

Walton & Weybridge District Scouts

from Walton, Weybridge, Oatlands & Hersham

St. George's Day Parade 2023

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Sunday 23rd April 2023

Parade Orders & Orders for the Parade

1. General

- 1.1 The parade is to assemble at Walton Firs Training Hut at 1.30pm in Walton Firs Activity Centre, Covent Lane, Cobham, KT11 1HB. Formation is as per the attached diagrams.
- 1.2 The parade, led by The Band, the District Colour Party (carrying the Union Flag & the Flag of St. George), the District Commissioner, the Mayor of Elmbridge, the District Chairman and any other VIPs, will march off at 2.00 pm in the order:
1st Walton, 1st Weybridge, 4th Walton, 4th Weybridge, 9th Walton, 1st Hersham, Oatlands, all District Explorers, all District Network, SASU
- 1.3 Each Group is to parade together as one, marching two abreast in close order. The GSL or Scouter-in-Charge is to lead their Group, followed by **Beavers, Cubs then Scouts**. Each section is to be led by the Section Leader followed by the section's colour party. Assistant Leaders are to form up at the rear of their section. Note: Explorer Scouts will march as a separate unit following behind all seven of the District Scout Groups.
- 1.4 Parents will not be permitted to join the parade and will only watch as the parade progresses from the side-lines. Parents will be advised to leave the premises once the parade has passed/ended.
- 1.5 It is expected that the whole column will contain between 300 and 400 participants.

2. Protocol

- 2.1 The District Parade Commander will bring the parade to the alert with all facing him
- 2.2 The District Colour Party (the Union Flag and the St. George's Flag) will then march past the whole parade, being saluted only by Group Scout Leaders and Section Leaders as the flags pass them. The District Colour Party will come to a halt behind the band. The District Parade Commander will then order the whole parade to "Right Turn", he will signal the Band to strike up and then order the parade to "Forward March Slow Pace"
- 2.3 Colours must be carried vertically, held in the right hand with the knuckles forward. Ideally the colours should be allowed to 'fly' but should be gathered if there is any noticeable wind.
- 2.4 Section leaders must ensure that they have a flag bucket for their own flag bearer and that the strap is worn over the left shoulder

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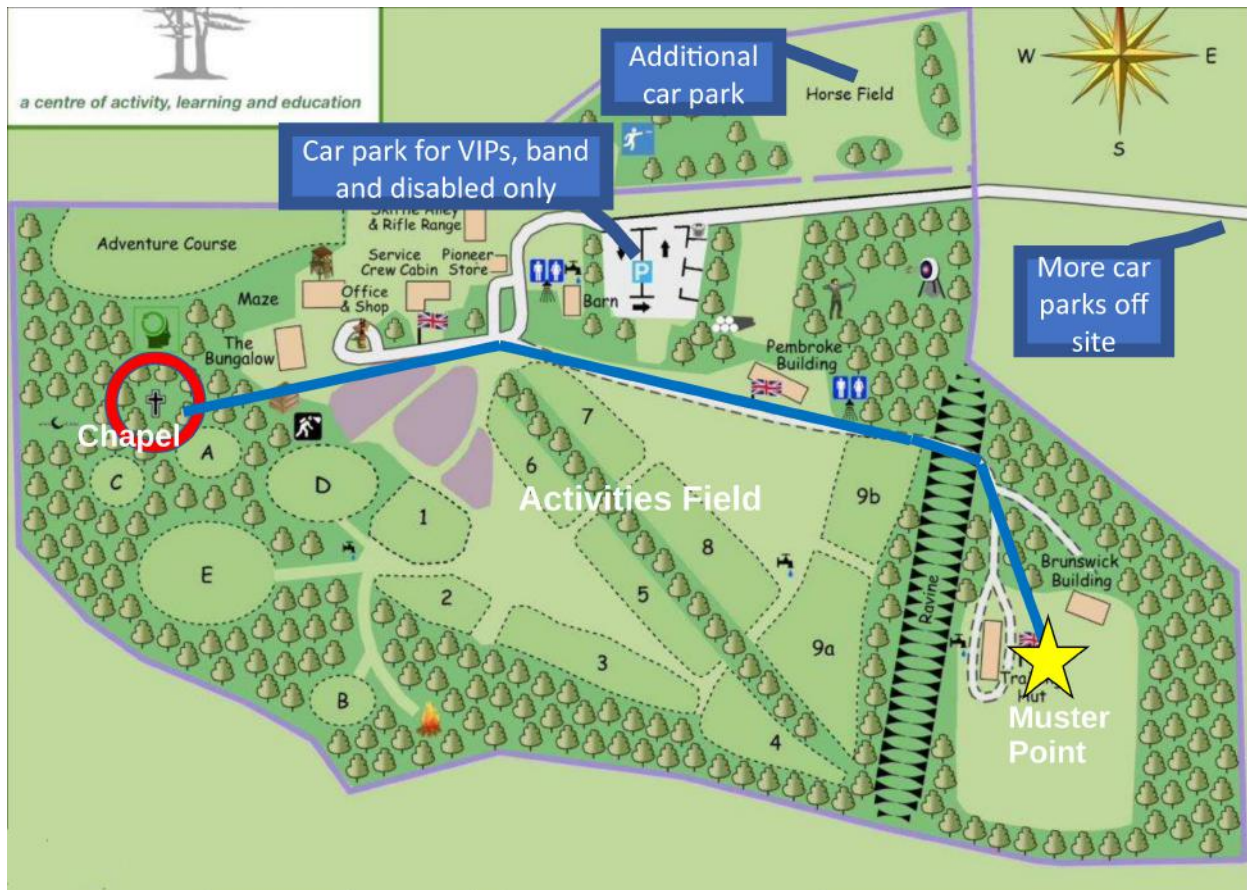
2.5 Reasonable quiet is expected in the ranks.

