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TIM'S BITS

September has certainly been a busy month. Everyone back to face-to-face Scouting, and everyone now back to meeting indoors. It almost feels like a return to normal Scouting!

With the deadline for AGMs looming, there have been three in close succession, and there are two groups still to go. It was a real pleasure to be able to attend AGMs in person and be able to make presentations properly rather than via Zoom.

I have presented too many service awards to mention them all, but they have ranged from 5-25 years' service. At 1st Caterham's AGM, I presented no less than ten, with a total service of 100 years!

At the time of writing, I have just returned from 1st Whyteleafe's AGM, where as well as enjoying a BBQ and winning a raffle prize (a rare occurrence), I had the pleasure of investing three new adult leaders. It was also an opportunity to present Charlotte Borman and Anya Brind with their Young Leader belt buckles, as

they both completed all the requirements for this award before they turned 18.

While mentioning awards, congratulations to Vicky Borman who has been given a Commissioner's Commendation for her work at 1st Whyteleafe.

On Saturday 18th September I joined Joe Rogerson and others at Caterham URC for a short awards ceremony to recognise David Marshall-Jones as he stands down as manager of the United Reformed Church Guide and Scout Fellowship SASU. David has been made honorary president and was presented with a framed picture signed by Robert Baden-Powell

himself. There was also an opportunity to celebrate David and Pam's golden wedding anniversary with an extremely impressive cake!

While mentioning wedding anniversaries, I'd also like to congratulate John and Bobbie Clarke on their 60 years of marriage, complete with a card from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

As we head in to autumn I look forward to hearing all about your activities and visiting many of you.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

THE SILVER ACORN FOR TIM!

Congratulations to Tim Evans on the award of the Silver Acorn by the Chief Scout, in recognition of specially distinguished service to Scouting. I am sure we are delighted that Tim has this well-deserved award, not least for his service to the District as District Commissioner, but also for the many other contributions Tim has made to Scouting. Tim was notified of the award three months ago but was too modest to publicise it in any way.

David Marshall-Jones

DISTRICT NEWS

New Nights Away Adviser

Please note that I have taken over the role of Nights Away Adviser, replacing John Tobin, who over many years developed the post and carried it out with enthusiasm, which was greatly appreciated. I am fortunate that John is willing to aid me and help keep up with his exacting standards. I am now in the process of going through the records and sending out reminders to those with camping permits that have expired, so please be patient.

If anyone would like to pursue a new camping permit, please contact me and I will take you through the required information and training.

This is also a reminder that before any camp/sleepover you must submit the necessary NAN form and risk assessment to Tim Evans. Please could you also copy me in for my records.

John Tobin also kept records of activity permits. I will continue to do this, but please could anyone who has a permit let me know its expiry date.

Unfortunately, not everybody has a chance to read this newsletter, so please could you pass this information on to other leaders or adults that you think might need it.

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Roverdene Working Party

There will be a working party at Roverdene on Tuesday 2 November. We realise that this is only for those that can make a weekday, but we are unable to find a weekend with all the other bookings and activities.

Gwen Hoare, District Secretary and Roverdene bookings

GROUP REPORT

1st Woldingham



through experimentation and games, and the children quickly improved their confidence on the water. On Sunday the young people engaged in a team building activity building rafts, which they then successfully paddle-raced across the lake!

After each evening's tasty supper we headed to the campfire, toasted marshmallows and sang songs at the top of our voices – we even enjoyed a spooky story brilliantly penned by one of our Cubs.

During the first weekend of September, 30 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts ventured to Roverdene, where excited members enjoyed an unforgettable few days experiencing new challenges, making new friends, solving problems and conquering fears, with everyone supporting each other along the way.

Our weekend centred around enjoying watersports activities at Mercers Country Park, where our brave Beavers set sail in their dinghies on the mighty Mercer's Lake to explore the open water. Most had never been sailing before, and the courage and resilience of the youngest children in our group was phenomenal!

At the same time, the courageous Cubs and stalwart Scouts were introduced to kayaking and paddleboarding. The instructors taught them different skills



There was a great feeling of camaraderie and community during the evenings, and everyone headed to their tents with full tummies and pride in their hearts for what they had achieved as individuals and as a group that day.

It was a huge team effort and we could not have enjoyed such an amazing camp and watersports experience without every single person contributing in their own special way, whether that was by encouraging others, staying positive,

showing respect, generosity and helpfulness, being patient, tolerant, resilient and inclusive, or by cooking and washing up, and of course laughing a lot.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our weekend so special, and of course to the fantastic team of leaders and parent helpers who arranged everything for us. To quote one Cub, "100% one of the most fun things I've ever done!"

James, 1st Woldingham

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

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