

# Scouting

September 2011

## In Surrey Heath District

### Andrew Philip House 1950 - 2011

It is with much sadness that we report the recent death of Andy House, Assistant County Commissioner for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network. Andy had been involved with Scouting for over 40 years. He began his Scouting career in Streatham before moving to Surrey Heath in 1989. He was Scout Leader at 7<sup>th</sup> Camberley for a number of years before becoming Assistant District Commissioner Scouts in 1997. Andy held this post for four years before taking on the role of District Explorer Scout Leader when Explorer Scouting began in 2002. He then moved on to County becoming Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts in 2005 and then adding Scout Network to his role in 2009. Andy was also an active member of the Special Needs team. He had a passion for Scouting and a man who would be there if you needed him. Andy will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.



### Surrey Heath Scout Shop URGENT NOTICE!!

Due to ill health Alf Shipman is no longer able to run the District Scout Shop and has stepped down as shop manager. We are endeavouring to keep the shop open but will require some considerable assistance to achieve this aim. In the short term I will be taking on the managing of the shop. I cannot do this without help. I am looking to set up a rota of volunteers to cover the Thursday evening and Saturday morning opening hours. If sufficient numbers volunteer the task should not be onerous. However, if volunteers are not forthcoming we might have to reconsider the viability of the shop in its current format.



Anyone able to help should contact me as soon as possible –  
[dc@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@surreyheathscouts.org.uk) / 01276 472519.

*David Hawkins*

*District Commissioner*

Items for forthcoming issues to be forwarded to:  
e-mail: [editor@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:editor@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)

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### Congratulations & Well Done!

The Chief Scout has made the following awards for good services to Scouting: -

#### Award for Merit

Neil Braybrooke-Tidy - *Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Frimley*

#### Chief Scout's Commendation

Kieron Goron - *Group Scout Leader, 1st Frimley*

Phaedra Keller - *Assistant Cub Scout Leader,*

*1st Frimley Green & Mytchett*

Les Marsden - *Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Frimley*

The following Length of Service Awards have recently been received in the District

#### 40 Year Service Award

Christine Hughes - *District Secretary*

#### 15 Year Service Award

Nick Watson - *Scout Leader, 1st Bisley*

#### 10 Year Service Award

Dave Richardson - *Explorer Scout Leader*

Chief Scout's Gold Award  
has been awarded to the following

Jonathan Brinklow - *4th Camberley*

#### Wood Badges

have been awarded to the following: -

Helen Adams - *Assistant Beaver Leader, 4th Frimley*

Rick Hooper - *Assistant Cub Leader, 4th Camberley*

Calum Birkby - *Assistant Cub Leader, West End*

Andy Hall - *Assistant Cub Leader, 1st Bisley*

Jatinder Sangha - *Assistant Cub Leader, West End*

### District Directory No 29 amendments

#### Insert

*District Treasurer* - Eleanor Phillips

Email - [treasurer@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)

*Appointment Committee Chairman* - Diane Wild

Email - [dianewild@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:dianewild@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)



## Diary Dates

### September

19 Cub Leaders' meeting Bisley HQ  
23-25 Scout Camping Challenge Polyapes

### October

1 Cub Chess Competition Lightwater HQ  
8/9 County Beaver celebration Legoland  
15 Cub Great Egg Race Lightwater HQ  
19 Beaver Leaders' meeting

### November

19 **Beaver hike & camp fire (tbc)**  
19 Cub Climbing Wall  
20 Cub Climbing Wall  
26 Cub Climbing Wall  
27 Cub Climbing Wall



### December

6 Team meetings St Mary's

### 2012

#### February

18/19 PL Training Weekend Walton Firs

#### March

11 Scout / Explorer Expedition Training Day  
24/25 Scout / Explorer Expedition Weekend

#### April

27-29 Sixers' Camp Polyapes

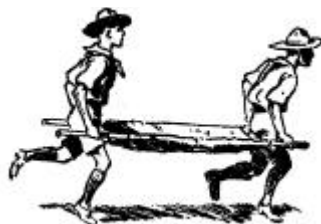
#### June

16 Bazzaz Cranleigh

**NOTE to GSLs & Group Chairmen** - please take these dates into consideration when you are planning your Group Meetings and camps / outing so that section leaders do not have a dilemma on their hands.

