



London Region Woodcraft Folk

London Region AGM – a good day

The annual meeting was held at a new venue, a residents association hall near Pimlico, so we could have a meeting for children as well as adults. Attendance was up on previous years with at least 15 children (a first!) and about 45 adults and Venturers attending the main meeting. 17 districts were represented and another two sent apologies.

Most districts are doing well and many managed to get grants last year, often from the Coop Community fund. London Region camp was a highlight of the year for those who attended. Not only was it a great opportunity for districts to come together for a week, but as it happens it put the region on a more sound financial footing by making a sizeable surplus. Several districts reached out to their community: offering camping to schools, providing high tea/dancing to old people, helping with refugees and foodbanks, catering at a local music festival. A couple managed to recruit new adult volunteers and lay on training to get parents more involved in running our camps and group nights.

The new committee was elected and we now have a new chair in Ashley from Teddington and a group of Venturers from Newham are keen to come along too. Detailed minutes will be sent to district contacts.

In the afternoon we had a workshop on **Common Ground, the International Camp in 2020**. It is more than a year away, but as it is going to be more expensive than a normal summer camp it is important that districts start fundraising now; 10 days will cost £200 if you book early and half the camp will be charged at £120. The theme is 'International Solidarity and Friendship' and the plan is to establish links to IFM (International Falcon Movement) groups abroad that will last until our 100th anniversary camp in 2025. Once again, it's a good idea to start those links now.

The Council of the smalls (the meeting of Elfins and Pioneers) came up with a lot of good ideas, with movie night being by far the most popular. The request for visiting other groups and villages to make new friends and a young person friendly map are definitely worth considering by the planning committee. Also to be considered: **We do not want adults being grumpy, being loud, getting drunk and spoiling our fun.**

Planned Events in 2019

Date	Event	Contact
Wed 6 th March	London Region Committee Folk Office	Monika 020 8567 5613 londonwf@yahoo.co.uk
Saturday 9 th March	Quiz for Leaders/Adults Hargrave Hall	Becky b.a.harris@hotmail.co.uk
Saturday 11 th May	Pioneers Water Activity Day Shadwell Basin	Anna 020 8399 3614 London@woodcraft.org.uk
Fri 28 th – Sun 30 th June	Pioneer Camp Lurgashall Park Farm	Tom 07975 756189 tomo6491@yahoo.com
Fri 27 th – Sun 29 th Sept	Venturer Activity weekend Phasels Wood, near Watford	Monika
Sat 30 th Nov	Midnight Ice skating Alexandra Palace	Sarah 07981 303247 sarahrichardson@writeme.com

Calling all London DFs

Hi all! Meet the new London DF Liaison, Mina Brailey Staempfli. I am looking into putting some events together to unite London DFs and include some of the more cut off Districts. Please get in touch with me, with any queries, ideas or suggestions at minabraileystaempfli@gmail.com.

DFs as Group Leaders

Becky, our Development officer, had a meeting with DFs at their annual meeting (Althing) and worked out a couple of recommendations of how districts can turn DFs into group leaders. Although some of them might have been in the Folk since childhood, it is not fair to expect them to run a group on their own just like that. Like anybody else, they need to shadow someone else first or just take on part of the programme. If they have offered help it is however important to allocate them a role. As many DFs are students it is also important to realise that they might not be around all the year.

Quiz Night now getting close

Calling all London region folk aged 16+, friends and family to our first London region quiz night social. Put the **9th of March** in your diaries for a fun packed evening of quizzing! Camden district leaders are running this event with some quiz questions written by young people from across London region. There will also be a raffle and donation bar. Venue is Hargrave Hall (very near Archway tube station). Tickets will be £7.50 each and will include a drink and refreshments. Please email Becky if you would like to come or sign up on the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/784470928571247/>

London Region has a page on the National website:

<http://www.woodcraft.org.uk/places/england/london>

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