2.6 It may be necessary to lower flags as they pass down the footpath to the Chapel

3. Route

3.1 The map below shows the route within the grounds. There will be no walking on roads.

3.2 Arrive at Walton Firs Chapel beyond The Bungalow at approximately 2.15pm



4. The Chapel & Service

4.1 As the parade enters the Chapel, all of the District flags stop outside and form up on either side of the entrance path, creating an 'avenue' of flags, by the time the whole column has gone in. Only the District Colours (Union Flag, & The Flag of St. George carried by Scouts of the host group 1st Walton), along with the others of the host group (Beaver Flag, Cub Flag, Scout Flag), enter the Chapel to be presented during the first hymn. All other flags are left in the entrance porch and collected at the end of the service.

4.2 All Beavers from the District sit together, as do all Cubs, all Scouts and all Explorer Scouts. 1st Walton are to arrange such seating.

4.3 A PA system is to be set up in the Chapel allowing the whole District to hear the service

4.4 The front pews are reserved for VIPs

4.5 There will be a collection in the church, with plate bearers organized by the host group

4.6 The service in the Chapel will take place between the end of the parade and 2:45pm.

5. Dress Code

- 5.1 Groups, Units and Leaders are to be smartly turned out in full uniform. Footwear is not going to be strictly judged as everyone will be encouraged to wear footwear suitable for marching on grass, with a potential for it to be wet.
- 5.2 No outer garments are to be worn unless the weather is bad, then a waterproof can be carried in readiness.
- 5.3 Only Scouting decorations are to be worn in the appropriate position

6. Beaver Scout Colonies

- 6.1 GSLs or Scouters-in-Charge are to ensure that all Colonies are adequately supervised with the correct ratio of Adults to youngsters

7. Dismissal

- 7.1 No formal dismissal is to take place. At 5pm parents should collect their children from the appropriate group base within the activity field.

8. Car Parking & Access to site

- 8.1 Space in the main Walton Firs car park will be reserved for the Band, the Mayor and other VIPs and for disabled parking. Leaders and helpers arriving early with equipment will be able to unload but may then be asked to move their vehicle to the Horse Field.
- 8.2 All participants are advised to arrive / drop their children off between 1:00 and 1:30pm ready for the parade to start promptly at 2:00pm.
- 8.3 All participants are asked to enter Convent Lane from Seven Hills Road entrance gate and to follow the instructions of marshals to a car park or drop-off zone. On leaving drivers should exit Convent Lane at the Portsmouth Road, Cobham end to reduce congestion and delays.
- 8.4 Children being dropped off will be guided and monitored safely up to Walton Firs by marshals on duty

9. Marshals

- 9.1 Each of the Districts seven groups are required to provide two parade marshals, with a High-Viz Jacket. These will operate under the direction of the host group 1st Walton's Lead Marshal, Simon Hooper. Their duties will be to direct drivers into the correct car park or drop-off zone and subsequently to direct pedestrians via a safe route to the Muster area.
- 9.2 A detailed parking plan using the Horse Field and the three Notre Dame School car parks is available at <https://events.waltonviking.uk/event-information/st-georges-day-2023/> , principally for the use of the Marshals.
- 9.3 All marshals must arrive at Walton Firs by 12.30pm at the latest for a full briefing by the host group's lead marshal, Simon Hooper

10. Activities after Chapel Service

- 10.1 Following the Chapel Service, ending around 2:45pm, there will be an afternoon of activities for the young people lasting until 5.00pm.
- 10.2 There will be drinks and refreshments provided for the District

10.3 All activities will be closed at 5.00pm promptly in preparation for the District to come together and leave ready for collection

11. First Aiders

11.1 Each Group is to appoint a competent First Aider to be responsible for their Group and these will (usually leaders) march with the parade.

12. Communication

12.1 It is essential that all GSLs, Scouters-in-Charge and Section Leaders forward all the correct documentation to each parent informing them of the essential information in this document (see **point 13** for all the documentation).

12.2 Scouting has enjoyed 100 years of parades in Walton without any significant problems, so we are expecting everything to go very smoothly as it has in past parades.

13. Other Documents

13.1 In addition to this document the other documents issued to clarify the whole event are the *Parade and Activity Risk Assessments*, the *Parade Muster Area and Parade Route Diagram* and the *Instructions for Car Parking Marshals*. All these, as well as the *Instructions for Parents* and *Permission Form* are available online at <https://events.waltonviking.uk/event-information/st-georges-day-2023/>

13.2 Please can all GSLs/Scouters-in-charge/Section Leaders forward the *Instructions for Parents* and *Permission Form* to all parents in your Sections.

13.3 **The Order of Service** at Walton Firs' Chapel is prepared by the host Group: 1st Walton and handed out / advised by them at the chapel

Appendix – Parade Order

The Colour Party consists of 1st Walton Scout Troop carrying the Union Flag, the flag of St George and their Troop Flag.

The diagram below shows the position of all participants before the colour party parade in front of the waiting sections. After the colour party have marched past the sections the parade forms up behind them in pairs in the following order:

Band → 1st Walton Scouts → VIPS → 1st Walton B – C – S → 1st Weybridge B – C – S → 4th Walton B – C – S → 4th Weybridge B – C – S → 9th Walton B – C – S → 1st Hersham B – C – S → Oatlands B – C – S → District Explorers → District Network → Parade Commander Callum Stewart (District Youth Commissioner)

Each unit leader is to carefully choose a flag bearer who will stand at the front of their section with their section leader(s).

See Parade Muster Order Diagram below:

Parade Muster Order Diagram

