



A Donation to the 1st Burstow Scouts

Surrey Companions recently donated over £10k towards the 150th Appeal national total of £360k. Three Surrey charities have benefitted from our generosity: Princess Alice Hospice; Merstham, Redhill & Reigate Age Concern; and 1st Burstow Scouts.

On Thursday the 15th of May the 1st Burstow scouts received a payment of £3,000 from the Order of Royal & Select Masters 150th Anniversary appeal. The cheque was presented to Group Scout Leader Rowenna Woodward by our District Grand Master, Bill Caughie; seen here with the Scout Group Chairman, Stephen Hall; Max Woodward, Group Secretary; and Rowenna Woodward, Group Scout Leader. Both Max and Stephen are Freemasons.



For the scouts this amount will make a huge difference in the refurbishment of the Scout Hall at Burstow. ‘Our target is to refurbish the lighting system in the scout hall and install LED lighting, saving energy and lowering our bills. We also want to improve the facilities in the hall’ said Max Woodward’.

‘Our recent fund-raising efforts were mainly the London to Brighton bike ride each year when a refreshment facility was offered to the riders. Unfortunately, due to a restriction in the number of riders this event has become uneconomical’ said Stephen Hall, Group Chairman. *‘On behalf of all the children using our hall we would like to thank the Masonic Order of Royal & Select Masters for their very generous donation’.*

The Group was first opened in 1910 and has been open continuously since, except for a short period when meetings were suspended as there was a shortage of Leaders. There are approximately 45 young people aged from 6 to 15 (boys and girls) currently registered as active Scout members who benefit from the Scout Programme and Scout Activities. They have an enthusiastic and dedicated team of adult volunteers, ably supported by Young Leaders. Scouting at 1st Burstow is an adventure, providing opportunities for young people and adult volunteers to develop leadership and team skills through camping, adventurous activities, and international travel. They undertake expeditions, and take part in activities including climbing, abseiling, shooting, paintballing, and archery.





A Greek Night in support of the Royal & Select Masters and Red Cross of Constantine Charities



A fundraising evening was held on Friday the 30th of May at the Greek Vine Restaurant in Wallington. This was to raise funds for the Royal and Select Masters District Grand Master's Benevolent Fund and the Red Cross of Constantine Grand Sovereign's Fund for Children

This most enjoyable event was in the form of a Greek meze dinner followed by entertainment from the lead singer of the 1970s band The Hollies.

A most enjoyable time was had by all, and the total raised for the two charities was just over £1,000.

Thanks again to Alan and the Tooting Boys for a very successful and enjoyable evening.



