

# Scouting

Spring 2015

5th Dorking Scout Group



Cub&Scout camp 2014

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## Diary dates

### April

19 St. George's Day Parade (everyone)

### May

1-3 Family Camp (everyone invited)

### June

27 Bazzaz for Beavers

### August

1st Cub (weekend) & Scout week  
Camp (weekend and rest of week)

### September

Tbc District Scout Event

## Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the 2015 5th Dorking Newsletter. This will provide an overview of key dates coming up, key notices across the Group, feedback on what we have been up to and general scouting information. It is in addition to the e-mails you receive.

If a child or young adult would like to write an article, send in a joke, picture or photo, please do and they will be considered for future editions.

Thanks!

5th Dorking Scout Group

## Expert shot



## Hungry lot!



## Getting to the top



## District Scout Frost Camp 2015 Feedback

Bentley Copse is a dedicated Scouting activity centre, offering a wide range of activities for everyone. The Frost Camp is a special annual camp for Scouts only across the District. Each Group had their own camp site area, where the Scouts ate and slept. This year the 3rd Dorking Pixham Scouts also came along for the first time and everyone mixed together.

Apart from the Scouts turning up for food or to sleep, the Scouts were little seen. They roamed in small groups from activity to activity, whatever took their interest. Some of the feedback received were:

- I liked the climbing wall and abseiled down several times
- I liked the backwards cooking and wasn't squeamish plucking and cooking the pigeon
- I liked the assault course because I got muddy

Despite the chilly weather, they all seemed to have a great time!

## Warming up during a break



## Final check of the site for rubbish before leaving





## Visit of the UK Chief Commissioner to the District meeting

Wayne Bulpitt is the UK Chief Commissioner. Wayne focuses on managing and leading all volunteers within the movement. He also helps to further external relationships with political parties, Scouting ambassadors and related organisations. He helped facilitate the development of Scouting for All, 2014-2018 strategy last year.

Some of the areas he mentioned at the meeting were:

- \* Some changes to the programme are coming over this year. One of them was more outdoor activities. Another was making the text easier to understand for e.g. Beavers.

- \* He was asked about the impact of Bear Grylls as the Chief Scout and he said it was a positive one. There is a waiting list for scouting of over 40,000. They want to increase volunteers and helpers and encourage more groups to form or expand. You may have heard our District has now the 3rd Dorking(Pixham) Group, to help with our waiting lists.

It was good to meet someone from "central" Scouting and have a chat about what was happening in general and to give feedback from our District.



## Cub Scout Detective Day

This was a District event held at the United Reform Church. Cubs pretended to be detectives, researching a crime scene using forensic techniques and other activities. It was a lot of fun and they were very enthusiastic.

## More information about the badge changes

During Easter and in general, the members are encouraged to work on the activity badges by themselves or with friends. As mentioned above, recently there have been some additions and changes which are being rolled into this year. If someone is working to the current requirements for a badge, they can finish it and get the badge.

Follow this link to see the changes:

[An introduction to the revised 2015 programme](#)

For a full list, have a look at the following link for the Scout ones as an example.

[Internet link to Scout Activity Badges](#)

There are also staged activity badges, which means any section can start on them and carry on building on them as they complete them.

[Internet link to staged activity badges](#)

For Beavers and Cub Scouts, a photo diary and/or certificate is usually sufficient. For Scouts and Explorers, it is expected for them to do more in-depth work for a badge and to present an overview to their section.

Any questions, just ask a leader.

## Keep these dates free -

### St. George's Day Parade 19th April

Baden-Powell chose Saint George to be the Patron Saint of The Scout Association. He felt that the Saint George of legend set a good example of faith, courage and perseverance for future generations. St George's day is celebrated on the 23 April, and most Districts will hold some form of celebration on the nearest Sunday – including the opportunity for all the members to reaffirm the Scout Promise and consider what the Promise means personally. Celebrations of St George takes into consideration the fact that The Scout Association has members that represent all of the major religions and members without a faith.

To celebrate, for many decades Dorking District has paraded down the High Street. Due to mounting safety concerns and cost, this year we will be parading through Meadowbank Park, up Mill Lane, into the St Martin's Car Park, then into St Martin's Church where we will have a service to renew our Promises and honour those young people and adults who have made a difference both in Scouting and in the community this year. After the parade and service, the leaders and our distinguished guests retire to the St Martin's Christian Centre for a well-deserved cup of tea. The children and adults enjoy meeting up with the other groups in the District, marching along to the marching band and it is a nice time to reflect on the Promise they have made.

There is also an inspection of each section at the beginning and a prize for the neatest Beavers/Cub/Scouts sections in the district. Please help your child come neat and tidy in their formal uniform.

We would appreciate you keeping this date open so your child/young leader can attend. You should have an invitation to confirm attendance. If not please talk to the leader.

We need parent volunteers to act as marshals for the St George's Day Parade. We would also like 4 parents to volunteer to help with the tea and coffee for the leaders in the St Martin's Christian Centre after the service, so that the Fellowship doesn't have to leave the service early to get the tea ready. Please tell the leader if you can help. Thank you in advance and thank you for your support through the year!

### Family Camp - weekend of the 1st to 3rd May

This popular camp at Bentley Copse near Shere is open to all families and siblings members in the 5th Dorking (and the Leaders and helpers). It is an opportunity for:

- \* The families including siblings of members to come and camp and enjoy a family camp with others.
- \* Try out a range of activities members do from time to time, like abseiling, orienteering, camp fire.
- \* It is also an opportunity to relax and meet others, as well as help out if you want.

Information will be coming out soon, but hold the date in your diary! If you have questions, just ask your child's section head.

### Bazzaz for Beavers - Saturday 27th June



Bazzaz is Surrey Scouts' triennial event for Beavers held at the Cranleigh Showground. It is a day of exciting activities - some big, some smaller. This time round, Bazzaz will be heading off on a world tour! Each district will represent a part of the world and will bring something to represent the global nature of Scouting.

### Cub Weekend Camp/Scout week Camp - 1st week of August

A fun time for Cubs and Scouts to mix and camp together for a weekend and then the Scouts carry on for the rest of the week. It is an opportunity to concentrate on outdoor challenges and badges, as well as add to the number of nights away camping they do.



*Last year with inspection by the Mayor*



*Preparing to go, very smart looking*



### Bad Jokes Section

Why do elephants paint the soles of their feet yellow?  
So they can hide in custard!  
Have you ever found an elephant in your custard?  
No?  
Must work then!

Two parrots sat on a perch and one asks, "can you smell fish"?

Knock, knock.  
-Who's there?  
Little old lady.  
-Little old lady who?  
I didn't know you could yodel!

If you have a joke, please submit it to your Leader for possible inclusion next time.  
We apologise in advance :o)

Some Easter jokes

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?  
EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

What's the difference between a counterfeit bank note and a crazy rabbit?  
One is bad money, the other is a mad bunny!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?  
It might crack up!

How can you tell where the Easter Bunny has been?  
Eggs (X) marks the spot!

What kinds of books do bunnies like?  
Ones with hoppy endings!

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