## First Response Course

**D**on't forget that most First Aid qualifications are only valid for three years. When a full appointment is renewed you must have an up to date First Aid qualification. Surrey Heath will be holding a First Response course (9.30 am - 2.30 pm, lunch provided) on Sunday 18th September 2011 at 1st Lightwater Scout HQ. No cost for Surrey Heath members.



To book a place contact Christine Hughes: -  
[secretary@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)

## Special Needs

**G**roup Visits – Since starting these we have now completed 125 visits with more in the pipeline. This has given us a valuable opportunity to meet many of you around the County and to raise awareness of Special Needs amongst you and the young people in your sections. Thanks to all who have invited us so far.

If you would like us to visit your section then email:  
[specialneeds@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:specialneeds@surrey-scouts.org.uk)

*Peter Hills*

*Assistant County Commissioner, Special Needs*

## Operation Triangle 2011 – 26 / 27 November

**I**am the DESC of East Grinstead and we are running the Triangle Night Hike for Explorers again this year. This is a night exercise for teams of 4 Explorer Scouts. The exercise involves hiking approximately 13 – 14 miles across country (longer if they get lost!). Teams will process along the course as directed, reporting at the various incident and checkpoints.

Any teams interested should email for a copy of the rules and application form

Email: [EGExplorers@BTInternet.com](mailto:EGExplorers@BTInternet.com)  
Phone: 01342 322679 Mobile: 07740 349505

*Peter Smith*

*District Explorer Scout Commissioner, East Grinstead*

## Scout Camping Challenge

**T**his is a weekend camp designed to not only be a competition but also a chance to learn new skills. All your Troop needs to do is enter one or more teams to take part. We accept patrols of 4-6 Scouts made up of a PL, APL and 2-4 Scouts of a varied age range. The Patrols do not have to be a regular Patrol at your Troop evenings. The PL and APL can be acting just for the weekend.



Details have been circulated to Troops. For further information contact:

[robinhooper@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:robinhooper@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)

*Robin Hooper*

*Assistant District Commissioner, Scouts*

## Beaver / Cub Football 5-a-side

Very well done to all who came along to our summer 5-a-Side at the end of June. I hope you all enjoyed the morning and we even managed to finish on time.

We had 10 Cub teams, including one each from Chobham and Lightwater, which made a very competitive tournament, plus 3 Beaver teams from West End, Lightwater and a mixed team from 4th Camberley and 4th Frimley, giving them a taste of what football and the Cub extra activity is all about. We hope they are able to continue football into the Cubs when they move up.



Everyone received a trophy on the day as a memento. The matches were all close scores with the main semi-finals going to penalties and even the final only being 1 - 0, which I'm doubly proud of as the Cub winners were one of my teams at 4th Frimley (not that I managed them on the day). Lightwater Beavers were victorious and have a good squad of players - just ideal for Cubs next season or so!

Thanks to all the parents for support and managing teams while our regular Managers refereed some 36 matches. Many thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

We will be holding a pre-season 5-a-side in October (probably 8<sup>th</sup> October). Details to be circulated in early September.

*Bob Ward*

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## Broadstone Warren

Broadstone Warren Scout Site and Activity Centre are running Forester Badge courses in the autumn.

Forester Badge course (for those who have not done the course before) on 28–30 October 2011.

Forester Badge course (for those who have not done the course before) on 18–20 November 2011.

Forester Instructors course (for those who have completed a Forester Badge course) on 28–30 October 2011. This will be run alongside the Forester Badge Course, but will look at forestry in greater depth and will include elements on instructing skills.

The Forester Badge that is run by Broadstone Warren is an intensive course that involves hard work of a physical nature, and is not suitable for younger Scouts. As a result all participants must be at least 11 years of age. Applicants for the instructor course must be at least 12 ½ years old. Both courses are open to Explorer Scouts.

