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## COULD SOUTH KOREA 'BE PREPARED' FOR WHAT HAPPENED AT SCOUT JAMBOREE

By Adam Challis

Some of you may have helped support one of our local lads, Adam Challis, in his fundraising efforts to take part in the 25th World Scout Jamboree. This was held in South Korea between the 1st to 12th August 2023. Organized by the World Scout

share culture, experiences, and friendship, and put global citizenship into practice.

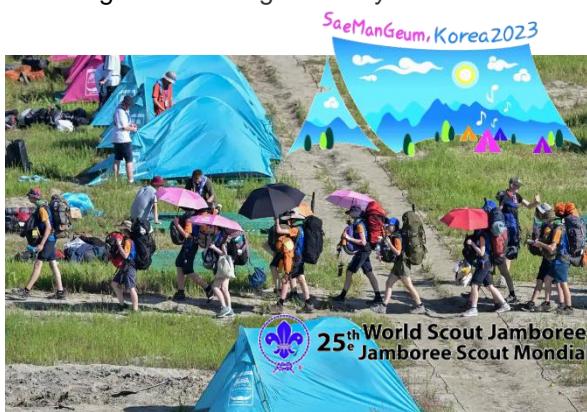
You may have read in the national press that this was a nightmare for many British Scouts. Unfortunately, the vast camp site, held on reclaimed land at Saemangeum was poorly prepared. Soon after arriving the scouts were met with inadequate conditions, such as insufficient and filthy sanitary conditions, no shade in the 40+ degrees, mosquito bites and minimal catering for anyone with food allergies. This meant the onsite hospital became overwhelmed with admissions and all onsite activities were cancelled.

The situation then got worse when a typhoon was forecast to hit the region. The UK, USA and Singaporean Scouts took the decision in the interest of the safety, to remove them from the site. The rest of the Scouts from across the globe soon followed and the jamboree was cancelled. A small army of busses were deployed and Adam and his fellow Scouts from Hampshire were taken to the capital city Seoul. As you can imagine to find accommodation for 5,000 UK scouts at short notice was a challenge. However, in true scout fashion, they overcame. Adam spent the first night sleeping on a ballroom floor in a 5\* Hotel in his sleeping bag. Not as bad as it sounds as he was able to use the onsite Spa that evening to freshen up. The next day the hotel was able to provide bedrooms for scouts. Adam shared a room with two other scouts from Hampshire. This still meant they had wash and clean their clothes, but in their on-site bathroom!



The following days the UK Scout leaders continued to be amazing and put together an itinerary of events with no notice in and around Seoul. The South Korean people were very apologetic and embraced the Scouts from across the globe with big smiles and open arms. Over the following days a "K-Pop" concert was arranged, tickets to a professional football club match, visits to temples/palaces and the South Korean Presidents' home amongst many other adventures.

This was a very different trip to what was planned, but as equally rewarding and exciting for Adam. He would do it again with a drop of a hat, if given the opportunity. He made some life long friends and learnt the value of being prepared, look after each other and remain positive. An inspiration to all of us!



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*By the Editor*

As we head into Autumn, we could say that it has been anything but a normal summer! May and June were uncomfortably hot and then came the wettest July and August imaginable. You could be forgiven for saying we were robbed of a summer this year. Thankfully the season finished off with what turned out to be a very pleasant 'Indian Summer' with warm temperatures well into October.

But, as the nights begin to draw, in it is approaching the time to consider that Christmas is only a couple of months away. NMDCA have organised a coach trip to the Bath Christmas market. We still have a small number of seats available, so if you missed our earlier promotion of this outing, you can contact the editor email to reserve a space.

As we have had a good response we should be able to reduce the cost of the seats to £22 per person, from our original estimate of £25. Last time we organised this trip in those heady days before Covid, it was deemed a huge success and we had

some very enthusiastic messages from residents to say how much they had enjoyed it.

Following our AGM the makeup of the committee remains pretty much unchanged although Richard, our treasurer, has warned us that he would like to stand down at the end of this financial year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work on the accounts, and as a longstanding chairman of the committee in the past. If anyone would be willing to offer their services as treasurer, we would love to hear from you. Our accounts are pretty straightforward so it would not be an onerous task.

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# LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

By David Pragnell (Chandler's Ford Councillor)

Good news for users of the 44 bus.

Our driver thus far has been Darren. He travels every day from the north of the county to provide us with a bus service. Sometimes he has been caught in traffic following events on the M3 that create timetable issues.

The good news is that Darren has trained two new drivers, and we understand that they start in the next few days.

