

LEIGH CREEK GUZZLERS ASSOCIATION

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GUZZLETTER NO 115

Dear GUZZLERS,

As I mentioned in a hasty email that I sent out in early April, it goes without saying that all planned GUZZLERS activities for 2020 have had to be put on hold. Your committee had a Zoom Video committee meeting on 29th April and we will convene again in two months time to see what activities can take place if and when restrictions change. As it stands we hear that all 3rd CB Scouting activities are cancelled until further notice.

Above all – I hope that you are well and have avoided any complications due to Covid-19, meanwhile – keep safe, adopt social distancing, wash your hands and avoid unnecessary contact with others (!).

Once again we received a Christmas card to us all from Nick Martland, in Queensland. The card showed a delightful picture of Mr & Mrs Kangaroo wishing you Seasons Greetings! Many thanks, Nick.

GUZZLERS membership was 57 in 2019/20 and all of those expected to continue their membership have paid up and those who haven't removed from the mailing list. On a positive note we welcomed back Joe Steel, Iain Blair (in Oz) and Peter Thorpe, pleasingly now in better health.

The Winter Pub Night on Tuesday 17th March of course had to be cancelled as was the 3rd CB's Easter Ball at the EYC on 18th April 2020 all due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Den Day

After agreeing that we should again have a Den Day which was provisionally booked for Saturday 4th July 2020 it, of course, is on hold at present unless restrictions allow which we consider very doubtful especially as all Den activities are not planned to reopen until at least September.

Social Meeting

Summer Pub Night, Tuesday 21st July, at the Crooked Billet. On hold.

Boat Trip-

The Barge Trip on SB Centaur. A provisional booking has been made for 1200 on 2nd October until 1330 on 4th October 2020. Again we wait for developments until I send out a request to ask who would like to go. Seems that this activity is fated not to go ahead!

AGM & Social Meeting

I give formal notice of our 2020 AGM on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 2000, which will be held at The Den. This will be followed by a Pub Night at The Mayflower on completion. Please put the date in your diaries now and if there any items for inclusion in the agenda or revision of Aims do advise me before the end of September. Again this is on hold awaiting developments.

Other news:-

On 12th December I heard from Roger Pickford that Stephen Cottrell, (ex 3rd CB) and Pauls cousin and until recently Bishop of Chelmsford has been appointed Archbishop of York. Some of our members might have known him when he was in the troop.

We are looking to provide assistance to update the Honours Board which we presented to the Group in 1988. It has had additional names entered on it, but some have been taken off when the board was updated some time ago. I feel quite pleased with myself as I have been able to unearth a photo from GUZZLETTER No. 22 dated 29th January 1988 and a draft plan which had a suggested design and Frank's additional comments. Members had been asked previously for any authentication or other inclusions. We will take this information to the Group and come up with a suggestion of perhaps additional board(s) made to meet their needs and requirements.

We understand that work has started on Knapps Yard whilst the Den is shut for Scouting activities. The boats have been removed to the Den area to give the contractors a chance to clear the site and lay a concrete base so the boats can be moved back, during the shutdown I suspect.

The Groups website <http://www.3rdcb.org.uk> contains up to the minute news. Do take a look and explore it, especially the impressive 'You tube' clips. Our GUZZLERS details are included on the website and there is access to all the recent GUZZLETTERS.

All that remains is for me, on behalf of your committee to wish you all well and keep safe.

Regards,

Stuart Clay

Secretary