For further information contact Broadstone Warren.  
Email: [enquiries@broadstonewarren.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@broadstonewarren.org.uk)

## Pakistan one year on: how we made a difference

Last year Surrey Heath Scouts purchased a Shelter Box that was sent to Pakistan and we have just received a letter with an update on the situation in Pakistan.

“In 2010 Pakistan suffered the worst flooding it had seen for more than 80 years. The floods began in late July after unremitting monsoon rains and soon around one-fifth of the land was submerged by water. As a member of the ShelterBox team who worked to help those affected by this disaster, I wanted to share a personal story about one family I met during that time.

I came across Abdurazar, his wife Rahmat and their five children struggling to survive with no shelter and little food. They had fled their village, Bash Rangoo, to escape the rising flood water which had completely destroyed their home - they had lost everything. Homeless, Abdurazar felt he needed to stay with his family to keep them safe, but this meant he could not work and earn money to buy food and support them.

Abdurazar was just one of the 11 million people who lost their homes in the flooding and were forced to live in wretched conditions, beside roads, sleeping in the open, with little food or clean water. On that day I was able to give Abdurazar's family their own ShelterBox and this gift meant they now had somewhere they could call their own.

Your ShelterBox was among the 8,767 delivered to families like Abdurazar's in Pakistan, By October 2010 we had helped over 140,000 people.

My words will not be able to express the gratitude of Abdurazar and his family when they received their ShelterBox. The tent meant they now had a home, Abdurazar was able to go to work and his family could start to rebuild their lives.



Thank you for continuing to support our work.

Yours sincerely

*Mark Pearson*

*Field Operations Specialist  
ShelterBox”*

## Surrey Search & Rescue

I am writing to you on behalf of Surrey Search & Rescue. We are a volunteer search and rescue organisation that is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We work closely with the emergency services to locate missing people by searching both on foot and with specially trained dogs. We are called out to help locate the most vulnerable people in our community such as children and the elderly. All of the members of our team are volunteers who give both their time and knowledge for free.



Following a presentation at Woking Scouts District AGM in June we are looking to visit the various Scout sections to tell your young people about what we do and how we use our skills to locate and help missing people. Although the presentation to Woking District Scouts was a standard presentation we are looking to provide a variety of presentation methods from talking about what we do, bringing along some of our equipment and dogs to going out with the young people and giving them a practical demonstration of what we do and how we locate missing people. We are looking to start these presentations starting in the autumn term this year.

I would be most grateful if you would pass this E-mail down through your communication networks to the Group Scout Leaders and Section Leaders in you District.

Many thanks in advance and we look forward to visiting some of your sections over the coming terms.  
Email: [Stuart.Clark@sursar.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.Clark@sursar.org.uk)

*Stuart Clark*

*Education Coordinator*

**Surrey Search & Rescue (SurSAR)**  
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## World Scout Jamboree

Do your young people want to know what it was like to attend the recent World Scout Jamboree in Sweden? All you need to do is contact either Helena or Chris and they will be happy to share their recent experiences with your section.

Email them at:  
[helena@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:helena@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)  
[chris@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:chris@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)

## Santa Specials at Woking Miniature Railway

**Beaver and Cub Santa Special**  
at  
**Barrs Lane, Knaphill, Woking GU21 2JW**  
**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**  
**10.30 am to 3 pm**

This is a very popular event and we would like to invite your groups to attend this year. It will be held at the railway on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December (this will be a private event and members of the public will not be admitted).

When groups arrive at a previously arranged time, they go on the train and during the journey stop at Santa's Halt where they are greeted by Santa and receive a present selected for their particular age group. On arriving back at the Station they go to the Station Building where refreshments are served. The cost for adults and children is £7.00 but for group bookings for 10 or more received by the 1st December the cost is £6.00 each. It is essential that advance booking is made.



Book early to avoid disappointment. Times are allocated to reduce waiting times.

Advance booking is required. For more information:  
Telephone - 020 8890 1978

