

SCOUTLOOK

3rd Bookham Scout Group

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders had a very interesting and entertaining Birds of Prey evening with Paul from Horus Birds of Prey.

Paul introduced us to Nugget, Flint and Topaz.

We all learnt a lot of facts about the birds and lots of questions were asked.

It was a great evening .

www.horusbirdsofprey.co.uk



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BENITA'S BANTER



Well 2021 has arrived, the days are getting longer and warmer and hope is on the horizon for life moving on from the COVID restrictions. The winter months have been hard for most people with a return to on-line scouting, home schooling whilst also trying to work from home. I would like to thank all leaders and executive members for keeping young people engaged with scouting and providing them with some fun.

From 29th March 2021 following government and National Youth Agency we can return to face-to-face scouting outdoors only with groups of 15 young people plus up to five adults. This is great news and those of you who have already written and submitted risk assessments for COVID safe meetings do not need to resubmit. However, the assessments do need to be reviewed and adjusted if necessary. I hope you are all looking forward to this and please remember that Boidier Hurst campsite is available for evening or weekend sessions. Do remember that you need to book the site and it will be limited to 3 groups at a time with individual toilets allocated as before.

Executives have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure all scout groups remain financially viable and have facilities and equipment ready to use. Some groups have been lucky enough to receive grants from MVDC which have been of great assistance in paying the bills. Remember that the District Executive are here to support you and help where possible.

Census 2021



The census taken in January showed a drop in youth membership of 18% across the district as a whole. Hopefully numbers will rebound quickly once scouting gets back to face-to-face meetings and it is a testament to your hard work that numbers have stayed as high. In Surrey the number of adults has decreased by 6.8% (South East -8.8%); the number of young people by 13.6% (South East -20.3% and UK - 23.9%). Overall numbers have dropped by 11.8% in Surrey and 17.5% in the South-East.

World Scout Jamboree

The 25th World Scout Jamboree will be held in Saemangeum, South Korea in summer 2023 where the overall theme is "Draw your Dream" with zones entitled Scouting for all, Smart & Scientific, Safe and secured, Sustainability, Adventure and Culture & Tradition. As yet we do not know how many young people we will be able to send. The selection process will be carried out by County this time with support from the Districts either towards the end of this year or beginning of next. Please start encouraging your young people to think about applying – remember they need to be aged 14 – 17 at the time of the Jamboree. Selection for contingent leaders will begin shortly once County know if they will have 2 or 3 contingents. Keep your eyes open for details.





St George's Day Celebration 2021

Online, hopefully for the last time!

All of our members and families are invited to our District St George's Day celebration, which will be on Zoom for hopefully the last time!

We will be looking back at how we transformed to keep providing a great programme of Scouting online, as well as remaking our promise and recognizing many achievements and awards.

Please join our virtual St George's Day on the **25th of April from 2pm to 3pm**. The Zoom link and password will be distributed by your leaders.

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BOIDIER SCOUT CAMPSITE - Update February 2021

We have a committee meeting set for Tuesday 2nd March commencing at 8pm. I will circulate details for this meeting on zoom nearer the time.

In the meantime, I thought it would be useful to compile some photos for you of the projects that have been undertaken over the last year at all times abiding by government COVID guidelines and our own risk assessment.

Campfire circle

The campfire circle was double fenced and planted with small saplings a number of years ago. This area had become overgrown so it has been cleared out to give the trees space to grow and the inner fence replaced. The old campfire chair was a bit tricky to sit on so using milled timber, we have created a larger chair providing more visual impact and a focal point for a campfire leader. Three new benches have also been added to increase capacity and close the campfire circle more. We intend at some stage to rebuild the log store and provide a timber roof to try to keep the wood supply drier for users.



