

Notes from Enfield District Group Scout Leaders' Meeting, 24th April 2017 at Gordon Rd HQ

Present: Paul Symons (DC), Lee Staunton (2nd), Janet Owen (3rd), John Rognaldsen (4th), Beryl Davis (8th), Jackie Wheeler (10th Ed), Andy Gill (10th), Jas Chadha (12th), Roger Gleave (24th), Corinne Dowsett (28th & LTM), Janette Earney (Minutes)

	Item	Detail	Action
1	Welcome	John opened and chaired the meeting, which began at 8:13 pm	
2	Apologies for absence	Mike Thurston, Alan Garner, Peter Jones, Colin Ayres, Mark Dowsett, Darren Leonard, Jason Persaud, Jim Bailey, Keith Spong, Nancy Azevado	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved. 	
4	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSL Overnighter. It was agreed at the last meeting to schedule this for 24/25 June at Rammey Island, but it doesn't appear to have been added to the District Diary 	Action: subsequent to the meeting, as very few GSLs will be able to attend this event, it has now been cancelled
5	H & Safety, & Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reported incidents 	
6	The DC's Spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul awarded Andy Gill with a County Commissioner's Commendation Award <p>St Georges Day recap. (A discussion followed.)</p> <p>Main points raised:</p> <p>THE START, AT GENTLEMANS ROW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not large enough attendance generally Not very well organized Too clogged up with parents at the start Paul said that it wasn't too clogged up in the central circle at Gentleman's Row after the parents had gone Mark D emailed to say that the school playgrounds had appeared empty. Lee said that the gym was the problem - his wife works at the school and she thinks that we might be able to request to use it again next year Suggestion made to meet on Chase Green, but Paul not happy about meeting on grass Corinne suggested the Rose Garden in Town Park. (It has to be somewhere which could fit up to 1,500 people) Perhaps the Guide's section could have swapped places? <p>SAFETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The police were needed elsewhere on the day. They were thanked in the speeches because they gave their permission, and authority to close the road. We don't pay at the moment More stewards are needed at junctions. 2 stewards needed from every group. Most stewards can still spectate Could cones or barriers be used at junctions? Safeguarding important. John said he was happy to volunteer to drive through with a truck and put a barrier ready at each location. Jas suggested that we could say up front which group was manning which barrier, and this was agreed It was generally agreed that the route taken was a good one <p>PORTCULLIS CAR PARK AT THE END –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger felt we were far too close to the stage at the front, and far too close to the hedge Lee felt that we should be marshalled into position, as we were at the Grammar School Paul said that the stage could have perhaps been in a different 	<p><i>Action: Meeting agreed that each group should meet at a different place next time, and then walk up to join with the rest of the District.</i></p> <p><i>Action: each group to supply 2 stewards next time, and to man a barrier</i></p>

place. Roger felt it was ideal the way it was set up, but we needed to move back

- Mayor's speech was felt to be good. (Politicians were not allowed to speak because of the upcoming election)
- Roger felt that the DC should be leading at the front of the parade, regardless of whether or not the mayor is with them
- **SIGNS.** These were thought to be useful. The 5th Enfield one has gone missing
- **LOLLIES** – The Guides were in charge of organising the lollies. Handing them out appeared to be erratic. Suggestion made that next year they should be handed to groups in bags at the beginning with the promise badges. Logistics of keeping ice lollies cold was the reason for normal lollies. They were donated by Morrisons. Some groups felt that they were meager and later bought their own treats for their kids.
- **MUSIC** – it was generally felt that we need more music/more sounds. The band played on the back of a truck – they are learning all the time, so they will progress to being able to march and play. Roger has a trek cart, battery etc; Mark has plenty of kit – but it's about finding people to use it!!

District AGM is 24th May, 7.30 for 8pm at the Civic Centre

After listening to feedback, this has returned to its previous venue. Guest speaker will be Ann Cable. There will be food afterwards, but this hasn't yet been sorted. Still need a District Secretary.

The Appointments Process

If new Leaders miss 3 appointment panels, their applications will be cancelled. Please liaise between your leaders and Paul to ensure this doesn't happen. It may be that they are students or shift workers, but communication is key. Similarly, don't let your Leaders come along to the panel if they have already been seen before (some have slipped through the net).

Awards

Currently we need to give away some **Jack Petchey** Awards – please alert Sally so that these can be allocated. If they have already had one Scout Petchey award, they can't apply for another, but there may possibly be some leeway if they were previously awarded one at school/other

Leader Awards. No one has been nominated in the last 12 months for a Leader Award. If you would like to nominate someone, then please tell Corinne and she will sort their training (Personal Learning Plans). You have to 'write the story' at the beginning of the application, and Paul can arrange to take it from there. Paul and Corinne can advise how to apply. Compass having been down can take part of the blame for the lack of awards, but unless you nominate people, it won't happen. GSLs are responsible for checking on Compass to keep an eye on their own Leader's training.

Nights Away. There will be no more Nights Away cards issued in the near future. It is all done online, and no cards of proof are needed.

June is approaching –

make sure that your Groups are outdoors as much as possible

Updates on Groups –

Janet is going to step out of 3rd Enfield at the end of the year (December), and at the same time, Andy and Yvonne will stop helping with the group. Paul will be speaking to the sponsoring authority, but is flagging it up now in case anyone can help.

Action: Volunteers are needed to help with supplying more music next time...

*Action:
There is a downloadable pdf on how to apply for awards.*

		<p>16th need Beaver leaders</p> <p>20th Enfield Scout Troop (currently 23 Scouts) will possibly close at the end of the summer, as Colin and Sandy will both be leaving. Such a shame if it closes – do any of you have a leader who is unhappy in your group and might be willing to take over?</p> <p>Finally, there is NO TRUTH in the rumour that 16th and 23rd are merging!!</p>	
7	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee really enjoyed the first aid renewal course on 1st April. He learnt some valuable new things and thanks go out to Richard Bennett for this. Jackie's Leaders also enjoyed the course • Jas asked do you need a license for parties for music? John said 4th had a letter about the Zumba group using music in their hall, but it was sorted fairly easily by the zumba teacher getting a license and the dealings with the council were non-punative. If no TV aerial, genral assumption is no TV license. District pay the license for films if you have a sleepover. Licenses are needed for lotteries and for late night events, etc. 	
8	Date/venue/ chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 26th 2017 at Tristram Drive HQ • Roger to chair 	Please send any agenda items or apologies etc. to GSLadmin@enfieldscouts.org

The meeting ended at 9:21 pm