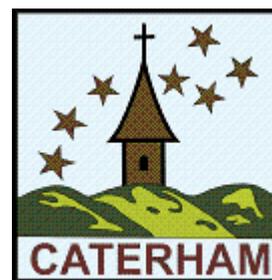




CATERHAM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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TIM'S BITS

It has been some months since we last had a newsletter. We are hoping that the issues we had have been resolved, and we can look forward to keeping you up to date with what Caterham District Scouts are up to.

It is impossible to recap everything that has happened since the last issue as there has been so much going on in the District. We have had numerous Chief Scout's Awards, including an impressive number of Gold awards. It was my pleasure to present Peter Hoare with his Silver Wolf in recognition of his long and distinguished service to Scouting. Gwen Hoare has been awarded a long overdue

Silver Acorn and Reg Enstone received a Bar to the Award for Merit at our annual St George's Day Parade. Neil Burtenshaw, Andrew Brownless and Jo Ramsay have all been awarded the Award for Merit for their outstanding service to Scouting. Well done all of you and thank you for all you do for Scouting.

We can all be congratulated for another great year, with growth in youth numbers more or less across the whole District. This is because of the high standard of Scouting you all deliver, so thank you to everyone involved. As always, we need to increase our adult numbers so that we can continue to offer great Scouting to all

age ranges within our membership, and offer places to those we have on our waiting lists. We will once again be present at local events over the coming weeks to try to recruit more adults.

Sadly, we have lost some Scouting colleagues since our last issue. Graham Forster, a long standing leader within the District, and more recently ADC Activities, but perhaps best known for the fantastic canal boat trips he ran for more years than most can remember, passed away during Christmas 2017. Nigel Harris, a former leader and long time archivist and Roverdene booking manager also passed away during Christmas 2017, closely followed by his wife Kath. They will all be sadly missed by the Scouting community and their friends and family.

On a brighter note, we had another very successful District Cub Camp, and there will be more about that later in the issue. I also led a group of 22 Scouts and leaders on a trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, where we joined with 500 members from across Surrey at KIX2018.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

STOP PRESS!

The next Roverdene working party is on Saturday 10 November, 9.30am. More details in next month's newsletter. Please keep the date free.

Gwen Hoare, District Secretary

DISTRICT CUB CAMP 2018



Over a May weekend, 120 Cub Scouts, adults and a handful of Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders descended on Blackland Farm Activity Centre near East Grinstead.

Friday began very early and we were pleased to see the sun. As it was, we saw nothing but sun, apart from Saturday afternoon when it rained and rained and, well, you get the drift!

Camp began in earnest when the Cub Scouts arrived on Friday evening to set up their tents and settle down to some games before flag break, hot chocolate and bed.

Saturday morning started with a wonderful breakfast, as always, and then a rota of activities, including archery, shooting, bungee stretch, low rope course, climbing and tunnels. After lunch we embarked on some themed activities. This year's theme was Space. We had to adapt the theme slightly to accommodate the weather, but it worked out in the end.

Sunday morning followed the same pattern as Saturday, with the Cubs completing the activities they didn't do on Saturday. The additional activity of packing kit and taking tents down also had to be accommodated. Soon it was time for our closing ceremony and home time, and of course the hard work of striking camp and taking everything back, although at least everything was dry.

For me this was one of our most successful and relaxed District camps, largely because of the hard work and efforts of all involved, from the leaders, adult helpers and Explorer/Young Leaders to those involved in organising the event, and of course all those that attended and enjoyed a wonderful weekend together.

I would like to thank all those that helped with the planning.

Tim Evans



At the end of August I was privileged to be able to travel with a group of Caterham Scouts to the international scout centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland as part of Surrey Scouts' KIX2018 expedition. Having taken part in KIX2014, I knew this would be a fantastic adventure and I wasn't wrong!



We had 17 Scouts and 5 adults in our contingent. These were taken from four Troops within the District, with the youngest being just 10½ and the oldest just 14½, so quite a range. We travelled by coach with 500 others from Surrey (there were nine coaches in total) and arrived on site on Saturday afternoon.

We had a very busy programme, with early starts every day. Activities included lots of walking in the beautiful alpine mountains, high ropes, rafting, swimming, paddling in an alpine lake, trips to Interlaken and Bern, and a boat trip and visit to a cave complex.



Along the way we encountered lots of cows and their bells, especially one cow that had a liking for one of the Scouts packed lunches! Some of us hiked to a remote mountain house where a lone 80-year-old lady produces cheese from cows she milks on site. We were able to drink the raw milk and tasted some of her cheese too.

The weather was mainly kind to us but even when it rained it didn't dampen the spirits. It seemed the Scouts were more than happy to swim in the outdoor pool in heavy rain, and why not?

All of the Scouts that attended took full advantage of this unique experience and joined in games and a campfire with Scouts from many other countries, including Spain, Portugal, Germany and Holland. An amazing experience and one worth doing. For our younger members, the next one is in 2022, so save the date!!

Tim Evans

DISTRICT DIARY 2018



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*

October

- 3rd** **Module 3 Tools for the Role**
(7.30-10.00pm)
- 9th** **Ongoing Safety Training (7.30-**
10.00pm)
- 31st** **Module 11 Administration (7.30-**
10.00pm)

November

- 7th** **Module 18 Practical Skills (7.30-**
10.00pm)
- 10th** **Roverdene working party**
(9.30am-)
- 17th** **Module 10 First Aid (First**
Response) (9.00am-3.30pm)
Module 13 Growing the Section
(9.15-1.45pm)
- 28th** **Module 19 International (7.30-**
10.00pm)

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Please submit your articles for the November edition to Susan Dobson at Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk by Wednesday 24th October. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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