



**CONGRATULATIONS – JANICE SIMPSON**



**TIM'S BITS**

Although we are used to service being recognised within Scouting by way of awards for length of service and service of an outstanding nature, it occasionally happens that external bodies also recognise the work of Scouters within the community.

In April, the then High Sheriff of Surrey, Mr Jim Glover OBE, awarded Janice Simpson, GSL at 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamsey Green, a High Sheriff's Certificate in recognition of her dedication and hard work at the Group over many, many years.

I was approached months before this, and with the cooperation of Janice's daughter, Kirsty, who is Beaver Leader at the Group, it was arranged that Janice would attend an event at Hamsey Green Primary School on some pretext. The stage was therefore set for the award to be made a surprise, and the planning worked as Janice had no idea that she was to receive an award. Her surprise was evident to all.

The following is an extract from the High Sheriff's online blog, which can be found at <http://www.highsheriffofsurrey.com>.

“It is always a great pleasure for the High Sheriff to be able to recognise outstanding volunteering in the local community and today I joined Chair of Tandridge, David Cooley with Consort Pam, in surprising Janice Simpson, courtesy of her daughter Kirsty who arranged for us to meet during my visit to Hamsey Green Primary School. Janice has supported and encouraged countless numbers of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts over the years at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamsey Green Scout Group. She is totally dedicated to ensuring that the small group continues to provide this essential facility for the local young people, as it has been doing for over 60 years. When there was a possibility that it would have to close a few

years ago, Janice raised funds, encouraged new membership and roped the family (both daughter Kirsty and son-in-law!) in to help. It is now thriving – all thanks to Janice’s remarkable determination and sense of service to the community. Janice – the young people of Hamsey Green and Warlingham salute you, as do the Chairman of the District and the High Sheriff!”

Congratulation to Janice on receiving this prestigious award and thank you for all your hard work at 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamsey Green Scout Group.

**Tim Evans, District Commissioner**

## GROUP REPORTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Caterham



Caterham Carnival is a popular annual event held at Westway, Caterham on the Hill. As beneficiaries, this year 1<sup>st</sup> Caterham Scout Group participated in preparatory activities as well as events on the day. It was truly a Group effort! From Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, parents, leaders and hangers on ... we all got involved!

It started with a family treasure hunt back in April, where we enjoyed challenges across Farthing Downs and Happy Valley to raise funds for the carnival organisation. It was good fun, ending with a well-earned barbecue.

In the lead up to the big day, raffle tickets, programmes and posters all required distribution, and a massive bottle collection took place for the tombola stall. The Scout hut began to look like a supermarket!

For many the big day began early – getting the Group’s large tents erected for the various stallholders. For others, they joined the opening procession through the streets of Caterham on the Hill .... their question was, do I go in uniform or as a superhero?!

The anticipation was palpable! It seemed anyone who was anyone was there – from the drummers, Caterham Cars, the army, sea cadets, schools, dance groups, church groups, a steel band, horses and many others. It was a real community event and great fun to be involved in!

After the big welcome to the large arena, we had fun helping on the stalls ... spinning the odds on the tombola, smashing plates and lots more. The entertainment in the large arena was fun and it was just great seeing so many people involved and enjoying themselves. One of our tents was the main refreshment venue, so it was soon time to enjoy a well-earned cuppa

and cake. As the last dance group performed and the last rosette was awarded to the proudest dog in town, it was time to fold away the superhero costume, join in the clean-up and enjoy a very satisfying drink in the beer tent!

**Rachel Starling, BL**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Caterham**

3<sup>rd</sup> Caterham Beavers had a sleepover on Friday 14 June, during which time after setting up their tents and beds for the night they learnt how to do three knots (reef, bowline and laces). They then went on to make rope, which they found really fascinating. They also learnt some basic first aid, which enabled most to finish their Outdoor Challenge. After a few games and a marathon of teeth cleaning they went to bed, finally settling down at approx. 11.30pm. Most slept through to about 6.00am. Following a breakfast of cereal, fruit yogurt and toast, the Beavers packed up their tents and bags ready to go home.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Caterham celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!**



We had a camp over the bank holiday weekend attended by Scouts and Cubs, with Beavers visiting on the Sunday.

Cubs and Scouts arrived on Saturday morning and set up their tents and the marquee. In the afternoon they had shooting, archery and catapults, and what most Cubs and Scouts really want is free time to explore the woods.

After the evening meal, although a wide game was planned, exploring the woods took over again and they were not to be seen until we called them for hot chocolate.

On the Sunday morning the Beavers arrived, and the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers were put into mixed groups. In the morning they did four activities, including stretch and peg, rope trail, giant games and a lion hunt. Before lunch they also played games in the woods. After lunch, six activities were planned: branding, rocket launchers, ballistas, fire lighting, cooking a twist and blow darts. Followed of course by hunting in the woods. After dinner the Beavers had a campfire and then reluctantly went home tired having enjoyed themselves. During the day they had 11 different activities. The Cubs and Scouts again disappeared into the woods, and only came back for hot chocolate and bed.

On Monday the Scouts and Cubs helped to pack down the camp and when we arrived back at the HQ we cut our magnificent 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.

**Diane Swanson, CSL**

## 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. *For training – Pam Marshall-Jones, for Young Leader Training – Penny Stock.*

### July

1<sup>st</sup> **Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)**

13<sup>th</sup> Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation evening

4-6<sup>th</sup>

Scout's Canal Weekend

7<sup>th</sup>

GSLs meeting, 8:00pm, URC

9<sup>th</sup>

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

11<sup>th</sup>

Scout's Wide Games, 7:00-9:00pm 12<sup>th</sup> Caterham HQ

### September

13-15<sup>th</sup> Cubs Canal Weekend

18<sup>th</sup> **Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)**

21<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Caterham Model Show

21<sup>st</sup> **Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)**

23<sup>rd</sup> **Module 15 Promoting Positive Behaviour**

30<sup>th</sup> **Ongoing Safety Training (7.30-10.00pm)**

### October

1<sup>st</sup> County Scout Leader meeting, Walton Firs

### November

4<sup>th</sup> **Module 11 Administration (7.30-10.00pm)**

11<sup>th</sup> **Module 18 Practical Skills (7.30-10.00pm)**

16<sup>th</sup> **Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)**  
**Module 13 Growing the Section (9.15-1.45pm)**

16<sup>th</sup> Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation evening

25<sup>th</sup> **Module 19 International (7.30-10.00pm)**

## NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2019 EDITION DEADLINE



Now that summer is upon us, the newsletter is having its annual break. We will return again in September, so please submit your articles for the September edition to Susan Dobson at [Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk](mailto:Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk) by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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