

Scouting News

by District Commissioner, Andy Parr

Scout Groups in Caterham have been very busy this month starting with the 'Roverdene Challenge' for Scouts. Teams of four hiked from Whyteleafe to Chaldon in a circular route, collecting points for visiting various check points. 30 teams entered from 11 local Groups and despite the wet weather, in high spirits they set off, crossing Kenley Airfield and Coulsdon Common carrying all their necessary equipment. One of the challenges was a game of darts, and with a maximum of 30 points available, five points was the most scored. A little bit more practice is required there. On arrival at Chaldon, they set up tents and cooked a meal whilst the results were calculated. The winners of the Scout trophy were 'Berties Babes', a team from the 1st Caterham. The District Explorer Scouts won the older age trophy.

The following day was the Beaver Scout 'Scrapheap Challenge'. Teams of Beaver Scouts had about an hour to assemble models of a jungle. 50 Beaver Scouts had great fun with glue, paint and sticky-back plastic assembling their idea of a jungle theme. The winners were from Woldingham Beaver Colony, and they will hold the trophy for a year.

It was reported in this newspaper that after 11 years, I have to stand down as District Commissioner. I am delighted to be able to tell you that John Andrews has been selected to take over. John has been a Leader in Caterham and Croydon for over 30 years. He comes with a wealth of experience gained during this time, and I know he will enjoy his time as DC. Caterham is a very successful District, and numbers are rising rapidly. It needs someone with John's experi-



Delighted trophy winners, the Woldingham Beaver Colony.

ence to be able to steer the District for the next five years. The hand-over won't take place for a couple of months though.

The answer to the question that people keep asking me is 'yes, I will still be involved in Scouting, but I don't know what role my new DC has earmarked for me'. Watch this space.

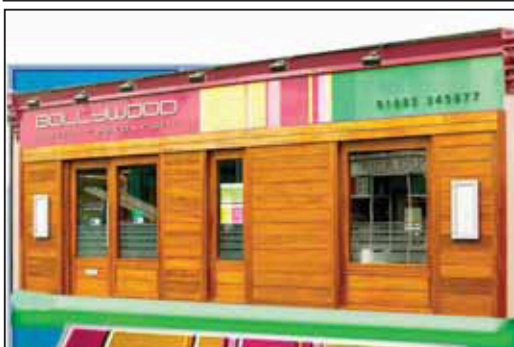
For more information on how you can help us run Scout Groups in the Caterham area, please contact Andy Parr on 01883 340561

The Scouts St. George's Day parade is on Sunday, 20th April, leaving Beechwood Road at 2.30 pm, arriving for the service at Timber Hill Road at 3.00 pm

Pauline's local greetings cards are a hit!

Caterham Hill resident, Pauline Harrison, is turning her photography skills into a successful new business with the launch of her website, localgreetingcards.co.uk. The cards depict local scenes, mainly photographed by Pauline herself with her Capio Wide Angle R5 digital camera. "It all started when I took a photo of the King & Queen pub for

some friends who were emigrating to Cyprus," explained Pauline. Since then, her portfolio of cards has extended to include images from Whyteleafe, Chaldon, Banstead and Old Coulsdon as well as Caterham. The cards can be bought from the website as well as in the Station Avenue, Caterham Valley post office, Whyteleafe post office and D.K. Floral Designs and the King & Queen pub in the High Street, Caterham Hill.



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