Tree planting

Last year, John Humphreys secured 105 saplings from the Woodland Trust for free. These arrived in October and the majority have been planted around the site. We have also created a nursery within the yard area where a number of the smaller trees supplied are growing in pots and a few pots of acorns and sweet chestnuts have been planted to hopefully cultivate additional saplings. The woodland trust trees are a mixture of cherry, oak, rowan, silver birch, wil-



Tree planting on the water main



Infill tree planting at the back of site 4



Fire Break Area

In 2013 we had a free visit by a woodland consultant funded by the Silva Association as part of their “Good Woods” initiative. One of the recommendations was to coppice the fire break area to introduce separation again and allow light to penetrate to assist the grass in this area and stimulate growth in the woodland floor. As part of this work we have constructed a dead hedge to contain the brash to discourage the deer from jumping the boundary fence. This project is not fully completed yet. The photos also show one of the new gates that Ian Smalley has fabricated from reclaimed metal that is available to the campsite for free collection. There are another three of these gates being made to replace the locked bars around the campsite that are heavy and time consuming to open when access is required for grass cutting.



Royden seating area

The old benches had deteriorated to the point where they need to be removed so using milled timber, replacements have been made together with three tables providing flexibility in this area. Permeability has also been improved with access on two sides and we are spoiling visitors now with backs on these benches!



Car park fencing

The fencing around both car parks also needed replacement. The campsite obtained a free mortiser allowing us to create post and split rail fencing by drilling square holes. With the milled timber posts this uses a lot less timber creating the fences and the result looks much tidier and uniform.



Again, permeability has also been considered and additional gaps left to aid campers moving around the campsite.



Main Gate

The gatepost was being undermined by the flow in the ditch so sand-bags have been filled and placed to prevent any further damage.



BOIDIER SCOUT CAMPSITE - Update February 2021 continued....

Yard and Mill Area



The yard and the mill area are now completely enclosed keeping campsite visitors safe. The mill gates and fencing have been created using free recycled material and the yard fencing made using 1inch live-edged off-cuts that are technically a waste product from the squaring up of a tree trunk on the mill. The photo on the right shows the area that once contained stored materials that have been brought into the enclosed yard allowing this area to be tidied up, edged and cleared. The intention here will be to allow this to become overgrown again to act as a screen between the car park and the mill area.



Inside the Yard.



We are currently creating a lean-to roof to extend the covered work area. This will create a place for welding and grinding tucked around the corner for safety reasons. We will have to purchase plywood as a decking and roof sheets to finish this off.

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LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT

EXPLORERS

Young Leaders Scheme—2021 Update

As we all know Young Leaders can be a great asset to your section in helping you to deliver an exciting programme of activities for your young people. The scheme also offers a worthwhile opportunity for young people to develop skills that will help them in the future. Some may even become Leaders of the future.

To help the scheme to operate efficiently and for the young people to be safe in their role I have set out below some information that I hope you find useful.

Who are your Young Leaders

Any young person who helps with your Unit aged between 13.5 and 18 is a Young Leader.

I have broken it down into 3 groups:

- ◆ Young Leader and member of an Explorer Unit – they are registered with their Explorer Unit and attend Explorer meetings as well as being an YL and have a second registration with the YL Unit.
- ◆ Young Leader only – they are an Explorer but only registered with the YL Unit.
- ◆ D of E volunteer with a fixed period of service - registered with the YL Unit so they can complete module A. They should be able to count any module A training time towards their service. Ideally they should complete the training before the placement starts. If they enjoy the role, they may switch to a YL only role and their record would need to be updated.

Capitation and Subs

As there are three categories of Young Leader, the subs payments also vary:

- ◆ Young Leader and Explorer in an Explorer Unit – Subs should be paid, which will include an element for capitation, by the Young Person as they are a full member of an Explorer Unit
- ◆ Young Leader and member of the YL Unit only - Capitation only should be paid. I suggest this cost is met by the Group as they are volunteering for the section and do not take part in Explorer Unit activities.
- ◆ D of E volunteer – No capitation to pay as the time of service is short. If they move to the YL role then this would be reviewed.

Registration

All young people that help in a Unit, including those doing D of E must be registered with the Leatherhead District Young Leader Unit. This will ensure they are covered by Scout insurance during their time with you. It will also help us to manage the training requirements of the award. The day to day management of the Young Leader is handled by the section they are working in. The Young Leader Unit has its own ESL and they will co ordinate the training directly with the YL.

How to register your Young Leaders

Firstly add the young person to your sections OSM, make sure you have contact details for both the YL and a parent. As they are under 18 you should be including a parent in any communications. You can then share them with the Leatherhead District Young Leader Unit. If you are unsure how to do this then follow the link here, <https://www.leatherheaddistrictscouts.org.uk/member-support/support-knowledge-base>. Once shared the ESL (YL) will get in contact with them to confirm their details and give them information on the training and awards.

