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SCOUTLOOK

The BIG Transformation



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What's Changing and What Does It Mean for You?

Training - Appointments - Trustee Boards - Digital systems

Roles - Uniform & more

COMING SOON

25th Oct. '23

Join us for an evening event for adults & Young Leaders in the district, where you can discover more about the numerous transformations taking place within the Scout Association.

An evening for all Members in the district.

The Scout Association is making many changes.

We would love you to join us.

We have a presentation and time for you to ask any questions about the changes and how they affect you, your young people and our local scouting.

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Uniform - Digital Systems - Process and procedure - Trustee Boards - Training - Role & Titles - and more...

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BENITA'S FINAL BANTER

Well this will be my last contribution to Scoutlook after 15+ years. My role as District Chair has come to an end as the DCs have decided that they wish to nominate their own Chair moving forwards.

I have enjoyed my time with Leatherhead District Scouts over 30+ years in varying roles from Section Leader, to District Cub Leader followed by District Commissioner and then District Chair. None of these roles exist in the new structure and terminology!

What a lot of change there has been in those 30 years from becoming Scouts rather than Scout Association at national level, the change in age ranges with Explorers and Network replacing Venture Scouts. The introduction of Beavers and now Squirrels not to mention the introduction of girls. There have been numerous changes in uniform, programme and training with further changes in training due next year.

Throughout all this change Scouters (can we still call them that?) have adapted and embraced the changes to continue to deliver good quality programmes to a growing number of young people. The number of groups in the District has shrunk but those that remain thrive. Every group is different and offers varying styles of delivery. This diversity should be encouraged and skill sets shared between groups. Good communication is very important – sometimes it helps to meet and talk face to face.

I will still be around and at the moment have training roles within the District but I also hold County roles which will continue. I will also stay involved with Boidier Hurst Camp Site. Please do ask if I can be of help in any way.

I wish the District well and trust it will continue to grow and thrive with a spirit of co-operation and sharing. Take care.

Benita

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3rd BOOKHAM CUBS



3rd BookhamCubs went to London sightseeing then went to see The Scouts Musical. It was a great day and show.



1st BOOKHAM EXPLORERS

One of 1st Bookham Explorer Scouts and Ranger Guides have just returned from our summer camp in Pembrokeshire National Park. It was our first post covid UK summer camp, and it was great to get back into the swing of it!

34 unit members organised 4 day self led expeditions along the Welsh coast path and the inland areas, in inevitably mixed Welsh conditions. Carrying all their own equipment and food, meeting the requirements of a Kings Scout Award expedition.

Once back on base camp, the 1st Bookham marquee was erected for the first time since 2016. With nearly 60 years of history, it was great to get it out on a campsite again.

We threw ourselves off rocks doing coasteering. Circumnavigated Ramsey Island in speed boats. Sped around a circuit go-karting. And made the most of all the cake and ice cream on offer in St David's.

Wrapping up with a beachside BBQ followed by investitures and enrolments, it was a fantastic ten days spent at the edge of the country in a stunning national park!

And then we were straight back into the first meeting of the new term. With 12 new members and over 50 present on an incredibly warm evening, it promises to be a great year ahead!



1st BOOKHAM EXPLORERS (Contd...)



EXPLORERS



1st EFFINGHAM & 3rd BOOKHAM CUBS



1st Effingham and 3rdBookham had a joint camp to Earleywood campsite near Ascot.

The cubs took part included climbing , archery, mini golf, tin can craft, fires and more.

We had a campfire were some cubs and leaders dressed up as Star Wars characters.



1st FETCHAM @ BEAVERS GO WILD

Fetcham at Beavers go Wild at Bentley Copse.



3rd BOOKHAM SQUIRRELS & BEAVERS

For our last meeting, we held a family picnic.

Lots of games and food.

Also did climbing up to Beavers and swimming up to Cubs.



1st FETCHAM SCOUTCAMP

SCOUTS

Scout Summer Camp 2023 to Lewstone Farm, Ganarew, Herefordshire.