I'm sure that everyone that has benefitted from the bus service will wish Darren well, and we thank him for his commitment to the service. I'm glad to say we haven't lost Darren, he will be remaining in touch and will offer support if needed in the future.

The 44 Route is circular, starting and finishing in Eastleigh but going alternately clockwise then anticlockwise. This means that it will pass through North Miller's Dale on each route but in opposite directions.

You can get the bus to Eastleigh on either route, but the roads passed on the way will be different, as will the time taken for the journey. The first bus to Eastleigh is at 08:15, and the last bus home from Eastleigh leaves the bus station at 17:15. Below are the times at which a 44 bus can be caught in North Miller's Dale near the Hiltonbury Farmhouse.

08:15	09:07
10:14	11:07
12:14	15:07
14:14	
16:14	17:40



## PACKAGE FREE SELLER IN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

By Doreen Lewry

As you might have noticed, the Miller's Tale likes to support our local shops. One of my favourite places is the Spinney 53, in Mayflower Close, Chandlers Ford Industrial Estate. This is our nearest zero waste shop which sells all sorts of things - from pasta, cereals, seeds, nuts, to chocolates, snacks and small gifts, toiletries, cleaning stuffs as well as a whole heap of other items from local traders. Every time I go in, I notice something I hadn't seen before. Some days there are sourdough breads and cakes for a special treat. You can also pause and enjoy a coffee and chat.

Leah, the owner, will always give you a great welcome. She had a passion for reducing our use of single use plastics and food waste and so opened The Spinney 53. She offers us sustainable, ecofriendly and handmade products that are sourced locally where possible. Take your own containers and fill them up with as much or as little as you need. There are always extra containers there if you see something else you would like! Leah regularly does a price check with local supermarkets, to make sure her prices are fair.

We all need to do our bit to save on plastic waste and packaging and this is an easy way to do that. Do go along and see for yourself and take your children too. It is a little treasure in our local area.

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# LIFE'S BIN GOOD TO ME, THEY SAY

By Charles Lewry

Depending on your perspective you may or may not be pleased to see that the Eastleigh Borough Council have installed a dog waste bin at the Weaver's Place entrance to the Flexford reserve. We have heard some dog walkers, whilst happy with its installation, question the siting of the bin. Firstly, there is another identical bin only 50yds away up the path on the other side of the road. Secondly, maybe a better location could be at either the Charlecote entrance, or the entrance adjacent to Baddesley Road, or perhaps both. For dog walkers transiting through from Charlecote to Baddesley or Valley Park, the current siting may be seen as too much of a diversion from their planned route.

It is possible that the positioning may be to do with the emptying schedule and having to go into Charlecote Drive could be a little too time consuming for the council bin lorry. The emptying of the bin, may well be why the most obvious position at the junction of the three paths within the reserve was not considered.



However, despite these drawbacks, dog bins have benefits for both dog owners and the wider community. Dog bins provide a convenient and hygienic way for dog owners to dispose of their pet's waste, which can help prevent diseases. Dog bins can help reduce the amount of dog fouling in the woods, which can improve the quality of life for other visitors, especially children, cyclists, and wheelchair users. Also, dog bins can help protect the wildlife and plants in the woods, as dog waste can contain parasites, bacteria, and nutrients that can harm or disrupt the natural balance of the ecosystem.

Jon Tiller, (one of the NMDCA Committee) spoke to some of the reserve visitors who said *"I wish there were bins as it would encourage walkers to pick up after their dogs."* - *"If there was somewhere to put poo bags, I am sure they would be used"*. - *"Do you know if there are any dog waste bins to put bags in?"* Jon said *"that it would be helpful for dog walkers, and hopefully encourage them to pick up after their dogs if signs were placed at the entrances to the pathways requesting walkers to consider others and pick up after their dogs, and also provide advice on where to find the bin(s). I think having more bins located at other entrances would certainly improve the situation."*







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- 'Walkies' on 16 December in association with Guide Dogs for The Blind – join us & help raise money for this fantastic charity.
- Festive Quiz on 17 December to get us into the spirit with Quiz Master Pete.

Christmas Day is fully booked – but you can still enjoy our amazing Festive Menu for your celebrations throughout December – we'd love to see you!

Following the success of last year, New Years Eve sees the return of Revive & their Bandoke set – get booking now to avoid disappointment!

Lastly, thank you to all our amazing guests who have supported us. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas, and here's to the year ahead!





# TREE MENDOUS NEWS

By Doreen Lewry

We are very nearly ready to plant a native common oak tree on the edge of the Flexford Reserve. This is being financed from our very successful Platinum Jubilee Party on the Green in 2021. The plan is to get the tree from Mill Farm Trees, Winchester, who specialise in native trees. We are working with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust who, with Eastleigh Borough Council, manage the Flexford Reserve. They have decided

the best place to plant the tree where hopefully it will thrive.



