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TIM'S BITS

So here we are, as of 29 March we are back to face-to-face Scouting, albeit outdoors only, although we are hopeful that indoor meetings will resume from 12 April. Watch this space for more updates! Please remember that we need to maintain social distancing and keep to our COVID risk assessments at all times.

In preparation for the return to face-to-face Scouting, a working party has been organised for 10 April so that Roverdene can be made ready for our use. Those that use Roverdene will see just how much

work has been done over the past year – with special thanks to Matthew, Neil and Gwen for all their efforts, along with many others. Please remember that you need to book with Gwen before using the site, don't assume it will be available and just turn up!

A reminder that St George's Day will be celebrated on Sunday 25 April, 2.30pm on Zoom. Details will be sent out nearer the time. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

ROVERDENE WORKING PARTY



I do hope that you and your families are well and you are managing to stay sane.

Now that you must be fed up with staying in and need to get out and into the sunshine, we have decided to hold a Roverdene working party on Saturday 10 April starting at 10.00 am, for adults only.

There are several things to do including making new seating in the chapel area, so we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

May I request that you let me know who is coming (gwenhoare15@gmail.com) so that we can arrange for lunch to be available and for everyone to be allocated a team to work with. Do not just turn up!

Many thanks

Gwen Hoare, Roverdene Bookings Secretary

GROUP REPORTS



Chaldon



Some of Chaldon's Beavers joined in with last weekend's 'Beavers in Burrows' event run by Hertfordshire County team.

This two-day event included dozens of online sessions along with a virtual campfire, cooking and sleep-in. From the reports and photos I have received, it certainly looked like a great weekend.

We are also preparing for an Easter one-day activity day at Roverdene to mark the resumption of face-to-face meetings. More on this in next month's issue.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

1st Woldingham



1st Woldingham Scouts were busy in February making bird boxes and pancakes (galore). They also completed the first of the digital staged badges with the expert support of two computer programming whizzes, who are colleagues of one of the leaders. Many have also enjoyed 'beating the bounds' of our wonderful parish as part of an extended navigation exercise (undertaken in family groups).

During March we completed the Entertainers badge (with some excellent poetry recitals and lolly stick puppet theatre). The Scouts are now working in pairs to develop productions that they will perform at a campfire supper in the summer. Mothering Sunday preparations provided treats for many and seed planting has commenced for many green-fingered Beavers, Cubs and Scouts working to earn their Gardener badge.

Due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we have been able to restart face-to-face Scouting since the end of March. This meant that our cross-country championships could run as normal, rather than as a Strava time trial.

For April, plans are in place for cycling proficiency training, rock climbing and scrambling, and an Easter egg hunt as part of a family navigation exercise.

Abigail Paton, Group Secretary

4th Caterham



As we were unable to attend a frost camp/February Freezer Camp this year, all Scouts in Caterham were challenged to spend one night camping in February. Leaders were encouraged to take part too – although there is little photographic evidence of their participation!

Scouts were encouraged to have suitable clothing, including a woolly hat, as the nights do get very cold, to put some newspaper under their bed mat, as this gives insulation, and to use two sleeping bags.

Congratulations to Tia on choosing the coldest weekend to camp outside, it was the most photogenic with snow in the background (see photo on the front page). Anna and Isabel camped in their garden on a slightly warmer looking evening. Two other Scouts took the slightly warmer options of sleeping in their car or in a tent in their bedroom!!

We are looking forward to being able to camp outside together once conditions allow, and hope that it will be a lot warmer!

Rob White, Scout Leader

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2021 EDITION DEADLINE

Please submit your articles for the May edition to Susan Dobson at Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk by Wednesday 21 April. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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