

Scouting

5th Dorking (URC) Scout Group



Scout woggles from 50 years ago, thanks to Ian Barker for his donation

Welcome!

Welcome to the fourth edition of the 2015 5th Dorking (URC) Newsletter. This provides 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 send in an article, joke, picture, photo, prayer, poem, story, please do and they will be considered for future editions. Next closing date for additions is 20th February.

Thanks!

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Diary dates

December

20th The panto Cinderella

January

15- District Scout Frost
17th Camp

March

6th Church Parade- all welcome
11- Beaver Sleep Over
12th

April/May

24th St. George's Day Parade - all welcome
29th- Family Camp - all welcome
1st

Focus on the Busy Beavers!

It has been a busy start to the school year for the Beavers, with some Beavers moving up into Cubs, and new Beavers joining. We have recently invested 4 new Beavers: so welcome William, Wilfred, Kaden and Gabriel to 5th Dorking (URC). As Beaver leaders, we are still getting our heads around the new Challenge Awards and making sure our programme works towards enabling the Beavers to achieve these, as well as working on some of the activity badges. The Challenge Award work so far has focussed on crossing the road safely – THINK!, STOP! LOOK and LISTEN! (My Adventure Challenge Award) and Eating Well (My Skills Challenge Award).

This term our activity badges are the Disability Awareness activity badge, (congratulations to the Beavers that were awarded that last week), and also the Cook activity badge. Luckily there are some overlaps with the skills badge, so the “eating well” evening works towards the Cook badge too. We have made pizzas (the mess of 24 Beavers making dough in 24 individual bowls was a sight I never want to see again, but luckily I had a great team clearing up, since we did our investments that evening too!). We are looking forward (honestly) to fairy cake making and biscuit decorating in couple of weeks’ time. Any volunteers for cleaning up?!

As always there is some fresh air is thrown in with our Halloween walk through footpaths round the back of Dorking (and a bit of hokey-cokey at Cotmandene), and the Winter Wellie walk (and yes walks are part of an award – you’ll find it in the Adventure Challenge Award).

For more information on badges that your Beaver can work on, go to www.scouting.org.uk. Alternatively there is a little book you can buy – the Beavers have a copy of this in their lodge box if you want to have a look.

Tip: If you go to the programme on OSM, and click on the day of an activity, you will see the links to the badges for that day. This is linked to the attendance register, and links to your Beavers progress on badges.

Beaver Leader Team

Hokey-Cokey on Cotmandene



District Scout Camp "DORAC"

Up at Ranmore Scout Camp site, three Scouts Groups met, 5th Dorking (URC), 23rd Dorking (Leigh) and the 12th Dorking (Newdigate) for skills learning and fun. The night hike on the first night was successful with everyone returning for hot chocolate and snack. During the weekend, they also took part in activities like air-rifle shooting, campfire singing and skits, as well as getting to know each other.



Climbing trees



Cooking over fires



Teaching First Aid in the sun



The Leaders also had work to do preparing the campfire



Interview with Ian Barker, a 5th Dorking (URC) Cub and Scout 50 years ago

Ian Barker visited Scouts recently for a chat. He was a Cub and then a Scout 50 years ago at the 5th Dorking (URC) and spoke fondly of the fun he had. His mother, Jean Barker was the Brown Owl of the 1st Goodwyns Brownie Group for over 20 years and sadly died recently.

When asked what he liked about Scouting, he said everything. See below for some of the discussions we had.

He enjoyed a lot of what we do now like cooking over wood fires, hiking, camping, Remembrance Day Parade. He even remembered his Scout Promise, which is only slightly different to now.

His uniform was quite different to now - beige short sleeve shirt, maroon corduroy shorts, red beret but with the same colour scarf we wear now. His woggle was a metal one with Be Prepared on it - see the photo below, and his patrol was the Wolves (still going).

Something we don't make these days is an aerial runway over a lake. They made one and put circular targets on the lake, representing 100, 75 and 50 points. If you went on the runway, let go and dropped into one, you were awarded that point. He said the 100 points target was a bit scary.

He took part in an International Jamboree at Gilwell Park, a historic camp site, which was the first dedicated Scouting camping and training site. At the jamboree there were Scouts from a range of countries like America, Pakistan, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, about 300 Scouts in all. The camp fire was great fun and loud with songs sung from different countries. Across the road there was also an International Jamboree for Guides, but they were not allowed to mix. See the photo of the special woggle below from the Jamboree.

They enjoyed camping elsewhere like at Lulworth Cove on the Dorset coast, where they camped for two weeks. One time, they had a midnight hike with some of the leaders, who told them ghost stories. They were a little lost when they went through a graveyard and suddenly their Skip reared up off the ground and gave them a shock he still feels today!

He made a suggestion for baking a cake at camp. They dug a hole into a bank of earth; this was the oven. They made a hole from the top of the bank into the oven, for the chimney. They lit a fire in the oven and then cooked the cake mixture in a biscuit tin on the embers. Tasted very good he said - worth our Scouts trying at the next camp.

When he was older he didn't have the option of Explorers as we do now. but says he would have joined if they were.

Thank you for visiting us and donating his special woggles to the Scouts.



Jamboree on the Internet JOTI

At a recent Scout meeting, the Scouts went on-line to a Scouting chat room (which is moderated by Scouting Leaders) and talked to Scouting people from different countries. Some of them went on to take part in JOTI the following weekend. JOTI is an annual 48 hour event, where Scouting people across the world can talk to each other and in a sense take part in a virtual Jamboree. Some of the countries the Scouts chatted to included Canada, USA, India, Australia. Some of the things they found out included some one liked curve ball, another liked Scoutabout, and another liked hiking. It was quite hectic with everyone chatting but fun! Those who took part in JOTI will receive the badge on the right and a certificate.