Another thought to brighten up and benefit all who live and walk on the estate, is to plant spring bulbs. These would be in grassy areas. We need to ask for permission from Eastleigh Borough Council. So, watch this space!



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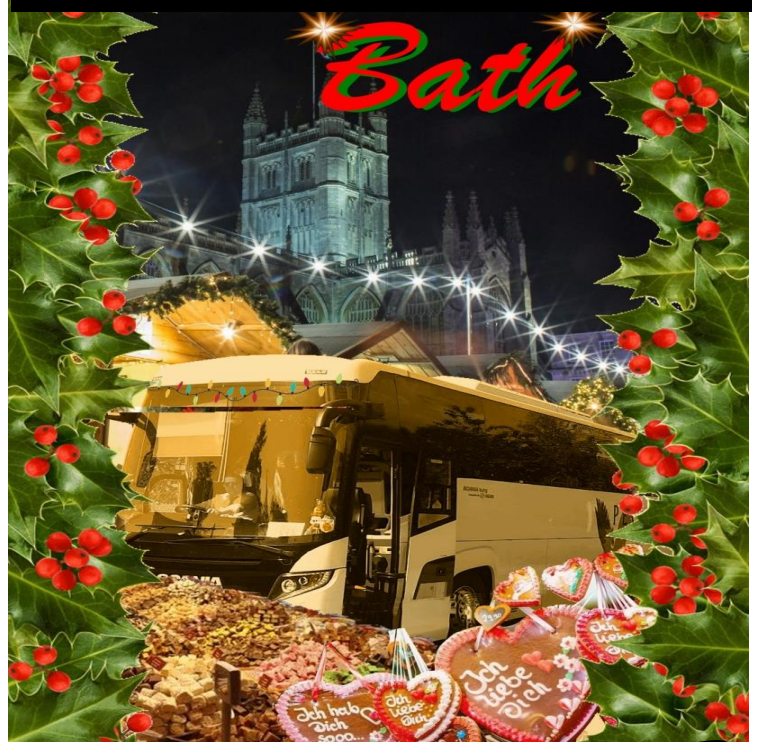
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# Kids Corner

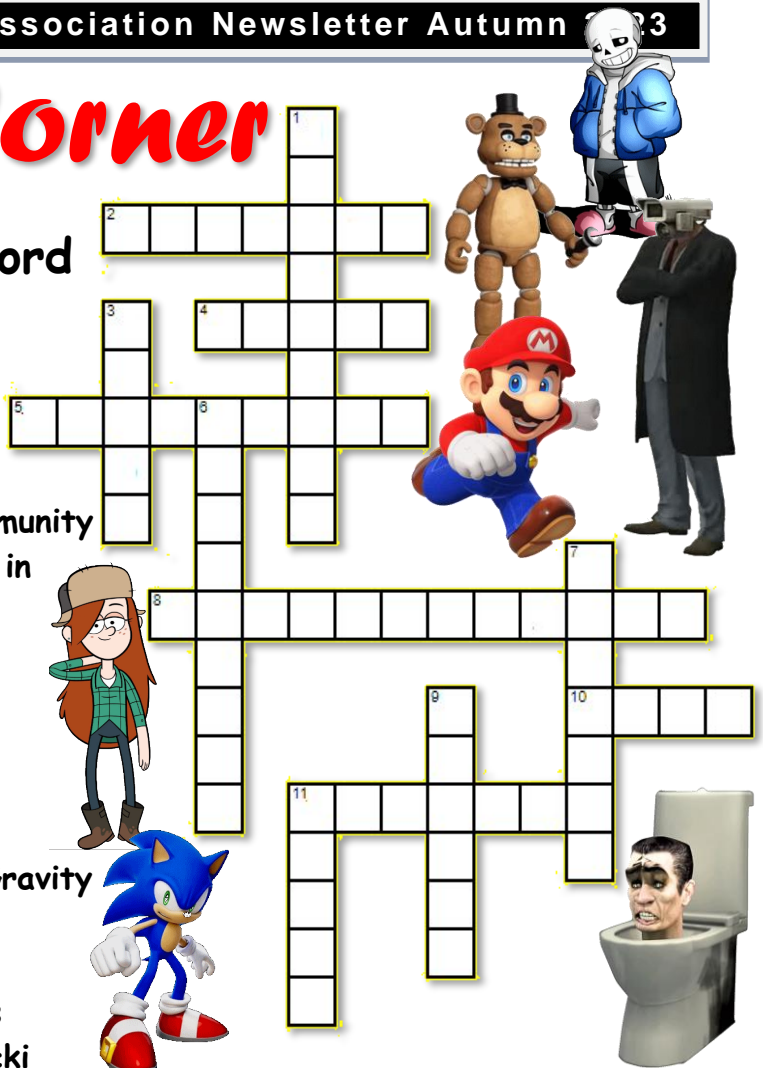
## Gamer's Crossword By Stanley Connell

Across:

