

THE DART SCOUT

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WELCOME

Well it doesn't seem like very long since I wrote the last one of these.

The last month has been great fun, I've managed to meet with the ADC's, GSL's and I popped in to the Cub leaders meeting. I've also been busy helping to arrange the District AGM – more details below!

Over the next month I hope to be able to get around to some groups and maybe a camp or two and see the great Scouting Dartford has to offer in action.

I have some good news! Jacqui Wilkinson as agreed to accept the role of ADC Beavers, Jacqui was our District Beaver Leader so is already familiar to you. I'm sure Jacqui will do an amazing job and I hope you'll all join me in wishing her the best of luck in her new role.

One reminder: As we are now on the run up to summer and the camping season is in full swing, can I remind you that you should be submitting NAN forms to me on dc@dartfordscouts.org.uk at least 7 days before your camp.

The DC Challenge for June is to take a selfie of you doing something messy....

Send us your pictures and we'll add them to the Facebook page.

Leigh Villiers
District Commissioner

BEAVER NEWS

WADE

I am in the process of sorting a timetable with the info I have been given. I will email those going when I have figured it all out.

I now have Bronze Award Badges - please let me know as and when you need them.

Reminder

- Leaders Meeting Tuesday 17th June.

Jacqui Wilkinson
ADC Beavers

CUB NEWS

Cyclo Park Day

Everything is set for the first Cyclo Park day on Sunday 8th June. Just a quick reminder to those Packs attending on 29th June – please let me know ASAP if you have filled your spaces. Also let me know if you would be interested in any spare places.

Date of Next Cub Leaders' Meeting

The next Cub leaders' meeting will take place on Monday 29th September at 8pm. We will meet at 8pm upstairs in Scout House. All leaders, assistant leaders and anyone involved with Cubs are very welcome.

Andrea Head
ADC Cubs

SCOUT NEWS

Johnson Trophy

15 teams competed in the Johnston Trophy at Hopehill Scout Campsite on 17th May. During the day the teams participated in an activity hike around Hopehill (all completed the course), cooked lunch (all very tasty) and took part in some team games in the afternoon. A massive thank you to all the leaders that helped. The Scouts did very well. The full results were published after the event with the top three teams being:

- 1st Place - 3rd Dartford Fraser Troop 'A' Team
- 2nd Place - 5th Dartford Burne Troop 'A' Team
- 3rd Place - 5th Dartford Earley Troop

Tug of War

The ever-popular tug of war competition will be held on 6th June on Stone Rec. Detailed information has been sent out.

Cricket Competition

The cricket competition will take place on 27th June at Hesketh Park. More information out by 7th June.

Gavin Jessup
ADC Scouts

Archery Competition

Following 9 weeks of practice, the 5th Dartford Scout Group's team of 24 competing archers competed in the 9th National Scout Archery Competition at Phasels Wood Activity Centre between 9th & 11th May.

Despite the weather turning wet with gusting winds and mud everywhere, the team's spirits were not dampened as our shooting details could not have been better in the circumstances. Everyone represented the team well, but a special mention to Megan O'Brien of the Earley-Troop and Joe Williams of Burne-Troop, who between them took silver in the under 11s field targets, silver in the under 14s 20yd targets and bronze in the under 14s overall.

Very well done to both of you and to all who took part.



ADULT TRAINING

We had a great Module 15 course, it was heart-warming to see so many of you there and I look forward to the feedback. You can find the online form <http://www.kentscouts.org.uk/371>

First Aid

British Red Cross First Aid Courses:

17th August - Thanet

22nd November – Thanet

Please contact me for booking

Getting started

Occasional helper and above should attend a getting started course. Please send completed training forms to me; our next course is on 8th June 9am – 3pm lunch included. The course after this is in September.

Safeguarding

With the recent happenings in the district this should be a priority, there are spaces on this course. Please think about when you last looked at safeguarding this is a 2 ½ hour course that could save a lot of hassle.

17th June at Scout house

Module 18: Practical Skills

What: Learn, practice and find out about some of the skills and activities available in Scouting in Kent.

Where: Kent Scouts Activity Centre, Lower Grange Farm

When: Saturday 28th June 2014

Cluster: Hosted by Mid Kent, but open to all please send training forms to me to forward.

In the Planning

Skills day-June- What skills would you like us to offer?

Module 38-September-

Multi module day- November – which modules should we put on?

Sue Martin
Local Training Manager

APPOINTMENTS

The Appointments Committee met on Tuesday 27th May 2014 and approved the following appointments:

Julie Southcott	ABSL	9th Dartford
Renee Francis	ASL	3rd Dartford

We wish them lots of good scouting experiences.

Peter McLean
Appointments Secretary

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2015

Those of you at the District George's Day Service would have heard Jessica, Emma, Mia and Ben talk passionately about the 2015 World Jamboree. They are keen to share their experiences with the District both before and after the jamboree. There will be another chance to hear from them at the District AGM.

Dartford also have 4 leaders attending the World Jamboree. Claire Dixon and Dan Boucher as Kent contingent unit leaders and Leigh Villiers and Matt Gibson as part of the International Service Team.

Both the young people and leaders need to raise significant amounts to attend the Jamboree. If you can help in anyway I would be happy to pass on any information.

Look out for Jamboree badges and draw tickets on sale now!

DISTRICT JAMBOREE 2015

The location for the 2015 Dartford District Jamboree has been confirmed as Skreens Park Campsite. The Jamboree will run from 22nd to 25th May 2015. More information, including cost will be given out at the district AGM. We are looking for people to form the organising team. If you are interested please let me know ASAP. A Camp Chief will head the Jamboree up. If you are interested in the role please let me know.

Gavin Jessup

DISTRICT AGM 2014

You are invited to join us for our District AGM on Monday 16 June from 8.15pm at Hesketh Park Cricket Club, Pilgrims Way, Dartford, DA1 1QZ. This is a uniformed event and is open to all Leaders and Group Exec members. For more information contact Leigh.