Group Notices and Articles

Cubs

As a reminder, we welcome Jordan and Jed Reece to the Group (Jordan's return). They will be taking over the Cub Pack after Christmas and Steve Clarke will become our Group Quartermaster.

Group Request

We would like to find a site for a large storage container if anyone has connections with local land owners, who may have a site available. Note we need to access some evening and at weekends. This is to store our kit of tents, cookers, and other camping items. Thank you.

Admissions and Siblings

Siblings reminder: Siblings of Group members are one of the priority criteria for admission into the 5th Dorking Scout group. If you:

- have a child in the group that has a sibling over the age of 4 that you think is on the waiting list for Beavers
- or want your child to be on the waiting list

please email "intouch@5thdorkingscouts.org.uk" or speak to /email one of the Beaver Leaders, who can check whether your child is currently on the waiting list. Please see the 5th Dorking website> General Information> Admissions (<http://www.5thdorkingscouts.org.uk>) for the admissions policy and further information about admissions.

Remembrance Day Church Parade

Thank you to everyone who attended and well done to the readers on the day! It was a thought provoking and interesting service, following the story of a relative from some members of the Group, who is remembered in the Church. The Group's two new Flags were dedicated at the Service:

- the Scout Flag to celebrate 65 years of Scouting at the 5th Dorking (URC), kindly donated by Frank V. 5th Dorking (URC) was registered on 19/10/1950.
- the Cub Scout Flag in memory of 'Bosun' Dave Ring, who sadly passed away last year, kindly donated by Eileen Ring.

The Last Post was played by Joe Currie on a bugle dating from the First World War.



Christmas-Related Activities at the URC

Christmas Tree festival at the Dorking Gala Night, 3rd December between 6 and 9 p.m.

Christmas trees by all the Groups that meet in the Church will be lit up on the Theme of 'The Gift', so please visit while you walk around town.

Other opportunities

The trees can also be seen on Saturday 12th & 19th December between 1 and 3 p.m. and as part of the Christmas Christingle Service & Carol Service on Christmas Eve.

"Nativity-in-a-Day"

At the Dorking United Reformed Church we prepare a "Nativity-in-a-Day" and all are welcome to take part. We meet at 10am until 4pm on Saturday 19th December to prepare and rehearse (lunch is provided) with activities in-between. We then share breakfast at the Breakfast Club on the following morning Sunday 20th at 8.30 am. There is then a last run through before the performance which is part of the All Age Service at 10.30 am. Please come along and join in the fun if you enjoy performing, singing or just being the part of something creative for Christmas.

What's coming up

Bookings for the 5th Dorking (URC) Family Camp

Although Family Camp is not until next year, it would help us in planning to know if your family can come. This camp is an opportunity to come with your Scouting child/ren and their siblings and enjoy a catered camping weekend at the Bentley Copse Camp site near Shere. A range of fun activities will be on offer for you and your family to take part in. In the past we have had a rope zip wire, hike, crafts, go karts and a campfire. Activities are optional. Most people will be camping, so if you don't have equipment, please mention it and we can see what we can do to help.

Future Dates

Please make a note in your calendar and save these dates. To make the most of being in the Scouting organisation, we strongly recommend that these are attended - and they are good fun too.

2015

Pantomime visit December 20th 13:00 For everyone

2016

Scout Frost Camp January 15-17 2016 For Scouts

Church Parade March 6th For everyone

Beaver Sleep Over March 11-12th For Beavers

St George's day Parade April 24th For all sections

Family Camp April 29th - 1st May For all families

100th Anniversary Cub Camp June 17-19th Celebration of 100 years of Cubs

Church Parade June 19th For everyone

Cub Camp July 29 - 31th For Cubs (date tbc)

Scout Camp July 30 - 7th Aug For Scouts (date tbc)

Church Parade Sept 25th For everyone

Church Parade November 13th For everyone

The following are events for each section run by District, where all that section across the District meet together for activities and fun. They are every 3 years..

Scout Frost Camp January 13-15 2017 For Scouts

Scout about June 7- 9th 2017 For Scouts

Bazzaz June 2018 For Beavers

Scram June 2019 For Cub Scouts

Bad Jokes Section

A chef was rushed to hospital after getting herbs in his eyes....he is now parsley-sighted

What's pink and fluffy ?

Pink fluff

What's blue and fluffy?

Pink fluff holding its breath

Scout: I hate these one week camps. You comb your hair, you brush your teeth, you put a clean set of clothes on, and at the end of the week you have to do it all over again.

Leader: What did the cowboy yell to the Scout who was stuck out on the lake?

Scout: I don't have the foggiest idea.

Leader: Hey, pardner! Whoa, whoa, whoa your boat.

Scout: "What's more important, your money or your health?"

Leader: "My health."

Scout: "Great, can you lead me a tenner?"



Can you guess these riddles?

Q: Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I?

Q: You draw a line. Without touching it, how do you make the line longer?

Q: Tuesday, Sam and Peter went to a restaurant to eat lunch. After eating lunch, they paid the bill. But Sam and Peter did not pay the bill, so who did?

Q: Two fathers and two sons go on a fishing trip. They each catch a fish and bring it home. Why do they only bring 3 home?

Q: What is next in this sequence: JFMAMJJASON_ ?

Q: I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answers next time.

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