- 2 Where to spend five nights
- 4 Super Italian plumber
- 5 Game made of blocks, creatures and community
- 8 Show about boy stuck in mysterious town in Oregon
- 10 Without in French is brother of Papyrus
- 11 Popular YouTube shorts about toilets

Down:

- 1 Toby Fox game where a human falls underground
- 3 High school girl with a part-time job in Gravity Falls
- 6 Main enemy of the Skibidi Toilets
- 7 Stuffed animal based on game characters
- 9 Gaming platform founded by David Baszucki
- 11 Hedgehog in video game.



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# WALKING BACK TO HAPPINESS

By Charlie Lewry

You may have seen on the website or on our NMDCA Facebook page that we had a very enjoyable walk with our walking group this October. I sometimes struggle to come up with new routes having been organising walks every month for five years.

When it was suggested to me that the walkers might like to go and look at a new piece of chainsaw art in Valley Park, I thought



that would be a great idea to use that as the focus for this month's route. As it was situated about as far away as my limiting factor of three miles, the paths used had to be fairly direct and not as circuitous as my walks can sometimes be. However, that said,



there were still a few little surprises that had some members of the group saying they had not been on some of the paths before.

I am always grateful for the randomness of the road layouts in our area, and the number of little interconnecting paths that often you wouldn't be aware of until you are almost on top of them. Also, we are blessed with some lovely natural woodland with a multitude of tracks around them. Not all of them are passable all year round, so I would always pre-walk the route a day or so before hand to make sure it is suitable for the group.

We have a great core of regulars, which means I have to try hard to keep the routes varied and fresh. I think anyone who has been on our walks would agree we are a sociable bunch, and that community element plays as important a part as the exercise. I have had people say they were so busy talking they had no idea where they had been. Something people may be unaware of, is that I have been putting maps of the routes onto the website since August 2021 which I think is when we resumed our walks after the Covid restrictions. Even if you don't come along to our monthly walks, you may find the routes useful for a weekend stroll or if you are out with the dog. Just click on the 'Walks' menu on the website and scroll down to view the many options.

If you would like to join us on one of our walks, just turn up between the Hiltonbury Farmhouse and the community hall, at 10:30 on the first Tuesday of the month, and you will be made very welcome.

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# Wot? Another AGM, I thought we had one last year!

By Gillian Warde

Our AGM was held in July at the North Miller's Dale Community Hall. It was pleasing to welcome some new faces to the meeting. It was also good to listen to their views about living on the estate. They brought a new perspective to the meeting and shared some positive thoughts.

I opened the meeting by thanking the committee for their input and then discussed the events that were staged over the last year. A lot of positive feedback was received about the coach trip to Bletchley Park. The residents that went on the trip had a really interesting day. At the end of the trip there was a request for more coach trips including another trip to the Christmas Markets in Bath. Following on from the



successful Jubilee celebration on the Green, we decided to hold a Coronation party in honour of King Charles III. Despite the poor weather there was a good turnout. We cemented our positive relationship with the pub, by asking them to provide the refreshments and picnic boxes. Once again we had Kim Garner singing and face painters. We have also had a quiz and plan to hold further coach trips and events in the next year.

We talked about the Miller's Tale which is distributed to all houses in the estate. The aim of this newsletter is to celebrate local achievements, make people aware of what is happening in the community and allow people to write about their interests and hobbies. Over the last few years, the number of people contributing articles to Miller's Tale has increased, and that is a positive step forward. The newsletter is financed through advertising, and Jackie has managed to widen the number of people advertising with us. We have also been supported by local business, who have supplied raffle prizes for our events on the green. This has been much appreciated. We have also appreciated the positive feedback we have had about the newsletter.

We explained that there is money in the account to pay for the tree to celebrate the Jubilee and Doreen has been liaising with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust about this. We also explained that we have money ring fenced to support the upkeep of the defibrillator.

We were pleased to hear some of the concerns that the residents had. These included issues around dog walkers, the procedure for accessing the defibrillator in an emergency, possible training in use of the defibrillator, pot holes and the new bus timetable.

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