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**PENNY'S POINTS**

As we head towards the Easter break, our Dreys, Colonies, Packs, Troops, Units and Groups have been finishing badge work, and planning camps, sleepovers and events. All in all, it has been a busy term! And yes, we have a couple of weeks break and off we go again. The lighter days and evenings with (hopefully) warmer temperatures, will give us all the opportunity to get outdoors more and more.

This term I have been to 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleafe Scout Group to present three Chief Scout's Bronze Awards, and I know there are also Chief Scout's Silver and Gold Awards being finalised across the District, which I am looking forward to presenting. We may also have the presentation of our first Chief Scout's Acorn Awards being awarded next term, so exciting times!

Close to the start of next term we will have our annual St George's Day Parade, and during next term there are events on the horizon across the District; the Scout sections have a football competition being hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleafe Scout Group in May, the Beaver Colonies have a Scrapheap Challenge and the Cubs have SCRAM to look forward to. I hope we have lots of news on each of these events in future newsletters.

From behind the scenes, I can report our annual census figures are back and look very pleasing. I have received information from County regarding our expected growth for the next year. Our share of the projected County growth target is 21.7 young people – yep point 7 of a person is going to be interesting – so let's aim for 22 and beat the target! I will be contacting

GSLs in the near future to provide them with relevant information for their Groups, so they can work with their Group Executive Committees and leader teams to expand and develop the Groups to help us achieve our District target.

The plea is still to ask all adults to check their Compass record to ensure their email address is correct, and GSLs to do some housekeeping and check all adults on Compass assigned to their Group are still current/live.

Adult training – you may have received an email and/or messages from myself, District or County training personnel about

validating or completing training. Please DO NOT ignore these communications! Often what needs doing is very simple, and by working with us you can get things completed and progress towards achieving your wood badge. If you have any training queries, questions or issues, please get in touch with Pam Marshall-Jones (Training@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk) or myself (DC@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk) to see if we can assist or sort it out. If we can't help, we will know someone, or somehow it can be solved, so please do not worry or stress about it, just contact us!

**Penny Stock, District Commissioner**

## DISTRICT NEWS

### **Are you aware of the grants that are available?**

There are a large number of grants available. If you haven't signed up to Surrey Youth Focus, do so – [info@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk](mailto:info@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk). There are around forty-seven different grants in its latest newsletter, and although some do not apply, there are a number that do.

Give it a try!

**Peter Hoare, District Treasurer**

## *YOU ARE INVITED TO: Caterham District Scouts Annual General Meeting*

*26 June 2023 @ 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm start  
Soper Hall, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham*

*Refreshments will be served after the meeting – Everyone invited!*

## ROVERDENE CHALLENGE 2023

Forty-seven Scouts from across the District met at Roverdene campsite on Saturday 11 March for this year's Roverdene Challenge. This was the first year that the challenge had been held over a weekend, and the extra time gave the groups enough time to plan a route on the first day visiting a number of grid references in order to complete Part 1 of the challenge. Groups were marked on the quality of their route card, the quality of the meal that they had to cook on route, how many questions they answered correctly and how many bonus points that they were able to visit. No-one lost any points for arriving back late (in the rain) at Roverdene, so timekeeping was excellent. After a very complex scoring system, 'Yes, No, Maybe' from 4<sup>th</sup> Caterham were declared the winners of Part 1.

At this point a few Scouts (in fact very few) left for home; the rest of us moved on to

Part 2 – pitch your tents in the rain and the dark! The second part of the challenge was to light a fire in a small wood burner and keep it going long enough to boil water for a hot chocolate. Not so many takers for this part of the challenge, as most were very tired from their earlier efforts, but Phoenix and David from 1<sup>st</sup> Warlingham were eventually declared the winners – well done!

After a surprisingly quiet night, we all packed up the next morning and left for home. All in all a very successful challenge and thanks to Reg, whom we all missed, for dreaming up the idea in the first place. And also a big thanks to all the leaders who supported me over the weekend and especially to Martin Burke who created the question set.

**Hugh Franklin**  
**District Scout Leader**

## 25<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE BADGES FOR SALE!



Hello!

As some of you may already know, I am attending the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree as part of the International Service Team in South Korea this July.

I will be attending as part of the Surrey and West Sussex Crew. I have recently received our badges, which are for sale for £3.00.

Please let me know if you would like to purchase one and support my journey!

The easiest way to contact me is via Susan Dobson ([Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk](mailto:Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk)), as I am currently away at university in Newcastle. Thank you!

