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## NEWSLETTER OF BANSTEAD SCOUTS

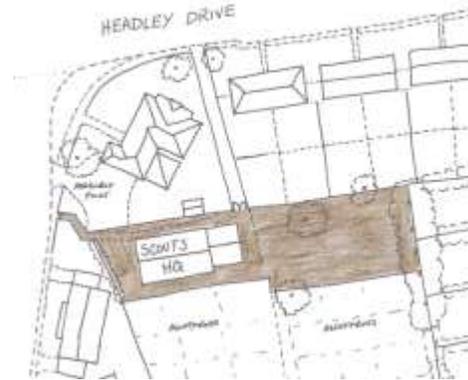
### Tickett Talk

What a very busy couple of months it has been. Many groups have been gearing up for Summer Fairs or camps as well as the AGM season being well underway. Congratulations to those who have held Family Camps or events in some truly awful weather! Roxanna Bostock, The County Commissioner, has attended three events at Park Farm to present awards and not of them has been warm and dry!

The big event for us as a District has been the Jubilee in the Park. What started as a plan for a bit of a bonfire for just our groups soon spread to become a town-wide event. Mark oversaw the planning and Len raised over £5000 in a short time to make it happen. It was an incredible success. About 3000 people turned up and spent the evening in the park. The fireworks at the end were stunning – check out the Jubilee page on the District website for pictures of the event and a video of the fireworks

<http://www.bansteadscouts.co.uk/jubilee.html>

Banstead Borough Council and the Surrey County Council plus other supportive parties.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Tattenhams

### Group History and HQ

1st Tattenhams (St. Marks) Scout Group was formed in 1954 meeting at St. Marks Church in Great Tattenhams with Michael Rogerson's father being the first Scout Master. In the 1960s the Group purchased a piece of land in Headley Drive since when it has been the Group's headquarters. The Group now own the freehold to this parcel of land but in addition lease an activity field from the Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

The first building on the land, a cedar clad building which is still standing but requires renovation. Our old timber framed asbestos clad second-hand building was replaced with a second hand pine log timber in 2008. This timber log building was dismantled in to over 1000 individually identified pieces transported to the HQ land and re-construction and fitting out all undertaken by the Group as a self-financing build project with some assistance of financial grants from the Reigate &

### Group sponsorship

St Mark's is a united congregation of Anglicans and Methodists, Our Group joins the Sunday at 10 family service every second Sunday in the month where our Flags are paraded into the Church.

### Group

Our Group has benefited from long serving leaders and executive members plus new members of the leadership team joining following our successful Family Camp in May 2011.

*Banstead District Scout Council  
President Mrs Diana Bowes  
Registered Charity Number 1036740*





## Beavers

In addition to the District Sleep over at Park Farm and LEGOLAND our Beavers had great fun during a morning of Climbing at Park Farm.

Check out the 'Cecil the Caterpillar' performed by the District Commissioner on our web page;  
<http://www.1sttattenhamsscouts.co.uk/photos/styled/index.html>  
 (The video is a dark but that's because it was dark!)

We are now planning the next Family Camp for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend (25/26/27<sup>th</sup> May 2013) at Park Farm.

Thanks to a keen member of our exec/parent our group has a great web page that has now seen over 700 hits since its launch.

<http://www.1sttattenhamsscouts.co.uk/>

The web page also holds the Group Calendar for activities and minibus bookings.

We continue to achieve great progress with badge work in each section with Chief Scout Awards being obtained in every section. We have also seen two leaders receive their Wood Badges and our Scout Leaders receive Commendations in recognition of their contribution to Scouting. In the Summer of 2010, in partnership with the District Explorers, we purchase a white LDV Convoy 16 seat + driver (with roof rack and tow bar) Mini Bus from The Beacon School. Despite a slow initial start our Mini bus is now getting a great deal of use.



## Cubs

Our Cubs have taken part in all of last year's District events such as the weekend camp at Chessington and Bowling. They also joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Nork Summer camp at Thriftwood in Essex.



## Scouts

Our Scouts section continues to develop and take part in many activities including Scoutabout weekend in 2011. Shooting at Woodmansterne HQ and Climbing at Craggy Island is always a favourite with our Scouts



# 1<sup>st</sup> Walton on the Hill

The Walton Scout & Guide HQ was demolished in August 2010 and replaced with a building of modular design. Fund raising to complete the building has continued over the last 2 years and we only need to complete the flooring and the disabled access before being able to return there for regular meetings.



## Beavers

What a year for the Beavers at 1st Walton-on-the-Hill! Our little colony has doubled in size and has earned lots of badges.

In the fall, we took part in the Beaver 25 Challenge and enjoyed a day at Legoland to celebrate with Beavers across Surrey. We had visits from a police officer and a flight attendant and met our local greengrocer. We learned to use computers and the internet safely and four of our Beavers took part in Jamboree on the Air.

