

THE DART SCOUT

www.dartfordscouts.org.uk

Issue 16 January 2015

WELCOME

Happy New Year!

I'll start by thanking Andrea Head for all of her hard work with the Cub section; Andrea will be a hard act to follow.

I need to welcome Emily Burland, Emily is joining us as our DESC heading up Explorers, and I won't say anything else, as I'm sure she'll introduce herself below.

As we start 2015 we have loads to look forwards too, we already have lots of sectional events booked into the diary and DartJam is only a few months away, so we'd better get planning.

Compass

The Scout Association has confirmed that the Census will be taken on 31st Jan this year, and it will be completed via Compass. You MUST now start to upload your data to Compass.

Contact me if you are having problems

Leigh Villiers
District Commissioner

BEAVER NEWS

I hope you all had a good Christmas and that Santa brought you everything you asked for!



Firstly, I would like to say welcome to our newest Leader, Debbie, who I had the pleasure of investing into 3rd Dartford Mississippi Colony just before Christmas.

Chilko will be having a change of Leaders in the New Year. Nicole will be stepping down as BSL and will now be ABSL and Josh who was ABSL will be stepping into Nicole's shoes to take over as BSL.

As well as your own Colony's activities to look forward to there are the District ones too. The first event is the Science Day on Saturday 7th February at Oasis Academy. Could the Colonies attending please let me have outstanding monies by Monday 19th January (which is our next BSL Meeting).

District Bear

I am pleased to announce that the District Beaver Bear has now been named 'Buddy Bear' (thanks goes to Debbie at 3rd Mississippi for doing the honours of pulling the name out of the bag). He had a busy time leading up to Christmas, going to the theatre with Wilmington, Carol singing with 5th Dartford, on a 'Find Santa' sleepover with Winnipeg and Chilko and went to Church parade with Wilmington. Please let me know when your Colonies would like him to join in any activities you are doing, he is fully refreshed and raring to go. Just make sure you email me the photos of him joining in so I can pass to County.



Bronze Awards

We are in the process of changing the venue. When details have been finalised I will send out an email. Please let me know if you require any badges and I will put them in your pigeon holes or I am happy to come and present them. Just a reminder that there is no need to buy the badges as I get them via District.

Next BSL Meeting

Monday 19th January, 8 p.m. at Scout House.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Jacqui Wilkinson
ADC Beavers

CUB NEWS

Next cub leaders meeting: Monday 2nd February, 8pm Scout House

SCOUT NEWS

Happy New Year to everyone involved with Dartford Scouting. 2015 promises to be a busy year with DartJam and a large number of other events organised at the National, County, District and Group levels. You will find attached to this month's Dart Scout the 2015 District Calendar with most of the Scout Section dates. We hope to finalise more by the leaders meeting later in January. Indoor 5 a side football isn't far away in late January or February. We will send out details as soon as we can confirm location and time.

Gavin Jessup
ADC Scouts

EXPLORER NEWS

I am delighted to become the District Explorer Scout Commissioner for Dartford. This is an adventure for us all and I am willing to take on the challenge. I will be around and about, and plan to visit Explorer units soon so keep your eye out for me and don't be afraid to say hello.

My aim is to plan district events and on occasion alternative meetings for the units. If you have any ideas of events and camps you would like to do let me know.

explorers@dartfordscouts.org.uk

We are in the process of planning some exciting events for this year, the first being our own district Monopoly Run! Saturday 21st March 2015. Take on the challenge of running round London to find all the given locations as quickly as possible. All you need is a camera (to prove where you went) and a group of 4-7 explorers per team. Each unit can enter as many teams as they want. Cost is £13 pp, this is to cover the TavelCard you will be given.

Fancy it? Let us know. There is a poster attached for you to display.

I look forward to meeting you all shortly.

Emily Burland
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

ADULT TRAINING

Happy New Year!

As compass takes off this year I hope it will be everything they promise and speed up the training and certificates.

We are moving in to an exciting time in scouting as we look forward to the launch of the new badges and programme in 2015.

Contact me direct on training@dartfordscouts.org.uk

First Aid

British Red Cross First Aid Courses:
Nothing for January.

Safety

27th January 2015

Safety course this is part of ongoing learning it is running at St Mary's Church hall, Greenhithe. 7.30 -10 pm

Module 38

SKILLS FOR RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCES

DATE; 7pm Friday 27th March 2015 to
3pm Sunday 29th March 2015

LOCATION; 4th Sevenoaks (St Johns) Scout Hut
Mill Lane, Sevenoaks, TN14 5BX

Please complete and return the module 38 application form.

Multi Module Day

The Archbishop School, Canterbury.

Saturday 31st January attached is information and booking form. Please return booking form to me. Forms MUST have your scout number

As usual please contact me for any training queries.

Sue Martin
Local Training Manager

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The World Jamboree Participants are looking to increase awareness of the 23rd World Jamboree in Japan to be held from late July to early August. If you would like them to run a section meeting for you please do get in touch with me at thejessups@btinternet.com

DASCO

Margaret hopes to start our monthly walks now. Please look out for her e-mails.

S.A.S

We will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month (usually at Scout House) and new members are always welcome.

SCOUT HOUSE

This will re-open on 5th January from 7 – 9pm

Ashely Hambrige

GAMBIA APPEAL

We are looking for any old Scout, Explorer or Leader Uniform that we can send to Gambia to help the group we have contact with, please contact Sue Ingram directly.