**Eleanor Dobson, Colony Assistant, 4<sup>th</sup> Caterham (and 4<sup>th</sup> Newcastle)**

## GROUP REPORTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleafe



On Sunday 26 February, we were invited to join the team at Nower Wood Surrey Wildlife Trust for Action for Nature event for uniform groups.

We all had an amazing time learning about nature and the wildlife, and how we can help in our environments at home or at our headquarters.

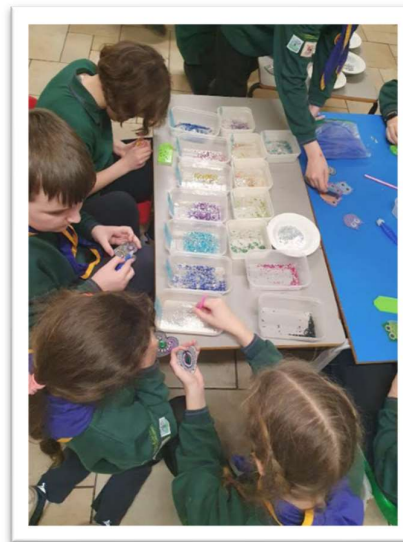
In the morning, the Scouts decorated blue hearts to place in an area not to be mowed, so the wildlife flowers could grow and encourage the insects. including butterflies and bees. Afterwards, they went mini beast hunting and found a few creepy crawlies, made solitary bee homes for the trust to put up, and finally went pond dipping and looked at some of the mini beasts found in the pond under a microscope.

In the afternoon, they went off to complete some conservation work with the trust. They worked so hard and managed to clear the overgrown holly bushes, which made a clear pathway to allow the trust to monitor the birds and bats.

The link to their website is [www.surreywildlifetrust.org](http://www.surreywildlifetrust.org).

**Jeanette Warren, DGSL**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Caterham



4<sup>th</sup> Caterham Cubs enjoyed making gifts for Mothering Sunday, we made key rings from gems, coasters, cards and pictures. Our mums loved receiving them!

**Lucy McMullan, CSL**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Woldingham**



Following a short pause in our activities for half term, 1<sup>st</sup> Woldingham Scout Group were back in action towards the end of February with a focus on developing their navigation skills, and our colony of Beavers has been working towards earning the Navigator Badge! They have been learning the four cardinal points of a compass through the use of mnemonics, for example 'Naughty Elephants Squirt Water!' or how about this sensible piece of advice? ... 'Never Eat Slimy Worms!' They have not only been learning to locate themselves on maps while identifying a number of

features and locations, but have also been drawing their own maps of their local area. Congratulations to all of the Beavers for earning your Stage 1 badges!

While the Beavers were tucked away in the warmth of the Scout hut, the Cubs and Scouts braved the chilly February temperatures to practise and expand on their own navigation skills with compasses and OS maps in hand. As you may remember, last year 1<sup>st</sup> Woldingham Scouts worked incredibly hard to establish the Woldingham Parish Boundary Path to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and lately have been working hard to maintain it!

Since our Cubs and Scouts love the opportunity to stay active in the fresh air of our local countryside, they gathered up with gusto their gloves and secateurs and set off to clear winter debris and chop away encroaching brambles from the path. If you haven't already explored this path, we encourage you to dust off your walking boots and give it a go, as it is a fantastic walking route. And don't worry – if you do get lost you can always shout for a Scout – their navigation skills are now mighty impressive!

**Clare Powdrill**

# WOLDINGHAM PARISH BOUNDARY PATH CELEBRATING QUEEN ELIZABETH II's PLATINUM JUBILEE



1st Woldingham Scouts has established (using existing bridleways and footpaths) a Woldingham Parish Boundary Path to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The path stays as close to our parish boundary as possible and the map shows the route.

This project has been done in consultation with Surrey County Council's Countryside Access team and their support is greatly appreciated. 1st Woldingham Scouts are very grateful to Woldingham Parish Council for the grant support they have given to this project.

The boundary path goes through stunning countryside and it is hoped that it will provide, in perpetuity, much enjoyment to the community and contribute to the health and wellbeing of all those who go out and explore it.

To join 1st Woldingham Scouts on our adventures or to volunteer please contact us via email at [1stwoldinghamscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stwoldinghamscouts@gmail.com) The Scouts is a co-educational charity focussed on youth development and welcomes every religion, race, ethnicity, gender orientation, able or disabled...come and join in the fun.

