

FUN AT ROVERDENE



CHALDON BEAVERS

It has been great to be able to run Beavers face to face since the changes in April.

At Chaldon, our Beavers have been meeting outside to accommodate numbers, but with recent poor weather we reverted to meeting indoors in small groups on alternate weeks.

We have completed the Emergency Aid badge, which we started on Zoom, and finished with a fun session using bandages.

A highlight was a fun activity day at Roverdene, where some of our Beavers spent the day completing all the elements of the Camp Craft activity badge.



Thanks to the kind donation of bird box kits given free by the Westway Centre in conjunction with the 'Men in Sheds' charity, all of our Beavers made their own bird box and these are now in place waiting for new nests, likely next spring now of course.

We are looking forward to welcoming a new batch of Beavers after the half term break and hoping the weather will allow us to meet together each week as a single group outdoors.

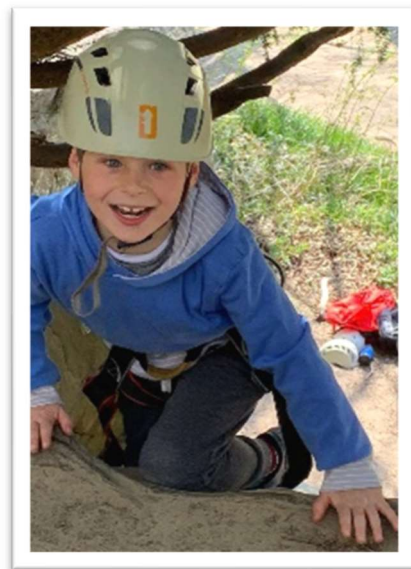
Tim Evans, District Commissioner

1ST WOLDINGHAM

We updated you last month on our cross-country run and 'What3Words' Easter Hunt, which kept members busy and entertained over the Easter weekend.



Also in April, during the school Easter break, members completed level 1 or 2 cycling proficiency training. You may have seen them cycling in their high-viz jackets around the village! A big thank you to Woldingham Village Hall committee for allowing us to use its car park.



The Group returned to Harrison's Rocks for rock climbing and bouldering, which provided the opportunity for members to either try it out for the first time or further develop skills in these amazing adventurous activities.

On the May Bank Holiday, a full morning of sea foraging was organised along the coastline near Beachy Head, which culminated in an interesting, and tasty, lunch of freshly gathered seaweed and limpets! The weather was glorious and

many members stayed by the beach afterwards to enjoy the glorious surroundings.



Also in May, the Group enjoyed an afternoon practising for the Backwoods Cooking Badge, with fun entertainment of games and performances for the Entertainer Badge.

As well as enjoying time with friends and learning new skills, members also undertook some community work, through a Scout Group organised litter pick in Woldingham.

The final weekend of May focused on cycle maintenance, to complement the cycle proficiency training in April.

In June, members' expedition cycling and campfire cooking will be perfected with another trip to Roverdene..

Abigail Paton, Group Secretary

ROVERDENE



After many months of planning, base building, meetings, phone calls and sleepless nights, a container has finally been installed at Roverdene to store equipment necessary to maintain the site, such as lawnmowers. On the rainiest day for a long time, a band of stoic volunteers turned up at 8.00 am to shovel eight tonnes

of crushed concrete to make the North Downs Way and the parking area slightly easier to negotiate, before the container could be trailered in.

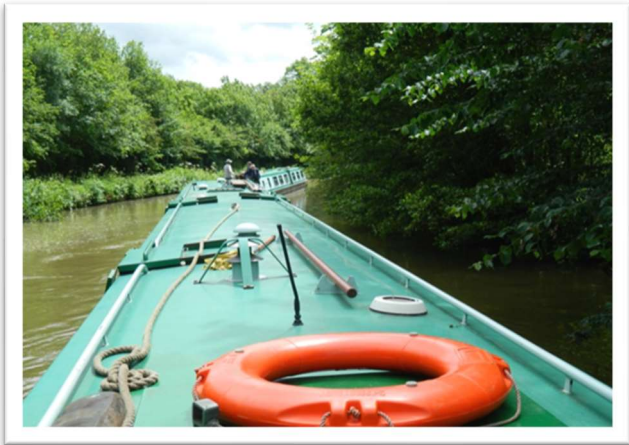
At some points there were people on either side holding back trees to make room for it, and reversing a trailer with a container on proved a challenge, but the job was finally completed just in time for the rain to stop and the sun to make an appearance.

This is going to make looking after the site a lot easier for all concerned so that all campers have a better experience and is a real asset. Thanks to Matt, Chris, Andy, Guy, Archie, Neil and Peter. Write up and photo courtesy of Barbara.

PS Thanks to Barbara for letting Matthew go out to play so often at Roverdene!.

Gwen Hoare, Roverdene Bookings/District Secretary

LEADER'S CANAL WEEKEND



We are at the stage where we hope everything will get back to normal soon and are looking forward to operating a varied and interesting programme for the youngsters of Caterham. With this in mind, I am inviting leaders to come along and experience the peace and tranquillity of the canals. The reason for inviting leaders along is that we need adults to supervise the youngsters on board as it is classed as an adventurous activity, and we need to be

aware of what is going on around us. As there will only be adults on board, it gives you the opportunity to experience the thrill of the canals and learn how to operate the locks and have a go at steering and handling the boats.

We hope that by October we will be at Green so this weekend can go ahead. If you are interested in giving it a try, please contact me for further information (details below). I will need to have some idea of numbers by Friday 23 July at the latest, so that I can confirm numbers. You can find out more information about the boats here: www.lnbp.co.uk/.

I look forward to welcoming you on board soon.

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

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