken to Zoom running interesting and some very unique sessions but has now started back face to face with the proper measures.

Some camps we have done:

June 2019:

In June we did a local weekend summer camp at Chandlers Ford for members who were unable to attend the weeklong summer camp.

July 2019:

Summit Network summer camp took us to North Wales for a week where we did activities such as canyoning, an underground trampoline park and even climbing Mount Snowden.

August 2019:

In August we did a small local camp for two nights in Farnham.

September 2019:

In September Network did the annual theme park camp with over 500 explorers with this year's theme seeing Network dressed up as characters from the film Grease.

October 2019:

Network camped locally in Tilford with a more back to basic style of camping.

November 2019:

Network did another local camp at Garners field after a Thursday night network meeting.

December 2019:

For December Network camped between Christmas and the New Year for one night locally in Farnham.

January 2020:

Some Network members camped at Bentley Copse for a weekend which included a walk to Silent Pool.

February 2020

In February Network camped in Puttenham for a night and also at Garners Field to help run a camp for Explorers attending a jamboree next year.

Other events included:

Helping with tickets at a family festival in Aldershot

Being marshals at the Farnham carnival

Running our annual Scout Active Support Unit Christmas dinner

Litter picking at Farnham food festival

Helping to man the ticket stands at Farnham bonfire night

Litter Picking at Farnham Christmas market

A handful of nights that we ran this year include:

Kayaking

Where's Wally hide and seek

Backwoods cooking

Joint Explorer night

Silly Olympics

Shooting

Night hike

Climbing

Trampoline park

Wide-games

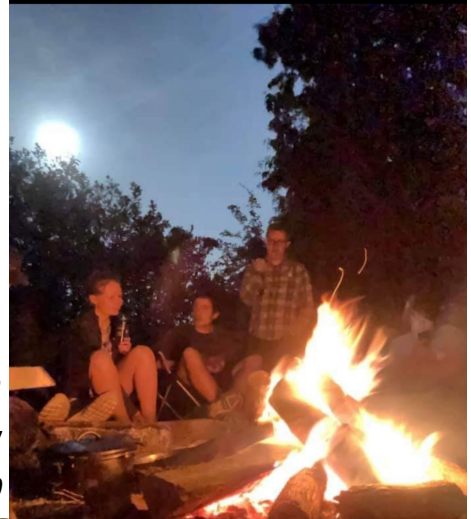
Cardboard boats

Lots of Zoom meetings

Max Johnson

Network Secretary

September 2020



Farnham Scout Active Support

This year SASU have helped at the District Cub Camp, District Do, Training Day, various fundraising events across the District and continued their invaluable support and roles in the Scout Shop, Garners' Field maintenance crew, training team, Appointments Committee and The District Executive committee.

The Unit meets monthly to socialise, a full range of activities to suit the members including skittles and pub dinner and Christmas dinner.

Further members always welcome.