Training

All Young Leaders and those working for their D of E award MUST complete module A within 3 months of starting in a section. Module A is similar to the modules adults complete when they first start. At present the training is being offered on Zoom but we hope to get back to face to face training very soon.

Young Leader Belt

The full scheme is made up of Modules and Missions and if all are completed then they will be awarded the Young Leader Belt. Follow the link [Information for Section Leaders | Scouts](#) and you can assist the YL in gaining the award by allowing them to carry out the missions in your section. Completed training will be recognised if they apply for an adult appointment in the future.

Recognition of Training

In recognition of training they will receive various rewards at the different stages of the scheme. More information can be found [Recognition | Scouts](#)

If they complete the training and move on to be an adult leader the award can be worn on the adult uniform.

Recruiting Young Leaders

If you would like to recruit a YL but are having difficulty please email YL@leatherheaddistrictscouts.org.uk and we will try and help. It would be useful before confirming a D of E place if you could check with the ESL (YL) as we have some young people that are doing the training and are looking for a placement.

District Young Leader Team

If you have any questions regarding Young Leaders of D of E volunteers then you can email Julie Bird – District Explorer Scout Commissioner Julie.bird@leatherheaddistrictscout.org.uk
Parag Patel – District Explorer Scout Leader Parag.patel@leatherheaddistrictscouts.org.uk
Terry Wharton – Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders)
YL@leatherheaddistrictscouts.org.uk

You can also view full information on the Young Leader Scheme on our District website <https://www.leatherheaddistrictscouts.org.uk/young-leaders>

Thanks

Julie

District Explorer Scout Commissioner



BOOKHAM ASH CUBS

Ash cubs have had a varied programme on Zoom whilst also ticking a few boxes on various badges. Professional magician, Paul Brown of Magical Mayhem entertained Cubs, parents and leaders with some very funny tricks, teaching us one on screen and a follow up link later. As he has been involved in Scouting too, he cleverly linked the activities to Jungle book characters. We've made bird feeders (we were glad we weren't near those sticky fingers!), linking a game with bird identification and the RSPB garden bird watch. Although we couldn't play in the snow as a Pack, we asked them to send us their photos of their fun in the snow which we compiled and shared with all the Cubs.

