

# THE DART SCOUT

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## WELCOME

Spring is almost here and the camping seasons is well underway throughout the district. Make sure you submit you NAN forms at least 7 days before you go and if you are applying for a Nights away permit, you must tell us at least a month before you plan to run your camp.

Thank you to all of the leaders who provided their census figures to enable us to complete the census this year. I am waiting on the reports and once they are available I will publish some statistics.

As you all know, Compass is still down, but DBS applications and renewals can still be completed. Please email me or refer to the [scouts.org.uk/compass](http://scouts.org.uk/compass) website for information.

**Leigh Villiers**  
District Commissioner

## BEAVER NEWS

### Science Day

Thank you to everyone that attended. I hope the Beavers had a good time. The majority seemed to enjoy the Bunsen Burners and burning bubbles (and I know one Leader really enjoyed having a go at the latter).

A huge thank you to Pauline Daly from 9<sup>th</sup> who organised the event, she certainly made my job easier and thank you to the teachers at Oasis Academy who had the Beavers engrossed the whole time.



## Buddy Bear



Buddy has enjoyed a busy February. First attending the Science day followed by two sleepovers, one with 9<sup>th</sup> and the other with Winnipeg. He has another one mid-March with Woodland Beavers and then at the end of March he is attending Wilmington Beavers who are having a visit from the RNLI.

I look forward to hearing about and seeing the photos from his adventures.



## Forthcoming events

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – CS Bronze Award presentations

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – BSL Meeting, 8 p.m. Scout House

Jacqui Wilkinson  
ADC Beavers

## EXPLORER NEWS

We are all looking forward to our monopoly run coming up this weekend and we will let you know the winners in the next Dart Scout.

As I'm sure most of you are aware our next event Gilwell 24 has opened for bookings and more info will follow shortly as to how we are planning to book and attend as a district so keep your eyes peeled!

Emily Burland  
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

## ADULT TRAINING

New e-learning materials have launched to support some adult training modules. As I have cancelled Getting started if you would like to trial this I will accept certificates emailed to me of 85% or higher for modules 1, 3, and 6.

E-learning offers a flexible alternative to attending a training course, if agreed with your Training Adviser.

### First aid

First response course

14th March Sittingbourne

22nd March Dartford (3 spaces left!)

11th April Tunbridge wells

### **Module 15 (Promoting Positive Behaviour)**

Saturday 14th March 2015 CIC at Gilwell Park, Chingford, E4 7QW  
1.30pm – 4.30pm (TBC) There is no charge for this course

Module 15 (Promoting Positive Behaviour) is for all Section Leaders and other adults supporting the section. The module supports volunteers' understanding of principles and strategies to promote positive behaviour in their sections. It also equips volunteers to manage challenging behaviour in their section.

To register your interest in attending, please visit

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1966810/Module-15-Pilot>

If you have any queries about the training, or would like further information before you register your interest, please contact [adult.support@scout.org.uk](mailto:adult.support@scout.org.uk) with subject 'Module 15 pilot'.

### **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.

### **Getting started**

16th May at Scout house, Broomhill road, Dartford. 9 am-3 pm

As usual please contact me for any training queries on [training@dartfordscouts.org.uk](mailto:training@dartfordscouts.org.uk)

**Sue Martin**  
**Local Training Manager**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Because of the problems with Compass we had nobody to see and therefore the meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 31st March.

**Peter McLean**  
**Appointments Secretary**

## **DARTJAM**

Numbers are swelling and activities are being booked up in preparation for DartJam! We need to get all deposits in ASAP, without fixed numbers we are unable to guarantee spaces for everyone on all activities. To date activities include, Caving, Climbing, Archery, Shooting, Bouldering, Pedal carts, the Cube and much more. Email Leigh with you numbers ASAP

**DartJam Team**

## JOTT 2015 (Jamboree on the Trail)

**Saturday 9th May**

Please make sure this date is in your section's programme and let your members and their families know so as to help us get our usual amazing turnout.

The start points will be as usual but we are finalizing arrangements, which look very promising, for the finish to be back at Dartford Park. This will be confirmed in the final details that I will issue shortly. This means that once you end your walk, you will have the chance to pop in on the Heritage and Steam Fair, which will be at the town end of the park.

Look out for the full information letter and registration forms soon and I hope to see you all there in force once again.

**Andy Gray**  
**ADC Activities**

## DASCO

A group of 11 did a 6 1/2 mile walk starting and finishing At Haysden Country Park in Tonbridge this Sunday and we certainly got the best of the sunshine. Margaret is continuing to do a great job of organizing the monthly walks. If you are interested get her to put you on her circulation list.

## S.A.S

We will be at the Cub Silver presentations this coming Wednesday to serve the refreshments. Un-fortunately we have no one to cover the Beaver Bronze awards on Sunday 22nd. Can anyone help please?

## Scout House

Please note that the shop at Scout House will not be open on Monday 23rd March.

**Ashley Hambrige**

## District Badge Shop

We are pleased to announce that the District Badge shop is now available online too. You can still email your orders, but please also visit [www.dartfordscoutshop.org.uk](http://www.dartfordscoutshop.org.uk). Not only has the shop gone online, but we are now able to offer postal deliveries for all orders, there is a small £2 fee for delivery.

All users must register on the shop website, once registered send us an email on [badges@dartfordscouts.org.uk](mailto:badges@dartfordscouts.org.uk) and we'll reply with your unique discount code which will reduce the online price of badges by 2p per badge making us on average 3p per badge cheaper than other online stores.

If we get sufficient users, we'll also add card and PayPal checkout options, so get using!

Lynne  
District Badge Secretary

# HELLO . . . YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.

## Phantom Young Leader Unit Meetings

13th March 2015, and monthly  
7 - 10pm

Phantom is an Explorer Unit just for Young Leaders in Dartford. We meet once a month to help you complete the training modules and missions you need to achieve your Young Leader Belt. You can join Phantom and still be part of your own Explorer Unit, but if you're a Young Leader, you need to be part of Phantom!

Future meeting dates are

17th April 2015

8th May 2015

5th June 2015

3rd July 2015

### Phantom Explorer Scout Unit - Young Leaders

Scout House/3rd Dartford Scout Hall

7 Broomhill Road

Dartford, Kent

Call Renée Francis on 07739 188788

or Ed Raymond on 07793 672625

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