

SCOUTLOOK

CUBS DISTRICT SHELTER BUILDING

Despite the 9th November being a damp Autumn afternoon, we had a great turnout for the biannual Leatherhead District Shelter Building Competition at Boiderhurst with 8 teams of cubs competing. The cubs made some fabulous shelters and all tried really hard despite it being fairly wet and cold.

The cubs had great fun building shelters made of dead materials found in the woods which would fit at least 2 or more of the up to six team members, be waterproof (quite a challenge in the circumstances!) and have some cool features including furniture, 2 floors and even one with a seesaw!

David Brain had the very difficult task of judging a tight competition which wasn't made any easier by the rain making any score sheets very hard to keep legible! The close results were as follows:

- 1st 1st Bookham Oak Pack (Seesaw)
- 2nd Combined Ashted (Brown and Red Packs)
- 3rd 1st Bookham Ash ('Pokemon')



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1st BOOKHAM OAK CUBS



We've had a great Autumn term with some team building both at the scouting centre with trust building chair removal and out on the Downs with a bit of shelter building practice, as well as meeting some reptiles close to, together with a bit of community service litter picking.



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1st LEATHERHEAD CHESTNUT COLONY



What a busy 3 months we have had. Chestnut Colony had its first birthday in September and currently have 20 Beavers. We welcomed a new leader to the colony, and Francesca has been welcomed with open arms!

This term we have covered many things from cooking, space camp, communication badge, group campfire, Remembrance Sunday, visiting RAF Hendon, Ringo, archery, Guide Dogs visit, first aid and making Christmas presents and many more activities.

On the 20th October we had 6 beavers prepare, cook and serve a 3 course meal to their parents and in the process they raised over £80 which has been put towards acoustic panelling for our scout hut.



December again? I swear it was only a few weeks ago we were all enjoying summer camps!

This year was another busy one.

The District shooting competition at 1st leatherhead was a good day of scouts showing off their air rifle shooting skills. Congratulations to those who won awards and lets see who can replicate their success in 2020

We also had our Expedition challenge and our Wayfinder weekend where scouts achieved their Expedition challenge badge (part of the chief scout gold award) and show off their scouting skills (or learnt where they need to brush them up).

A trip to Bletchley park was an interesting one for the participants seeing how the codebreakers worked and lived during the Second World War.

Scouts Achieved an armful of badges over the summer on the various summer camps troops went on. Whether it was a green field basics camp or an activity camp, all enjoyed themselves... leaders included.

PLANET (Patrol Leader and Near Equivalent Training) is our PL and APL training weekend. This is a long running course for scouts to learn some key skills in leadership. The team that run this event are extremely pleased to see a lot of the attendees of the weekend moving on to become competent young leaders around the district, helping in all sections.

This year I also ran a survival skills camp for Effingham scouts. This was a great weekend where the scouts gained their survival skills badges and learn how to survive in the wild. If any other troop would like me to organise a weekend for them, then please get in touch.

Next year is Scoutabout, a huge County run event for all scouts and guides in surrey. All scouts will have the opportunity to attend and full details will be sent out to leaders on how to take part. County are keen to ensure all scouts are able to attend as it is almost a once in a scouts time that they can attend. Scouts who have been before always try and find away to go again!

Thank you for your support with the Scout sections across the district this year and best wishes for the next one.

