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TIM'S BITS

Christmas already seems a long time ago as the New Year begins, but I would like to take you back to the annual Christingle service held on 3rd December. As has become tradition, we held the service for both Beavers and Cubs at St Mary's Church. All groups attended and the church was crammed full. The sight of all the candles lit while the church lights were dimmed remains a highlight of my Scouting year.

With the New Year comes the annual census. I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their efforts in meeting the end of January deadline. Managers will receive details shortly.

It remains for me to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year and I hope to see as many as possible as the new Scouting year commences.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Susan Charrington, Penny Stock and Neil Turner, all of whom have been awarded the Award for Merit for outstanding services to Scouting.

All of the recipients have made a significant contribution to Scouting in Caterham District. Well done!

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

Congratulations also to Martin Burke who has received the Bar to the Award for Merit for continued outstanding service.

CHRISTINGLE PHOTOS



LEADER'S CANAL WEEKEND: 15-17TH MARCH 2019



In the autumn of each year we organise weekends away for the Cubs and Scouts to give them the opportunity to experience the joy of narrow boating on Britain's canals. In preparation for this we hold a training weekend for leaders to familiarise themselves with the boats that we use without having to look after Cubs and Scouts!

The boats, Lancelot and Guinevere, are 70-foot narrowboats, specially adapted for community groups and operated by the LNBP (London Narrowboat Project). Over the weekend we will have approximately 20 hours to experience the canals around Braunston on the Grand Union Canal, including going through locks and possibly tunnels.



If any leaders from any section are interested in coming on the training weekend, please let me know by emailing canals.caterhamscouts@gmail.com.

Andrew Brownless, GSL, 1st Caterham

GROUP REPORTS



5th Caterham



For our end of year Christmas event on 15th December, the 5th Caterham Beavers visited the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill to see the pantomime Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. The line up included former MP Ann Widdecombe as the wicked witch and 2011 Britain's Got Talent winner Jai McDowall as the prince.

While the heavens opened outside, we were warmly entertained inside, with much fun and laughter enjoyed by all. All the Beavers and parents had a wonderful time, and it was a great way to close out the year.

Audrey Dunne, BSL, 5th Caterham

4th Caterham Scouts visit 17th Holborn (GOSH) Scout and Guide Group



4th Caterham Scouts organised a trip to Great Ormond Street Hospital to visit patients staying in the children's wards and make Christmas decorations. Two weeks prior to the event we pitched some crafting ideas to our group and decided upon making a sock snowman. Our Scout leader Tawny bought all the materials and prepared everything for the trip.

On Tuesday 11th December, the older members of our group travelled up to London after school. After a brief stop for food, we walked for 15 minutes to Great Ormond Street Hospital. As we headed to the patient's play area, we noticed interesting facts and artwork created by the children on the hospital walls. Before we started the event, we met a little boy, Ewan, who joined us from his ward. We all conducted our scout service, including Ewan, who raised the flag and saluted.

We showed Ewan how to make the snowman and began crafting and personalising each individual snowman. Some snowmen had pipe cleaner glasses, bobble hats, scarves, trousers and drawn on buttons. All the snowmen looked very festive and colourful, each one being unique to the person that had created it. Afterwards, we had a snowball fight,

without snow ... but using scrunched up newspaper instead! It was very good fun. It was amazing how much mess was generated in an hour, and guess what? – we had to clean up!

When Ewan had left to go back to his ward, we used up lots of dettol wipes to clean the room. As we cleaned carefully it reminded us that we were still in a hospital. We all hope that in that hour Ewan also forgot that he was in a hospital and enjoyed the experience.

We then left the play area and went to the chapel inside Great Ormond Street to pay our respects to children who had passed away. We all noticed a book in the corner that contained the names of children who are no longer with us. This book is turned every day to remind us of them.

This opportunity to visit the hospital was a wonderful experience but with mixed emotions. It reminded us to be grateful for health and happiness at Christmas and that a simple act of kindness can bring joy to those who are not as fortunate at this time of celebration.

Freya and Janni L-C, Scouts

DISTRICT DIARY 2019



New or changed items since the last newsletter are in bold. If there are any events you would like more details of please speak to Tim Evans *or for training – Pam Marshall-Jones, or for Young Leader Training – Penny Stock*

January

- 7th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 12th *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*
Module 7 Scouting for All (9.15-2.00pm)
- 17th *District Scout Leader's meeting, 7:30pm 3rd Caterham HQ*
- 21st *Module 17 Running Safe Activities (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 28th *Module 3 Tools for the Job (7.30-10.00pm)*

February

- 8th *Scout's Wide Games, 7:00-9:00pm 12th Caterham HQ*
- 15-17th *Scout's Freezer Camp*
- 19th *Module 5 Fundamental Values of Scouting (7.30-10.00pm)*

March

- 8-9th *Scout's Roverdene Challenge*
- 15-17th *Leader's Canal Weekend*
- 19th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 23rd *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*
- 26^h *Module 16 Residential Experiences (7.30-10.00pm)*

April

- 2nd *Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 18-22nd *Scout's New Forest Camp*
- 29th *Module 9 Working with Adults (7.30-10.00pm)*

May

- 7th *Module 14 Supporting Young People (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 10th *Scout's Wide Games, 7:00-9:00pm 12th Caterham HQ*
- 15th *Module 8 Skills of Leadership (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 21st *Ongoing Safeguarding Training (7.45-10.00pm)*

June

- 11th *Module 12A Delivering a Quality Programme (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 17th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 25th *Module 12B Programme Planning (7.30-10.00pm)*

July

- 1st *Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)*

September

- 13-15th *Cubs Canal Weekend*
- 18th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 21st *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*
- 23rd *Module 15 Promoting Positive Behaviour*
- 30th *Ongoing Safety Training (7.30-10.00pm)*

October

- 4-6th *Scout's Canal Weekend*
- 9th *Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 11th *Scout's Wide Games, 7:00-9:00pm 12th Caterham HQ*

November

4th *Module 11 Administration (7.30-10.00pm)*

11th *Module 18 Practical Skills (7.30-10.00pm)*

16th

Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)
Module 13 Growing the Section (9.15-1.45pm)

25^h

Module 19 International (7.30-10.00pm)

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Please submit your articles for the February edition to Susan Dobson at Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk by Wednesday 23rd January. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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