25th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The 25th World Scout Jamboree took place in August this year and 5 participants from Leatherhead district joined the two Surrey units on their venture to South Korea.

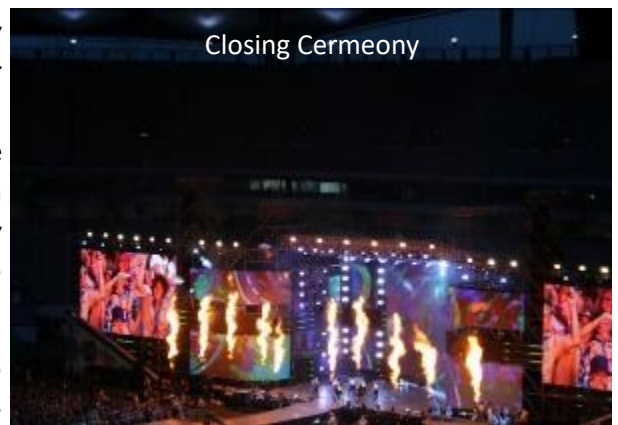
Unfortunately, as was widely reported in the news, the Jamboree didn't go according to plan. After a couple of scheduled days in Seoul, the UK Contingent were delayed in heading to the campsite by a day to ensure that it was suitable. Once that happened they set off to Saemangeum and arrived in time for the opening ceremony (pictured) where the guest speaker was Bear Grylls.



The site was far from ideal but, being Scouts, they tried to make the best of it. However, a combination of a heat wave, poor sanitation, myriad bugs and illness meant that the UK Contingent deemed the campsite unfit for purpose and after just 3 days there, the whole Contingent including IST were evacuated back to Seoul. It can have been no mean feat to find hotel rooms for 4,500 people but somehow they managed it.

Although the units had plans for Seoul at the end of the trip, there was a lot of time to fill in the interim. But the leaders came up trumps and visits to all sorts of temples, parks, eateries, museums and even the cinema were taken.

They were also able to attend the official closing ceremony which was moved to the Seoul World Cup Stadium after the rest of the Jamboree participants were later evacuated from the campsite due to the threat from a typhoon! The ceremony was combined with a K-Pop concert and had a great party atmosphere. It was also the only opportunity for all 5 participants to meet up along with 2 IST from the district. (see photo)



The originally scheduled time in Seoul included a visit to the DMZ, a trip to an indoor theme park - Lotte World - and a Korean cooking lesson among other things.

Despite all the trials and significant tribulations, they still had a great time and all look back on the trip with very positive memories.

It may not have been the Jamboree they were expecting, but it will definitely be one they will never forget!

Melanie Dunn



1st FETCHAM SCOUTS CAMP (Contd...)

A hike starting and ending at Goodrich Castle but taking us alongside the River Wye and up over Coppett Hill. Paella for tea followed by pancakes. The first, and I think only, hairwash on camp as well this week!



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SCOUTS



3rd BOOKHAM SQUIRRELS



Squirrels had a session learning knife safety, sawing safely and using an axe safely.



3RD BOOKHAM SQUIRRELS



The Squirrels had a
bubble evening, where they did
bubble pictures
and
snake bubbles



1st FETCHAM CUB PACKS

All three Cub Pack camped at Boidierhurst.



cubs

Hike to Boxhill where various tasks had to be completed.



EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope that all members of the Leatherhead District Scouts are receiving Scoutlook. If you are not then please let your GSL know, as I am only allowed now to send it out to them now and not everyone in the Directory..

Please keep emailing your pictures and articles to me so they can be included in the next edition of Scoutlook. It would be good to hear what other Groups in the District have been up to. Preferable if they can be sent in Jpeg and Word format it would make compiling the editions easier.

Thank you to all those that have contributed to this issue.

Jenny Harlow
Scoutlook Editor



LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT DIRECTORY

I endeavour to keep the Directory as up to date as possible. Please can you check your Group's page. If there are any errors, amendments or alterations to the Directory please let me know as soon as possible.

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