Andy (ADC Scouts) and Sam (District Scout Leader)

Diary Dates

District Shooting Competition: 7th March 2020
Surrey Cyclocross: 8th March 2020
District Expedition Challenge: 27th to 29th March 2020
District St George's Day: 26th April 2020
County Expedition Challenge: 1-3rd May 2020
District Wayfinder Skills Camp: 15th to 17th May 2020
Scoutabout: 26th to 28th June 2020
PLANET: October 2nd to 4th October 2020
Joti/Jota @ Gillwell Park: 17th to 18th October 2020



PLANET (Patrol Leader and Near Equivalent Training)

Planet is our districts PL and APL training. It is a weekend long course that allows scouts who are or soon to become PLs or APLs to learn some skills to help them in their role. The scouts have various things to do over the weekend that will test them and hopefully empower them to go back to their troops and help the leadership team deliver their programmes. It is hard to explain a lot of what is planned for these weekends as we don't want scouts to have too much of a heads up but at one point they had to use some principles we teach them to instruct a group on a new skill. A group decided to demonstrate some first aid. However they were not expecting such an awkward casualty to demonstrate on.

We recently ran some evenings for young leaders in the district. It was a great night and was encouraging to see that most of our young leaders had been on our PLANET weekend. We also have a couple of young leaders come back and help us each year which is good for them as they can experience a different side to the course.



High Viz Jackets

A big thank you to CGI, a multinational IT company that have an office in leatherhead, for their support in supplying Leatherhead District Scouts with 48 High Visibility jackets for members to wear when they need to be seen. Youth and adult members will use them to be seen on hikes and at events within scouting and around the community all year round. We handed them out at Ashted Scouts Christmas market. Andy Marlow, who works for CGI, is hoping to get the CGI to support more scouting in the district by facilitating some events that will help youth members gain badges. Keep an eye out for working more with CGI soon.



1st BOOKHAM CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE

On Sunday 8th December we had our 'indoor' Christmas campfire at Bookham Scouting Centre. The event was very well supported by beavers, cubs and their families and we had some great performances including a Christmas poem by Heron Beavers, some jokes from Ash Pack cubs and a cub focussed 12 days of Christmas from Oak Pack. We also had lots of the traditional favourites as well as some festive versions of our traditional campfire songs. We also raised over £130 for the Trussell Trust who run a network of food banks nationally.



**WE'VE
LAUNCHED
A LOTTERY**

**Buy Your Tickets Today
To Help Our School**

- 3rd Bookham Scouts has launched a lottery!
- Tickets cost just £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school.
- A **GUARANTEED** cash prize to someone on our supporter list every week.
- A further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw **EVERY WEEK!**
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online.



1st FETCHAM



On Saturday 14th December 1st Fetcham went Bag Packing in Sainsburys in Leatherhead.

We managed to collect a whopping £655.43. the 10 Children and 10 Adults who came also and helped were amazing!



HOUSES OF PARLIMENT



3rd Bookham Visits the Houses of Parliament

For Parliament week, Scouts from 3rd Bookham took a trip up to London and got an interesting sneak peek into how the Government works.

On the way to the Houses of Parliament, we did a quiz as we walked over the Jubilee bridge to Trafalgar Square. We soon arrived at the Palace of Westminster.

Upon our arrival, we watched a short film on the history of Parliament, and then went up to the public gallery to see Boris Johnson and Jeremy Corbin. During this time, Parliament discussed health and social care, as well as a number of bills. We then went to the Strangers Gallery and saw the Lords and Baronesses at work.

All in all it was a fun and educational day.



SCOUTS

GIVING SOMETHING BACK TO BOIDIER HURST

Boidier Hurst is always looking for more service support, helping to maintain our District campsite. Always keen to help, 3rd Bookham Scouts spent an afternoon on site helping the service crew tidy up by litter picking, clearing logs and chopping back the over growth.

The Scouts also learnt how to use axes and saws safely, to chop firewood for a fire later in the afternoon. This counts towards challenge badges, so was a valuable skill to practice. They finished the afternoon with wide games, hot chocolate and a campfire.

The service crew were very appreciative for the Scouts help, so if you can give up a few hours please consider helping the service crew at Boidier Hurst



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BEAVERS TRIP TO HENDON



On Saturday 14th November 3rd Bookham beavers joined other beavers from all over the district on a visit to RAF Hendon. We learnt lots about the many roles in the RAF both past and present. All the beavers loved the interactive displays learning to fly jet planes and taking the RAF aptitude test. The hangars with the full size planes and helicopters were our favourite. We finished the day with a trip to the souvenir shop before returning home.



