

# THE DART SCOUT

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## WELCOME

Welcome to February's edition of TheDartScout. Have you heard about Project Compass? It's the new membership system being launched by the Scout Association, details are available via [kentscouts.org.uk](http://kentscouts.org.uk) or in this month's CCC. There is lots going on this month so make sure this gets round to everyone in the district. Do feel free to let us know if you have been up to anything interesting lately at your meetings and it could feature in here!

## CUB NEWS

### District Cub Challenge

Many thanks to all the Cubs and leaders who supported the District Cub Challenge last weekend. It was a very close battle, with only ten points between the top 12 teams. The afternoon finished with a tense tiebreak situation between Windmill Pack and Stone Birch. Stone eventually walked away with the trophies but it was close battle throughout.

A special 'thank you' to Mick and Nigel for doing the scoring (the old-fashioned way!) Thanks also to John Atkins for organising the venue and setting up.



### Date of Next Cub Leaders' Meeting

The date of the next Cub leaders' meeting has changed. It will now take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, from 8pm at Scout House. All leaders, assistant leaders and anyone involved with Cubs are very welcome.

**Andrea Head**  
ADC Cubs

## SCOUT NEWS

### Scout Leaders Meeting

11 troops were represented at the next Scout Leaders Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. The minutes have already been circulated – if you haven't received them let me know!

### Climbing Badge

The scout climbing badge course on 22nd March is now full. Thank you for the keen interest in filling these spaces. If there are additional people interested in attending a future course their leaders should contact Paul Boreham using

[paul@5thdartscouts.org.uk](mailto:paul@5thdartscouts.org.uk)

## 5 a side football – 15<sup>th</sup> February

Details have been sent out to all troops – again – if you haven't received them let me know.

Gavin Jessup  
ADC Scouts

## EXPLORER NEWS

### TuffEnuff Challenge

8<sup>th</sup> March, Canada Heights (Part of District Cross Country) 2-3 miles assault course. A TuffEnuff Poster will be circulated to each unit. Contact Mick Strevens if you have missed out.

## ADULT TRAINING

### Training dates

We have some module training dates coming up

#### MODULE 12b

#### PROGRAMME PLANNING

DATE: 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 TIME: 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
VENUE: NEW ASH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
NORTH SQUARE, NEW ASH GREEN, LONGFIELD, DA3 8JT

This is a new module that is being piloted in Kent, hence the module not being in your personal file.

This module will, along with 12b “Delivering a Quality Programme” will replace the existing module 12 and applies to all sections.

Please fill in the application form and return to your LTM. This can be [downloaded here](#)

### Multi Module weekend

In Folkestone 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March please send me your training form to book a place. This will be the last multi module weekend the county run.

### First aid

23rd February, Hope hill, Gravesend.

### Getting started

March 16<sup>th</sup> in Dartford 9am – 3pm lunch included.

### Module 38, Skills for Residential Experiences

Will be run at Adamswell campsite, March 1<sup>st</sup>/2nd 2014.

Day will start at 9 am on the Saturday and finish about 4pm on Sunday. You will need to stay overnight so please bring necessary camping equipment. Food will be catered.

Please fill out the Adamswell form attached to the email or [available here](#) and return to me

## 5 April

Training Advisors meeting at the barn.

Sue Martin  
Local Training Manager

## WORLD JAMBOREE 2015

The four young people selected to represent Dartford at the 2015 World Jamboree (Emma Laimbeer, Ben Atkins, Jessica Boreham and Mia Glyn-Jones) will meet the rest of the Kent Contingent on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. They have to raise £10,000 between them for the Jamboree. If you can help them with their fund-raising please let me know. They will be looking to share the Jamboree experience with our District both before and after the Jamboree. Keep up to date with them on the [District Website](#).



Japanese Scouts are keen to make contact with groups around the world whether or not they are attending the Jamboree. Perhaps you could incorporate some Japanese evenings in your programme in the build up to the Jamboree. For more information on the Jamboree please visit [www.23wsj.jp](http://www.23wsj.jp).

Gavin Jessup

## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Please find attached a letter with all the details of this year's Cross Country event at Canada Heights on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This year sees events for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. All details can also be [downloaded here](#)

## OLDER SCOUT EXPEDITION 2014

The District is planning an Older Scouts Expedition for 2014. This will be a weekend of adventurous activities for Explorers and Scouts aged 13 and above. Dates and location to be announced soon. If you are interested in helping in any capacity (leaders with activity authorisations in walking, canoeing and climbing, catering, driving, looking after a team of 6 scouts etc etc) please let me know.

Gavin Jessup

## APPOINTMENTS

Please note that there are now digital copies of various appointment forms now available on the District Website. [Click here to go straight to the page](#). Once completed forms are to be returned to Peter Mclean, the District Appointments Secretary.

## SCOUT HOUSE

### Shop

Don't forget Scout house is open 7pm to 9pm on Monday evenings during term times for all your Scouting needs. Phyllis and Dave manage the Shop. Did you know that the shop raises between one and two thousand pounds every year for district funds. Please do encourage your young people to buy their uniforms at our shop. A little birdie tells me that Phyllis has been involved with running the shop for over 40 years – a great commitment to Scouting. Thanks to Phyllis and Dave for all their efforts.



### Badge Secretary

George, our Badge Secretary is open for business at the same time as the shop. George has been badge secretary for many years and we would like to thank him for all his efforts.



### Tea, Coffees and Sweets

To complete our Monday night Scout House team we would like to thank Margaret and Daphne for running the kitchen with Teas, Coffees and Sweets. A photo will appear in a future edition of the Dart Scout.

## St. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2014

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April (10.45am – 3pm)**

The service and parade will be following a similar format to the last two years. We request that groups congregate in the area next to the bandstand at 10.45am, ready for an 11am start. There will be a service followed by a parade along the perimeter pathway of the park. We will distribute further information nearer the time.

This year, the St. George's Day parade will have an extra dimension. We intend to expand on the usual proceedings and include activities and fund-raising events after the parade. Every group is invited to join in the celebration and run some activities or a fund-raising stall. Groups can decide what activities they would like to run and it should be a good opportunity for everyone to boost their group funds. We do ask that 25% of any profits from the event are channelled back into district, so that we may cover the costs of the St. Georges Day service and help to finance future district events. If your group would like to run a fundraising stall, please let Andrea Head know what stall(s) your group would like to run. Please be aware that any group wanting to supply food will need to have the relevant food hygiene certificate and copies of these must be submitted to Dartford Council (through Andrea) before the event.

As usual, we are holding the District Standard competition. Please find the application form attached to this email or [click here](#). Through the competition, we encourage all sections to tell us about some of the good work you have done this past year and how it has benefited your community. There will be a £25 prize for the winning section and the winners are awarded the right to parade the District Standard for the coming year. An impartial panel will judge the applications and the winners will be announced before the march.

Andrea Head

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – Beaver Fun with Food Day. 12-4, Contact Cavan

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – DASCOWalk. Starts from Higham and is 6.05 miles. Contact Margaret for more details on DASCOWalk. [margaret6166@aol.com](mailto:margaret6166@aol.com)

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