Claire Baloo, Tim/ Akela, Leah/ Chil

cubs All about the Birds - no Bees! Thursday 28/01/2021



Cub's Magical Evening With Paul Brown Thursday 21st January 2021



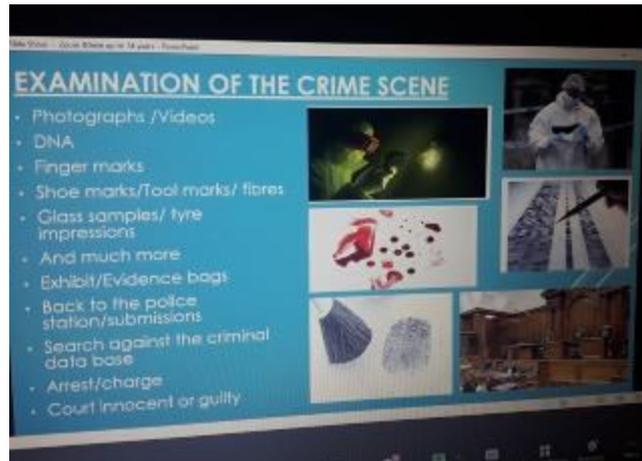
SNOW cubs



1st FETCHAM SCOUTS

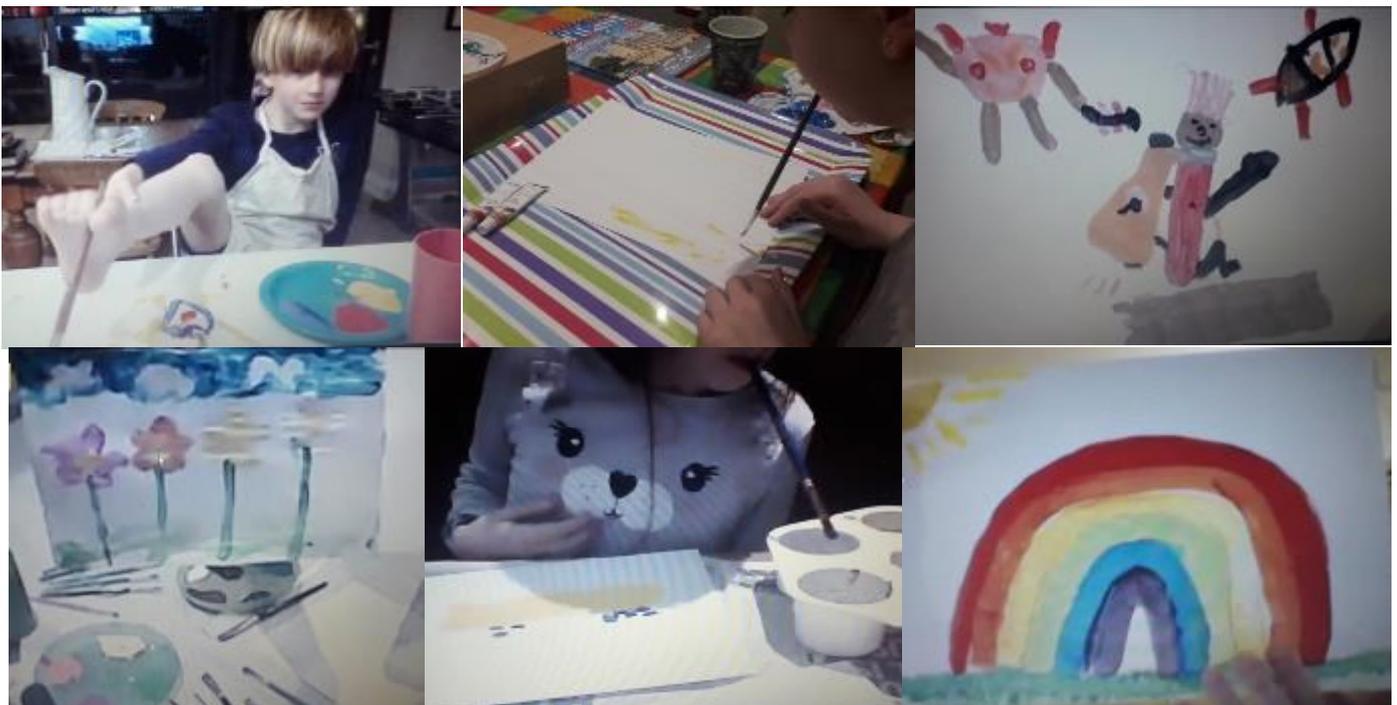


Scouts were joined by Hayley from The Forensic Experience. She has 14 years experience as a Crime Scene Investigator with the Metropolitan Police. She spoke to us about crime scenes, analysing fingerprints and answered many questions from the Scouts. Another interesting evening and many of the Scouts expressed an interest in forensics as a career!



1st FETCHAM CUBS

All 3 cub packs were joined by Robert Trent. Rob is a Mouth Painter, he spoke about his life and career and showed us some of his amazing art. The cubs then produced some masterpieces, produced by either foot or mouth painting, to show Rob. He was very impressed and encouraged everyone to keep enjoying and expressing themselves through art.