Scouts Embark On The First Bookham:24 Event

Scouts from 3rd Bookham took part in the first Bookham:24 event; a twist on Gilwel24 but without the Scouts staying up for 24 hours!

The event started with planning the route for a challenge hike, which started in Wotton, and took the Scouts across Ranmore Common to complete a number of team challenges along the way.

Eventually the Scouts made it back to Bookham and enjoyed a hot dinner and chilled out with a number of films (before finally getting to sleep in the early hours)...



The next day the Scouts helped with the Christmas tree sales, which is 3rd Bookham Scout Groups biggest fundraiser. The Scouts did a great job assisting customers choose their favourite tree, net it up and load it into their cars.

You may have spotted other Scouts around Bookham doing a bit of litter picking and talking to members of the community about the Christmas tree sales too.

The Scouts had a great time, and we'll definitely be running another Bookham:24 in the future!



1st FETCHAM BEAVERS

This term, the 1st Fetcham beavers have been following an action-packed programme!



They have earned their Emergency Aid stage 1 badge, Collectors badge and Digital Maker stage 1 badge.



Along with Badge work, the beavers have enjoyed other fun activities including.....



A visit to Leatherhead fire station

An archery night



A camp fire and sparklers on bon-fire night.

Numerous challenge badges have also been awarded over the last few months.

Well done for working so hard this term 1st Fetcham beavers!

FETCHAM CUB PACKS CHRISTMAS PARTIES





Please will every leader check their own record on Compass as details must be accurate.

If there are any errors or omissions please edit them, or if you would like me to make the alterations, send me the corrections and your name and membership number and I will do it for you.

Eric Harlow, District Appointments Secretary

Send the information to:- eharlow2211@aol.com



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In 2020 there will be some changes to training in the district.

The changes will be designed to help new & existing adults get the training they need.

If you are a TA or you would like to be one, please get in touch to join the team.

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CUB CORNER



Goodness, another year almost over – where did it all go? I hope your Cubs (and you!) have all had a great year and enjoyed the activities we have managed to put on across the District to supplement the excellent programmes – and camps! – you all have been running. We have had everything from a (noisy) fun day with 2000 other Cubs across the County to a (quiet) fishing competition to flying with the Red Arrows (sort of!). Thank you for all your hard work making the Cub section as successful as it is, and a special thank you to those who have run a District event for us all during the year.

We ended the year off with a shelter building competition at BodierHurst ably run by Adrienne and Inge from 1st Bookham; despite the very wet weather all eight teams turned up and competed strongly; congratulations to the winners (by the narrowest of margins), and so the current holders of the District Cub Challenge Cup, a team from 1st Bookham Oak

Although originally intended as a one-off for the Cub centenary year the County Quiz proved so popular that it has become an annual event. We decided to hold the District level round (for the winning six from each Pack) as late as possible, so it is on Sunday 19th January afternoon, one week before the County final at 1st/4th Addlestone on the 26th January; that way anyone who wants to participate and hasn't left a space in this term's programme for the Pack quiz could just about squeeze it in at the beginning of next term. Please let me know if you are or are not competing so that we don't need to chop down any more trees than necessary to produce the requisite number of quiz sheets!