During the cold months, we prepared sandwiches, made omelettes and built the sweetest Gingerbread house at our Christmas Party. We built things out of Meccano, Lego, junk and toilet rolls. We even made our own pinata!

This summer term, we hiked in Headley Heath, explored a nearby field, pitched a tent and played games in the park. We have splashed in some serious mud. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be hosting our own Beaver Olympics and eight of our Beavers will be attending Bazzaz!



## Cubs

The Cub Motto is *Do Your Best*, and our cubs sure have done their best! Since we haven't had a hall for the past 2 years finding places to meet hasn't always been easy but the cubs have adapted and had fun doing a number of activities in a variety of places and haven't let not having a hall disrupt them at all. We have spent a lot of time outdoors, either playing wide games, football, rounders or going for hikes through the local woods or doing a quizzes about Walton village

and St. Peter's church. We have also been swimming and have worked on some badges. The cubs have completed the Animal Carer badge and have also done their Promise Challenge badge. The cubs attended the St. George's day parade as part of this and read some of the prayers at the service.

More recently we have spent time preparing for the May Pageant. The theme this year was 'My Favourite Game'. We chose chess and spent a few enjoyable evenings painting our banner and making head dresses to turn ourselves into human chess



pieces, the cubs did a fabulous job as you can see in the picture.

During the summer we will be holding a weekend camp at Park Farm which we are looking forward to doing our Outdoor Challenge badge which will enable our oldest cub to gain the Chief Scout Silver Award.

## Scouts

A change in leadership at the troop in September gave a chance to refresh the programme. In the last few months, Walton Scouts have held a winter camp in December and in March they learned about other cultures at a weekend camp at Park Farm led by South African Scout leaders.

This Autumn's Ghost Walk started in Tadworth and ended in Walton. Along the way, scouts met a mad vicar leaning out of a tower window, a



bride with her bridesmaid's body in a suitcase trolley, a sweep who had been blown up by the vicar and landed in a tree far away and the sweep's mother who had killed the chef, her son's rival for the bride!

In March, three scouts entered the Surrey Scouts CycloCross competition and one gained the gold medal in the under 12 category. Other activities included pioneering, a lesson in fencing and the scouts packed bags at ASDA one Saturday to raise money to support future camps. The theme for the Walton May Pageant was 'My Favourite Game' and the scouts participated with a banner and costumes depicting Snakes and Ladders. The coming week-long summer camp with a survival theme is planned to maintain traditional aspects of



scouting in use over the last 100 years such as learning how to light fires and cook on them; how to make their own burners; how to safely use a knife plus loads of other essential scouting skills. Meetings have been held at Tattenham's HQ but this autumn we are finally returning to Walton where we have been developing, and hope to develop further, strong ties within the community.



## St Margaret's Scout Troop

The scouts from the Children's Trust are in their teens and early twenties and have multiple disabilities and complex health needs usually arriving in wheelchairs. Meetings are held in the Trust's School of Profound Education with Scout leaders assisted by a member of the school teaching staff.

Recently for the Public Relations badge, the scouts made a display to illustrate activities carried out over previous meetings for display in the School Premises for visitors to see. The model scarecrow illustrated the story of Worzel Gummidge that we read as a play. A collage of birds eating seeds with musical notes for the birdsongs we heard. Decorated cupcakes, Hot air ballooning and a snakes and ladders board complete with mini cardboard wheelchair counters, a well decorated with flowers for well-dressing, making pottery sheep out of clay, and a model rocket and fireworks picture painted using used tea bags covered in paint and thrown onto the paper to make a splashing effect.

During a hike around the grounds, scouts climbed up into the new tree house constructed and built as part of a TV programme called 'The Great Tree House Challenge'. The view from on high in the midst of the branches was a great experience.



Each scout in his or her wheelchair learned to tie a clove hitch round a large pole using a technique taught to us by John Atkins. One person holds one end of the rope and the wheelchair user takes the other loose end and walks round the pole and then under the held rope. A second person stands next to the pole so that on the next circuit the rope passes round their body as well as the pole. This time the wheelchair user goes over the held rope. The person with the rope around their waste wriggles out of the rope and the loose end is passed up through the loop they have left and is then pulled tight. If the

knot has been correctly executed, the pole can be lifted up by the rope without it slipping off.

Future meetings this term include a Sports Olympics, putting up a tent and lighting a fire with campfire songs, and Fairground side shows to which we will invite other residents of The Children's Trust.

### Dates for your Diary

#### June

12<sup>th</sup> - District AGM @ Park Farm

16<sup>th</sup> - Bazzaz

#### July

5<sup>th</sup> - GSLs meeting

#### August

#### September

23<sup>rd</sup> - Banstead District Challenge

26<sup>th</sup> - County AGM

#### October

6<sup>th</sup> - District Cub Cooking Competition

#### November

18<sup>th</sup> - District Cub Bowling Competition

#### December

6<sup>th</sup> - GSLs meeting

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