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TIM'S BITS

Sadly, we are currently unable to meet face to face, so we continue to deliver Scouting by remote means. Most sections and Groups continue to deliver weekly Zoom meetings, while some are sending weekly work for young people to complete.

Whatever method you are using, we are managing to keep Scouting going as best as we can. I know it's challenging to keep remote Scouting exciting and to keep our members engaged, especially as many of them are spending their days attending school online too! I am grateful for all the hard work that is being done to keep Scouting alive in Caterham District until we

can resume some form of face-to-face programme. I know from the feedback I see that parents and young people really appreciate what we have done and what we continue to do.

I have been able to join a number of online meetings and remotely present some Chief Scout's awards and invest some new members. It is a real testament to the commitment of our volunteers that we still have Beavers, Cubs and Scouts achieving the top award under these limited conditions. Well done to all of you.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

CENSUS

Hopefully, as it is the end of January, you have been able to complete your census, which should be finished by 5 February.

This year it will be very different and maybe numbers will be low, but we are all looking forward to the spring when we may be able

to start getting back to face-to-face Scouting. I hope the census has gone well, but if you have any problems, please get in touch.

Gwen Hoare, District Secretary

GROUP REPORTS

Chaldon

Chaldon Beavers were disappointed not to be able to attend our planned Christingle service at Chaldon Church, so we went ahead and held it on Zoom. We dropped all the necessary items to each Beaver's home in preparation. We all made Christingles together on Zoom, as well as assembling collection boxes. When we are able to meet again we will collect in the money and send it to The Children's Society.

This term we have been looking at wildlife, particularly birds. We also made birds' nests. At the end of January we will all take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch for the RSPB. The photo below shows a nest made by Beaver, Alex.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner



1st Caterham



With COVID-19 restrictions meaning that Beavers met online on Zoom, and our traditional Christingle service being cancelled, we resorted to an online Christingle! It wasn't quite the same as a church filled with wonderful carols and candles, but we did manage to make a special Christmas evening in our homes.

Beavers dressed up with their Christmas hats and jumpers, and they learnt about and made their own Christingle. While the candles were lit we sang some Christmas songs together. We then enjoyed some hilarious Christmas games before we reflected on the successes of the term with the awarding of end of term badges. All good fun!

Rachel Starling, BL

4th Caterham

Virtual Wintercamp 2021



Some of our members took part in Virtual Wintercamp 2021 over the weekend of 15-17 January. There were a range of activities on offer that counted towards badgework.

One of our Cubs, Henry, sent us some pictures of the activities he took part in, which included Star Wars origami and planning and taking his family on a hike.

Susan Dobson, AGSL



Beavers



Before Christmas, 4th Caterham Beavers decided to make Christingles despite the cancellation of the Christingle service at St Mary's. They also created some fabulous Christmas tree decorations and enjoyed being able to work alongside each other in the hall, despite the regulatory social distancing.

We're all looking forward to being able to get back to normality and to be able to see each other face to face, which we hope will be in the not-so-distant future.

Julie Axford, BL

12th Caterham

On the 10 December 2020, our District Commissioner, Tim Evans, presented three Chief Scout's Gold Awards to Harry J, Rajveer U and Mitch M.

All three have been working hard from the beginning of the year to complete their outstanding Challenge badges, and with a push from their parents and leaders, they completed their outstanding sections. Thankfully, the majority of the outside sections were completed from their start in Scouts.

I am extremely proud of their achievement. I have been associated with the Group since 2009, and looking back we have never had any Scouts complete their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Harry has been a Beaver, Cub and Scout in our Group and has enjoyed all the activities. Harry, Rajveer and Mitch are all looking forward to moving up to Explorers.

Neil Turner, GSL

DONATE SPARE UNIFORM TO CHARITY

Do you have any spare Scouting uniform – Beavers, Cubs or Scouts? The Eusebia Hope Centre in Meru, Kenya would be delighted to give it a good home. This grassroots charity was founded by parents of Guides and Scouts in Woldingham and Caterham. The Centre cares for around fifty orphaned or abandoned children, providing food, education and a nurturing home. Recently the children expressed an interest in joining the Scouting movement, and any uniform donations would be hugely appreciated.

The Kenyan uniform is a little different, but the Scouts uniform is similar and the kids would appreciate a special uniform to wear from any country! Please see <https://eusebiahope.org/> to find out more about the charity.

If you are able to donate, please get in touch with Claire Dunn: dunnorris@googlemail.com or 07771 608535 and she will collect from your doorstep in a COVID-safe way.

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2021 EDITION DEADLINE

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

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