



CHRISTINGLE



TIM'S BITS

Well here we are, another year begins! I hope you all had a great Christmas and I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year for 2020.

Before we look forward to the coming year, let's remember the wonderful Beaver and Cub Christingle service from early in December. We literally filled the church to bursting with an amazing turnout and a brilliant array of Christingles of all shapes and sizes. A big well done to our readers from 1st Warlingham Beavers and 12th

Caterham Cubs. This was also a great opportunity to present an Award for Merit to Jeanette Warren of 1st Whyteleafe.

Meanwhile at the 'official start of Christmas', the annual 1st Warlingham quiz; the efforts of a crack team from our SASU won first place in a hard-fought battle of general and Christmas knowledge, beating off the advances of teams from the library and 'the great and the good' from the local council. Well done all (you know who you are)!

Looking forward to 2020, for those involved in the census, I'm afraid it's that time once again. Please help Gwen by getting your returns in promptly.

I know many Scouts will be camping at various winter events in the coming few weeks, and I look forward to reading about their adventures in the next newsletter.

As we start the New Year, I would like once again to thank everyone for their continued commitment and enthusiasm for Scouting within Caterham District. It is easy to see when I visit groups and sections that the young people you work with get a lot from their Scouting experience and that is because of your hard work. This is sincerely appreciated, so thank you all.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

BEAVER AND CUB CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION

An amazing £408.75 was raised from the collection at December's Christingle service. This will be used by The Children's Society to help vulnerable children and young people.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Peter Hoare, District Treasurer

GROUP REPORTS

5th Caterham



5th Caterham Beavers visited Craggy Island Bouldering Centre in Sutton for their end of year Christmas event. The Beavers had an exciting adventure climbing through the tunnels and then making their way around the bouldering walls. While one group climbed, the others decorated festive Christmas ginger biscuits and got creative with wooden Christmas tree decorations. Much fun was had by all and it was a fantastic way to end the term!

Audrey Dunne, BSL

1st Caterham



As part of the World Challenge we had just one activity left to complete. What would our community activity be? Walking past the hospital one day, the thought came that maybe we could carol sing to patients?

Matron seemed delighted at the prospect, so the following week we did a little practice at Beavers to get them in the mood! We all convened at the Cedar tree on the hill and walked round to the hospital. Ushered into the day room for patients, a merry throng of patients and visitors were gathered.

We warmed up the evening with our rendition of the penguin song – complete with actions. A bit mad, but it broke the ice! We got everyone joining in the carols and by the end even the staff were joining in too!

After a Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer encore, the hospital kindly provided drinks

1st Whyteleaf



and nibbles for the Beavers and we chatted to staff and patients. On our way out we sang Happy Birthday to two patients who were celebrating their birthdays! The sight of our Beavers standing round Sybil's bed entertaining a lady in her late 90s was the icing on the cake!



As we walked back to the Cedar tree, we could see the bright red glow of a man with a long white beard lit up in the street lights. Who could it be? As we approached, could it really be Father Christmas? Yes, it was!

It turned out that he has two homes, one in the North Pole and one in Caterham. He'd been busy with presents, and yes, he had special Christmas badges for the Beaver singers. Ho ho ho! What a great night!

Rachel Starling, BL

Congratulations to Jeanette from 1st Whyteleaf receiving her Medal of Merit at the District Christingle Service.

John Swanson, District SL

DISTRICT DIARY 2020



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 Adult training – Pam Marshall-Jones, for Young Leader Training – Pam Marshall-Jones.*

January 2020

- 11th *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*
Module 7 Scouting for All (9.15-2.00pm)
- 13th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 21st *Module 17 Running Safe Activities (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 27th *Module 3 Tools for the Job (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 27th *District Scout Leader's meeting, 7.45pm 3rd Caterham HQ*

February

- 3rd *Module 5 Fundamental Values of Scouting (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 7th Scout's Wide Games, 7:00-9:00pm 12th Caterham HQ
- 14-15th Scout's Freezer Camp

March

- 13-14th Scout's Roverdene Challenge
- 17th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 21st *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*
- 23rd *Module 16 Residential Experiences (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 27-28th Leader's Canal Weekend
- 31st *Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)*

April

- 10-14th Scout's New Forest Camp
- 29th *Module 9 Working with Adults (7.30-10.00pm)*

May

- 5th *Module 14 Supporting Young People (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 8-10th Scouts District Bushcraft Camp

- 11th *Module 8 Skills of Leadership (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 15-17th District Cub camp
- 19th *Ongoing Safeguarding Training (7.45-10.00pm)*
- 22nd Scout's Wide Games, 7:00-9:00pm 12th Caterham HQ

June

- 16th *Module 12A Delivering a Quality Programme (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 22nd *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 26-28th Scoutabout
- 30th *Module 12B Programme Planning (7.30-10.00pm)*

July

- 6th *Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)*

September

- 16th *Module 11 Administration (7.30-10.00pm)*
- 19th *Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)*
- 22nd *Module 15 Promoting Positive Behaviour*
- 30th *Module 1 Essential Information (7.30-10.00pm)*

October

- 9-11th District Scout Canal weekend
- 23rd Scout's Wide Games, 7:00-9:00pm 12th Caterham HQ

November

4th Module 3 Tools for the Role (7.30-10.00pm)
9th Module 18 Practical Skills (7.30-10.00pm)
16th Ongoing Safety Training (7.30-10.00pm)

21st Module 10 First Aid (First Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)
Module 13 Growing the Section (9.15-1.45pm)
24th 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 22nd January. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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