3rd BOOKHAM CUBS

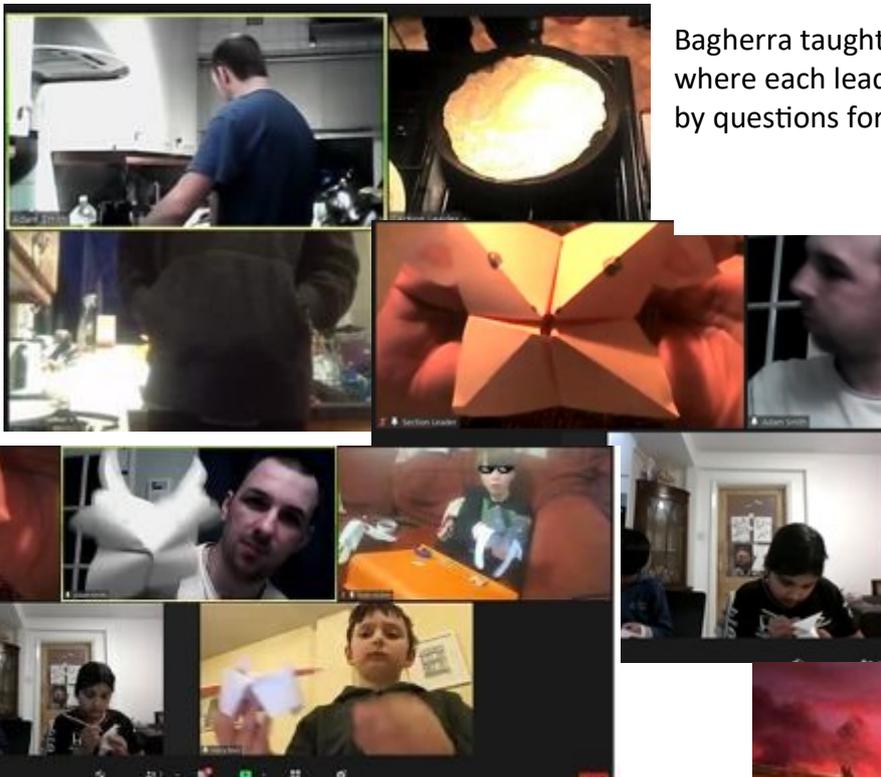


The Cubs have had a busy term on Zoom.

Rikki took us on a trip to China then we made an Ox and played with chopsticks.



Kaa cooked pizzas and pancakes with us and took us all about kitchen hygiene and safety.



Bagherra taught some knots. We had a quiz, where each leader did a round and followed by questions for the leaders.

The cubs` questions to us were quite tricky. We took part in a challenge evening in teams to see which team could earn the most points. We have parents joining in as well.

Rikki taught the cubs about navigation and finding places on maps from photos. They were very good at six figure grid references



1st FETCHAM CENTENARY PACK

Centenary Pack completed their Emergency Aid 2 badge tonight. We learned how to deal with minor burns, we had some great discussions and we learned how to deal with an unconscious casualty who is breathing! Thanks to all those who allowed their cub to practice the recovery position on them! We also did a recap of what we learned in the first emergency aid session, and the cubs had remembered so much!!!



cubs

1st FETCHAM BEAVERS

1st Fetcham Beavers celebrated Chinese New Year by making Chinese window flowers - well done beavers!



BEAVERS



COUNTY EVENTS



With the hope of COVID restrictions being lifted we have events to look forward to.

2021 – Beavers Reach for the Stars (Virtual camp) 21/05/2021

Beavers Go Wild 04-05/09/2021 Bentley Copse

2022 - Beavers Bazaaz 21/05/2022 Merrist Wood

Scouts – SCOUTABOUT (postponed from 2020) 01-03/07/2022 South of England Showground

2023 – Cubs SCRAM 17/06/2023 Hook Arena

2024 – Scouts SCOUTABOUT 28-30/06/2024 (provisional) South of England Showground

It is really good that Scoutabout will be run in 2022 so hopefully no scouts will miss out on the opportunity to experience this event.

Please do look at the County website for more details.

Take care of yourselves, thank you for all that you do for scouting in Leatherhead District and I look forward to seeing you at our virtual St Georges Day and then hopefully in person soon.

Benita Middleton

Chair Leatherhead District Executive Committee

BOIDIER HURST CAMPSITE COMMITTEE

Boidier Hurst campsite has received a bequest from Richard Shortman and the Management Committee would like to use the money for developments and improvements to the site.

We would like suggestions from scouters in Leatherhead District to consider at our next meeting in May 2021. If you have any suggestions please send via e-mail to:

Colin Thomas: chairman@boidierhurst.org.uk or Benita Middleton: treasurer@boidierhurst.org.uk

Join the Adventure

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Thank you to everyone that have contributed to this edition. It is much appreciated as I know that there are so many different challenges to overcome in delivering Scouting to the young people in the District at the moment.

Jenny Harlow
Scoutlook Editor



LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT DIRECTORY

If there are any errors, amendments or alterations to the District Directory please let me know as soon as possible as I try to keep it as up to date.



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
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