

FIRST WOODCUTTS GROUP COUNCIL MEETING AGM Thursday 27th of June

GSLs REPORT

Yet another brilliant year for our First Woodcutts Family, I am not going to write a big spiel on this occasion but I would like to pick out my highlights for 2018-2019.

Group Camp at Butcher Coppice, Brilliant, Summer Camp in Guernsey, lovely weather , great activities shared with wonderful camaraderie, it will live with me forever, Firework extravaganza, what a show, Remembrance Parade and service seeing all of the Family Parading together, a sight for sore eyes, Christmas Church service celebrations our first with Canon Rick, well attended and very enjoyable, Districts Grow Your Group sessions run by the South Western region, as we started out none of us could have known what it would lead us to, I must mention the great activities that each of our sections have been running throughout the year, exceptionally run by committed and a dedicated Leadership Team, that is why for the first time on the annual census, in what appears as a little sleepy village we had the second highest number of members in East Dorset (98).

Now it's thank you time, to my Leadership Team, a big Bravo, the support of the ASU must be included as well, to the Group Executive ably run by Pedro, Secretary Abi and Treasurer Sarah, Sarah has decided that it is time to hand over the reins to someone else so a big thank you to her for her service to First Woodcutts, special thanks from me to Pedro, Akela and Rob who away from meetings have given me great support behind the scenes.

As we continue to grow my thanks must go to all of the adults a total of 30 who have joined us since our Grow your Group campaign began, these people have volunteered either as Leaders, Committee members or ASU, to my knowledge this brings the total of adult help within the Group to around 50 people, **Wow**, part of our success goes back to the provision of this building when year on year our numbers have increased, without our main benefactor President Richard Adlem and Chris Hardiman who was our project manager, we would have been many years down the line before we could have rebuilt and our growth figures would not have been so good, this great venue has been a strong nucleolus for encouraging young people to come and experience Scouting, the future of First Woodcutts Scout Group looks very bright indeed.

I must mention the District, since David took over as DC he has been trying to get everything and everybody on an even keel, sometimes ruffling a few feathers in the process, I think that everyone is close to being on board now and can see the wisdom of his ways, from having been on a District Team in the past, I know that sometimes it can be a thankless task so a big thank you to the DC and the District Team for your efforts in providing us with a stable platform so that scouting can flourish here and throughout the District.

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