**1st Woldingham Scouts**  
(Established 1913)

Parish Boundary	1	The Globe	Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV)
Parish Boundary Path	2	The Crescent	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) & AGLV
Routes to Parish Boundary Path	3	The Village Hall	Green Belt
Roads	4	The Green	Area of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
Unmade roads	5	The Peace Hall	Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI)
Bridleways	6	Woodlea School	Wooded Hillside (within Built Up Area)
Footpaths	7	The Village Club	Woldingham Built Up Area
Railway tunnel	8	Scout & Guides HQ	Conservation Area
Ponds	9	Tennis Club	Woodland Trust
St Paul's Church			National Trust
St Agatha's Church			Caterham & Woldingham Urban Area
Golf courses			
Car parks			
Woldingham Station			

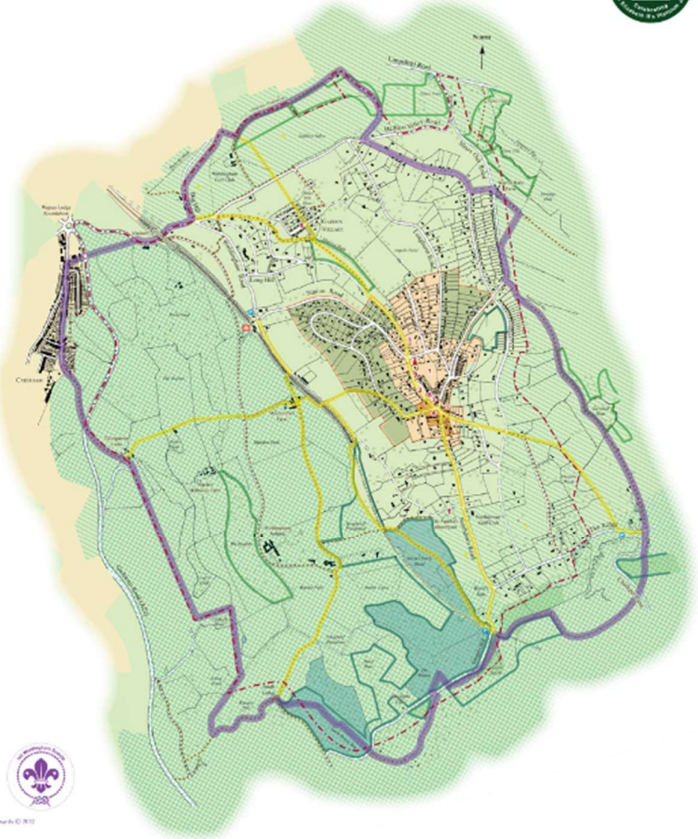
NOT TO SCALE

This map is for illustrative purposes only. It is based on the Woldingham Village Map and Woldingham Neighbourhood Plan Map. Please refer to Tandridge District Council documents for definitive maps of the designated areas and OS maps for scaled and topographical information.

Anyone walking on the routes shown on this map do so at their own risk. 1st Woldingham Scouts and the Woldingham Parish Council do not accept responsibility, or liability, for any potential risks that walkers may be faced with.



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## DISTRICT DIARY 2023



If there are any events you would like more details of, please speak to Penny Stock *or for Young leader training – Pam Marshall-Jones*

### **April**

7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> District Scouts Easter Camp  
18<sup>th</sup> St George's Day Rehearsal  
GSL's meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> St George's Day Parade

### **May**

3<sup>rd</sup> District Cub Leader's meeting  
13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Beavers Go Wild  
19<sup>th</sup> District Scouts Wide Game  
21<sup>st</sup> District Scouts 5-a-side Football

### **June**

1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> District Scouts Bushcraft Camp  
5<sup>th</sup> GSL's meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> SCRAM  
26<sup>th</sup> District AGM, 7.45pm for 8.00pm start (Soper Hall)

### **July**

8<sup>th</sup> Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation (Caterham)

### **September**

16<sup>th</sup> *First Aid Masterclass (9.15am-3.15pm)*  
18<sup>th</sup> GSL's meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Beavers Go Wild  
27<sup>th</sup> District Cub Leader's meeting  
29<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> Oct District Scouts Canal Weekend

### **October**

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> District Cubs Canal Weekend  
29<sup>th</sup> *Young leader modules G & H  
What is a quality programme? &  
Programme planning (1.00-5.00pm)*

### **November**

5<sup>th</sup> *Young leader modules A & B  
Prepare for take-off & Taking the lead (1.00-5.00pm)*  
11<sup>th</sup> *First Aid Masterclass (9.15am-3.15pm)*  
26<sup>th</sup> *Young leader modules C & E  
That's the way to do it & Game on (1.00-4.45pm)*

## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023 EDITION DEADLINE



Please submit your articles for the May edition to Susan Dobson at [Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk](mailto:Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk) by Wednesday 19 April.

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