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TIM'S BITS

By the time this newsletter is published, all census data will have been collected and submitted. Thank you to all those that worked to get this information together. Next edition I will be able to let you know whether we have seen another year of growth. Our biggest challenge as a District is adult recruitment, and this is without doubt the limiting factor for our youth membership, particularly at the younger age range. I hope that we will be able to improve on this together.

A reminder that this year's St. George's Day Parade and service will be on Sunday 28th April. Details have been sent to line managers and should have been passed

to those that need it. Please speak to your GSL if you haven't had this information. This year we are taking the theme of the World Scout Jamboree. I am delighted that our three young Jamboree participants will be talking to us about their experiences so far.

As we head towards the good weather, a reminder that we have clearly-stated rules about notification and adult ratios for outdoor activities. I will be writing to everyone about this, but please be mindful of this when planning your meetings and activities. I look forward to seeing you all at the St. George's Day Parade.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE COLLECTION



This year's St. George's Parade collection will be going to Welcare in East Surrey.

Welcare is a charity based on Christian values working in South London and East Surrey. The East Surrey branch is based in Redhill, and gives practical and emotional support to families in the whole East Surrey area.

A number of these families are single-parent families, and the support for children is mainly for those under 13 years of age. It covers immediate needs such as food and clothes, plus birthday and

Christmas presents. Welcare has run a foodbank for around 25 years and many churches also donate their Harvest Festival gifts to this cause.

Money is always needed to cover for goods and expenses involved in the support that is given to those in particular need.

Many thanks for your support, please give generously!

John Clarke

CENSUS



I just wanted to say thank you to all of you who helped collate the census figures. I am very grateful, and after some going backwards and forwards, we managed to get them to County before the deadline. We even had 1 hour and 14 minutes to spare. Who said I was panicking?!

I am sure Tim will let you know details of the figures at a later date.

However, thank you very much.

Gwen Hoare, District Secretary

GROUP REPORTS



3rd Caterham



3rd Caterham Scouts and a couple of Cubs, under the supervision of the Coulsdon Common Ranger Nick, helped to clean out the pond on the common. They found lots of things in the pond, including a golf ball! As well as clearing out the weeds, dead leaves and bits of wood, they also found a newt, which was very interesting. After all their hard work they went back to the yard and saw the baby calves and had a sit in the tractors.

John Swanson, SL

1st Warlingham

New GSL!



After a period without a full-time GSL, Nathan Adams has recently been appointed as our new GSL.

Nathan has no previous experience of Scouting but his enthusiasm will soon enable him to get up to speed in this role.

He is a senior manager with the London Ambulance Service, and has also had a 35-year career in the Army. He therefore brings to our Group a huge range of appropriate skills to support the future of 1st Warlingham.

In addition, Nathan is a Parish Councillor for Warlingham, so understands the village and its residents very well. Married with a teenage daughter, Nathan lives in Warlingham and is close by to the Scout hut (always handy!)

I would like to thank Tim Evans, John Tobin and Karen Yorke, who between them have done an excellent job covering the GSL post while we have been seeking to recruit. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Nathan to the Group.

Robin Bloore, Chairman

DISTRICT WIDE GAMES



The District wide games were held at 12th Caterham's HQ on Friday 8th February. 21 Scouts attended, not as many as usual, but the weather had been very wet during the day. Thankfully it dried up in time for the wide game.

Thank you to 5th Caterham for organising. The winners were a joint team from 5th Caterham and Whyteleafe. The next wide game is on Friday 10th May and is being organised by 4th Caterham. Please bring your Scouts along and support this fun evening.

John Swanson, District Scout Leader

FREEZER CAMP



11 Scouts and 1 young leader from 3rd Caterham, 4th Caterham, Whyteleafe and Warlingham attended Freezer Camp at Paccar. The weather was not too bad. The nights were cold but not as cold as last year.

There were plenty of activities, including axe throwing, segway, laser tag, demolition zone, gladiator dual, penalty shoot out and high ropes. On the Sunday

morning we saw a dog fight between two male Kites over a female kite (the bird variety!). This happened above the Scouts' heads!

We are looking forward to attending next year.

John Swanson, District Scout Leader

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE JAMBOREE



Three Caterham Scouts/Explorers have been incredibly fortunate to have been selected to represent Caterham, Surrey and UK Scouting at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA this summer. They would love for you to be a part of this by becoming a Friend of the Jamboree.

For a suggested donation of £17.50, you will receive an exclusive pin-badge,

periodic newsletters, a postcard from the Jamboree and an invitation to a presentation after the Jamboree.

If you want to donate specifically to Surrey [Sequoia/Gryffins/Stingrays], please select 'Yes' when you are asked 'Are you donating to a specific Campaign or Appeal?', and then choose which one you want to donate to. You can also enter a participant's name in the 'Message' box.

Megan from 8th Caterham is in Surrey Sequoia, Eleanor from 4th Caterham and Caterham District Explorers is in Surrey Stingrays and Matt from 11th Caterham and Caterham District Explorers is in Surrey Gryffins.

You can join here:

<https://www.nowdonate.com/checkout/surrey-county-scout-council>

And find out more information here:

<https://www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/events/world-scout-jamboree>

Thank you!

Susan Dobson, Newsletter Editor, 4th Caterham SL and Eleanor's Mum!

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*

March

- 8-9th Scout's Roverdene Challenge
 15-17th Leader's Canal Weekend
16th Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation evening, 7:30pm, Ashford
 19th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
 23rd *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*
 26th *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
 23rd St George's Day rehearsal,
23rd GSLs meeting, 8:00pm, URC
 28th St George's Day Parade
 29th District SL's meeting, 7:45pm 3rd Caterham HQ
 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
10-12th County Scout Hike Challenge
 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)*

14-16th Pioneer 19

- 17th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
18th County Scout Leader meeting, Walton Firs
22nd SCRAM
 25th *Module 12B Programme Planning (7.30-10.00pm)*

July

- 1st *Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)*
13th Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation evening

September

- 13-15th Cubs Canal Weekend
 18th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
 21st 5th Caterham Model Show
 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

- 1st **County Scout Leader meeting, Walton Firs**
 4-6th Scout's Canal Weekend
7th GSLs meeting, 8:00pm, URC
 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 **Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation evening**

16th *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*

Module 13 Growing the Section (9.15-1.45pm)

25th *Module 19 International (7.30-10.00pm)*

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Please submit your articles for the April edition to Susan Dobson at Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk by Wednesday 20th March. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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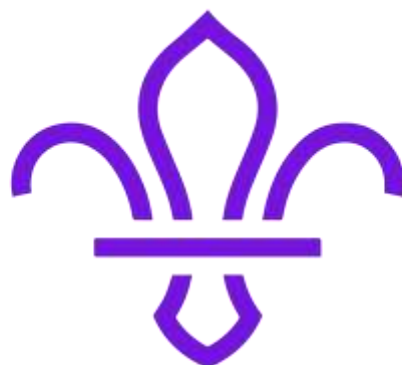
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