

## St George's Day 2023 Parade

I am writing to you regarding this year's St George's Day event being hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Walton Group.

### Where, When and the Event Timetable

This year's event is taking place at Walton Firs Activity Centre, Covent Lane, Cobham, KT11 1HB on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 1:30pm – 5pm.

The Parade is to assemble at the Training Hut at **1:30pm** ready to begin at **2:00pm** (please see muster location map attached). Please aim to arrive/ drop your children off between 1:00 and 1:30pm.

Parents are welcome to stay for the parade, however will be advised to leave the premises once the parade has ended (about 2:15pm). After the service, there will be an afternoon of activities for the young people. Parents assisting with the afternoon activities, can stay after the parade and service. We regret we will not be able to accommodate parents in the Chapel due to lack of space.

At the end of the afternoon parents should collect their children from the appropriate group base within the activity field. All parking at the end of the afternoon will be off-site and marshals will direct you where to park and how to find your group base on the activity field.

### Dress code and what to bring

All Scouts (*i.e.*, all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network members, Active Support Unit Members and Warranted Leaders and Helpers) are to be smartly turned out in full uniform. Smart footwear is not necessary as everyone will be encouraged to wear suitable footwear for the activities taking place after the parade and Chapel service. Only Scouting decorations are to be worn in the appropriate position.

Every Young Person (*i.e.*, all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers) should carry a copy of the completed permission form.

### Refreshments

Some refreshments will be provided: squash and biscuits. All Scouts might bring a named bottle of water which can be left at their Group's base.

### Covid 19 Measures

- Please do not attend if you or your child is unwell
- Any participants who develop symptoms during the event should return home as soon as possible. Parents must be prepared to collect their child at short notice if necessary.
- The day is all open-air aside from certain activities such as shooting. The parade, chapel and majority of activities are taking place outside.
- Participants may wear a face covering both inside and outside if they wish
- Regular hand washing will be advised with hand sanitiser positioned at every activity

### Wet Weather Arrangements

The weather is forecast to be cloudy but dry. A jacket can be carried in readiness for bad weather but should not be worn during the parade unless the weather is bad. In the event of bad weather, the afternoon will still be going ahead, with minimal changes to the program.

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

We strongly encourage the sharing of cars as parking is limited and to reduce overall traffic congestion in the area, some of which is residential.

You should enter Convent Lane from the north end (the gated entrance off Seven Hills Road). Marshals will direct you to a car park or to the drop-off point. Both of these will be off the Walton Firs site for all but the earliest arrivals.

Please leave Convent Lane at the south end with a left turn onto Portsmouth Road in Cobham. To reach the A3 roundabout do a U-turn at the Sainsbury's roundabout.

### **Final Notes**

This letter, together with maps and other information, is available on the host group's web site at <https://events.waltonviking.uk/event-information/st-georges-day-2023/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Parade Commander at [callumc.stewart@ntlworld.com](mailto:callumc.stewart@ntlworld.com) or [07939 157416](tel:07939157416).

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day which promises to be great blend of reflection, renewal of promises, and exciting outdoor activities for the whole district to enjoy.

Best wishes,

Nick.

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