Our calendar of events for next year currently looks like:

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organiser
Wednesday 15 th January	Leaders Meeting	1 st Ashtead	ADC
Sunday 19 th January 2:15pm – 3:45pm	District Quiz Final	1 st Fetcham HQ	ADC
Sunday 26 th January 2:00pm - 4:30pm	County Quiz Final*	1 st /4 th Addlestone	County
Sunday 9 th February 2:00pm – 4:30pm	District Cooking Competition	1 st Ashtead HQ	ADC
Sunday 1 st March all day	Visit to Royal Dockyard	Chatham	ADC
Sunday 15 th March afternoon	Badge Day	1 st Ashtead HQ	1 st Ashtead Brown
Sunday 22 nd March 10:30 am for 11:00am start	County Cooking Competition*	1 st /4 th Addlestone	County
Sunday 26 th April 2020	St George's Day	Bookham Scouting Centre	District
Wednesday 17 th June	Cross Country Race	Ashtead Common	1 st Ashtead Red
Saturday 10 th October Sessions from 1:30pm	Astrodome	Bookham Scouting Centre	ADC
Sunday 15 th November 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Scrapheap Challenge	Bookham Scouting Centre	1 st Bookham Ash

* At 1st/4th Addlestone for the winning team from the District Final

Of course, if anyone else wishes to offer to run anything else do let me know.

And last but not least:

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organiser
Saturday 18 th June 2022	SCRAM	Hook Road Arena	County

As you can see, we decided that the trip to the RAF museum earlier this year had been so successful that we wanted another trip next year, so we are going maritime and visiting the Historic Royal Dockyards at Chatham. I haven't been myself, but those who have highly recommend it! I will be getting the paperwork out in time for your restart next year (I didn't think anyone would be that interested in thinking about it much before Christmas but hopefully you have ensured everyone has it in their diary!). We are also getting the ever-popular Astrodome back in the autumn – it really will have been 2½ years since the last time by then, so we will have a whole new generation of Cubs to learn about things astronomical in a fun way.

The County training calendar for 2020 is out. A couple of points to note:

- ◆ The Wood Badge courses have effectively been amalgamated so Cub Leaders can attend one or more of the 'Scout' one(s) instead of the 'Cub/Beaver' ones, and vice-versa.
- ◆ A Campfire Leaders workshop is planned for 2020; this is not an annual event so well worth taking advantage of if interested.

Finally, a couple of websites of potential interest:

- ◆ Materials and resources from the Duke of Cornwall Safety Award badge could be useful; they are at :
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/community-and-living/cornwall-fire-and-rescue-service-homepage/about-us/what-we-do/community-safety-and-localism/community-initiatives/community-safety-award/>
- ◆ The new Scouting Beta site (as opposed to the 'old' one, which is still running) now has programme planning software for Cubs for years, terms, meetings or just the odd idea: Warning: you can print the results out as a pdf but it could result in a lot of pages!
<https://scouts.org.uk/volunteers/planning-your-programme/>

As you can see, our next Leaders' meeting is on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 1st Ashtead starting at 8:15 pm and I hope to see you there then. In the meantime I hope you and your families have a very Happy Christmas and brilliant New Year.

David Brain
ADC (Cub Scouts)

I'm sure at some point you would have heard someone like your GSL say the word compass! Apart from a device for navigation the scout association has a database of all adults this is also called "Compass".

What is it for...

Anyone new to scouting aged 18+ is added to compass, there are several reasons that we do this, including Managing Roles (Adult roles in Scouting, there are a variety of adult roles in Scouting, from working as a helper in a Beaver Scout Colony to administrative posts in the County or District. Whatever a volunteer's skills, experience, preferences and available time, there will be a role in Scouting to suit them), Training records, DBS checks and any important information about the individuals such as Full name, address, contact and any health / emergency details. It is very important to keep all this information up to date. When you join you may have been asked to fill out an adult information form, we would have used this information to add you to Compass (pictured right).



Adult
information
form

Why do we have Compass...

like most organisations having records of the people involved (which in our case are volunteers) it's vital to make sure we have the right people in the right place. We also need to make sure the individual has done what is required and the SA records any tools for their roles.

So why online...

with such a large community of people all over the country a digital system is the best way to do this.

Who can see my data...

The vast majority of information can only be seen by those in the individuals line management structure, such as the group scout leader, the district team, however very few can see all the details and even fewer can make any amendments.

