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REPORT FROM GODALMING AND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE FOR GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

The Beaver community is vibrant with the two new colonies benefitting from the experience of their longer-standing colleagues. The 1st Busbridge beaver colony is now established and offering an exciting programme of activities. Getting parents involved in Beavers Go Wild had the beneficial effect of encouraging some of them to get more involved with scouting.

There are now seven Cub packs in the district, having been joined by 4th Godalming. They are all full and running good varied programmes, coming to terms with the new badges and, in particular, concentrating on the new Challenge badges. Several of the packs are expecting to have Cubs completing their Chief Scout's Silver Award. About half the packs have organised summer camps, but there is a shortage of Nights Away trained Leaders in the District. This is probably the reason for there being no District Camp this year, as none of the experienced Leaders has time to organise, or shadow one of the less-experienced Leaders.

A joint District Scout and Cubs' swimming Gala was held at King Edward's School in January, which was very well attended. 1st Milford won the Cub section and 1st Farncombe the Scouts and Overall titles. A District Level Cub quiz was also held, won by the pack from Saint Peter and Saint Paul who went on to achieve joint 2nd place at the final County Event.

All 5 of the Scout troops are full. 3 of them took part in the District Expedition and 80 scouts attended Scoutabout. Chief Scout's Gold awards were presented at Milford.

There are 25 Aquila Explorers on the books at present, with a regular attendance by about 20 of them. A couple of Explorers offered to help at Beavers Go Wild.

The Canoe club has had its most successful year with a high number of taster sessions, sessions for Cubs, Scouts and external groups and will be heading to France for a trip this summer.

In November the Godalming scouts' movement joined with Rotary to help the Town Council put on its brilliant fireworks event.

It was delightful to see so many of our young people taking advantage of the activities on offer at Frantics last weekend. Deluges and mud did nothing to dampen their enthusiasm!

All in all the Godalming and District Scout movement is thriving, but, as is ever the case, could do with more Leaders to cope with waiting lists.

LIZ WHEATLEY

May, 2018

THE FAIRTRADE STEERING GROUP REPORT: MAY, 2018

Two very positive things to mention since my last report in February, 2016 are the fact that Surrey has now been declared a Fairtrade County and Godalming has reconfirmed its Fairtrade status.

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions for poor farmers, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for all workers in developing countries. This has the added effect of freeing up the children of poorer families from working in the fields and enables them to get an education.

The Fairtrade mark is a hard-earned internationally recognised gold standard which guarantees producer groups a price that covers: the cost of production; a social premium to invest in business or community development; long-term trading relationships and advanced payments. Fairtrade protects the livelihood of poor small scale producers from the developing world and offers protection for their income against the financial pressures of international trade by guaranteeing them a fair price for their products.

The Godalming Fairtrade Town Steering Group does its best locally to maintain the profile of Fairtrade in people's minds and thanks the various churches and supermarkets for their support in this task. During Fairtrade Fortnight in February this year a highly successful coffee morning was held at St John's Church, Farncombe, opened by our former Mayor Cllr Mrs Anne Bott. There was also a Fairtrade sale at the Unitarian Chapel, the sale of Fairtrade coffee and biscuits at Charterhouse as well as a Fairtrade stall in Crown Court.

Emphasising the importance of Fairtrade in the town the steering group, with its very limited resources, also managed an appearance at the Spring Fair; a presence at local school fairs; two dedicated Fairtrade Days in November; a pre-Christmas charity fair in Farncombe; a stall at the Christmas 'Town Day' street market and a stall at the Waverley Mayor's Christmas Fair. If they had more personnel to call on, they would also be able to take advantage of the offer of a stall at the Farmers' Markets, but lack of volunteers precludes this at the moment.

Actually, the lack of volunteers is becoming critical. Dick Higgins sadly died last year and June has announced her imminent retirement. June has been the mainstay of the Godalming Steering Group for many years. The group is immensely grateful to her but also to Edouard and Jenny Le Maistre and Luke Mose. However, unless more people come forward very soon to offer their services, the future looks very bleak.

Liz Wheatley

May 2018

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