Security: Compass has been designed to be compliant with the UK's data protection requirements and undergone rigorous independent security testing. The Scout Association currently holds the ISO27001:2013 standard for the administration and support of scouting activities by the staff of The Scout Association based at its UKHQ at Gilwell Park. Information Security and Data Protection experts have also engaged in the testing and development of Compass to ensure it meets all relevant legislation

What happens when I leave scouting...

When you leave scouting your line manager will process this on compass, once this is done they and you will no longer be able to access any details.

Can't find the answer to your question?

Contact the Scout Information Centre:

020 8433 7100 or 0345 300 1818

info.centre@scouts.org.uk [@ScoutInfoCentre](https://www.facebook.com/ScoutInfoCentre)

Join the Leatherhead District Scouts Volunteers group on Facebook

3rd BOOKHAM AWARDS EVENING

3rd Bookham scouts held their annual awards evening in early October. Every scout was awarded at least one badge with some getting 11. Here are scouts getting awards along with Adam Horton with his display of badges and souvenirs from the World Scout Jamboree.



**Learn more.
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In 2020 there will be some changes to implementing training in the district.

New Local Training Manager (LTM).

New Training Team based organisation for TAs.

Regular Training Clinics / workshops.

Improved clarity in training & implementation from appointment.

If you are a TA or you would like to be one, please get in touch to join the team.

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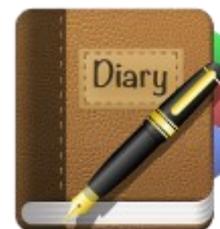


CHOCOLATE EVENING



Chairman of Surrey Scouts James Burge came along to 3rd Bookham scouts to teach them about the life of a cocoa bean and how to make chocolate. Scouts then had a go at making some themselves from removing the nib from the shell, grinding and the using the pestle and mortar to finally testing the end result!





Dates for the diary.....

2020

15 January - Leatherhead District Shop @ 1st Effingham reopens 17:00-18:45

15 January - District Cub Scout Leaders Meeting - 1st Ashtead

19 January - District Cub Quiz Final - 1st Fetcham

26 January - County Cub Quiz Final - 1/4th Addlestone

9 February - District Cub Cooking Competition - 1st Ashtead

1 March - Cub Visit to Chatham Dockyards

7 March - District Shooting Competition

8 March - Surrey Cyclocross

15 March AM -District Beaver Badge Day—1st Leatherhead HQ

15 March PM - District Cub Badge Day - 1st Ashtead

22 March - County Cooking Competition—1/4th Addlestone

27—29 March - District Expedition Challenge—Open to all Scouts

26th April - St George's Day— Bookham Scouting Centre

2nd May -District Beaver Sports/Olympics Day—Boidier Hurst Campsite.

15-17 May -District Wayfinder Camp

13 or 14 June 2020 (subject to change) District 'Beavers get Wet!'

5th to 7th June - 1st Leatherhead Group Camp

17 June - District Cub Cross Country—Ashtead Common

26 to 28 June -Scoutabout

2-4 October—PLANET

10 October - Cub Astrodome - Bookham Scouting Centre

17/18 October—Joti/Jota - Gillwell Park

15 November - Cub Scrapheap Challenge—Bookham Scouting Centre



POP UP RESTAURANT



Fetcham Explorers prepared a three course meal for Parents and Leaders.

Entertainment was provided by the Explorers Ensemble!



EXPLORERS



EDITOR'S NOTES



Thank you so much for everyone that has sent me copy for this edition, especially as it is such a busy time of year..

It is really great to see so much activity going on in the District Sections and Groups. Please send me copy whenever you have done an activity as I keep it in a folder for the next edition.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jenny Harlow
Scoutlook Editor



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Leatherhead District

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT DIRECTORY

If there are any errors amendments or alterations to the District Directory please let me know as soon as possible. As the Directory needs to be as up to date as possible.

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