

THE DART SCOUT

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WELCOME

Welcome to the December and Christmas edition of The Dart Scout. This month find out what the sections have been up to as we head towards to end of 2013 and which of our World Scout Jamboree candidates were selected to represent Dartford at Japan in 2015.



From all the team at Dartford District we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas! What activities do you have planned for your sections over Christmas? Send them to us at media@dartfordscouts.org.uk. Don't forget to check the District Website for more news in between the publication of this newsletter.

CUB SECTION NEWS

Older Cub Weekend

Firstly, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the many leaders who came along to help at the Older Cub Weekend. The Cubs had an action-packed weekend and I have received lots of positive feedback from parents and Cubs. They seemed to particularly enjoy the climbing, archery and traditional Scouting activities and challenges. Photos from the weekend can be seen on the Dartford Scout Facebook page or through the District website.

Silver Awards

At the beginning of November, 34 Cubs were presented with their Silver Awards at the Civic Centre in Dartford. This was my first experience of helping to host the awards and it was wonderful to see so many Cubs and their families coming together to celebrate their achievement. Peter has now booked the Silver Award dates for 2014 and these can be found on the forthcoming District calendar.

District Cub Challenge

The next date in our diary is the District Cub Challenge on Sunday 26th January, 2pm – 4pm. I will email all the Cub leaders during the Christmas break with further information about this event and letters for the Cubs.

Cub Pack of the Month

Well done to Sutton-at-Hone Cub Pack for achieving County's Cub Pack of the Month. It was great to see a Dartford District pack win this accolade. Any Cub pack can enter the competition each month, information can be found on the Kent Cubs website.

Date of Next Cub Leaders' Meeting

The next Cub leaders' meeting will take place on Monday 17th February at 8pm. We will meet at 8pm upstairs in Scout House. All leaders, assistant leaders and anyone involved with Cubs are very welcome.

Happy Christmas!

In case I don't see you beforehand, I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I hope you all have a relaxing and refreshing break and I look forward to catching up with you all in 2014!

Andrea Head
ADC Cubs

SCOUT SECTION NEWS

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the Scout Support Team a merry Christmas to everyone involved in Dartford Scouts. Thank you to everyone for their support this year in delivering a great programme to the young people of Dartford.

Trophies from previous events

At the Challenge night held on 21st November the 7 winners from the triathlon and the top three-placed team in the Nocturnal received their trophies. Well done to all the winners and everyone that took part in the events.

Challenge night

On 21st November 16 teams of 6 Scouts filled the 8th Dartford Scout Hall for the annual Challenge night for a mix of challenges and quizzes. There was a great atmosphere in the hall and the Scouts enjoyed the evening. The full results will be sent to all Scout Leaders shortly. Wilmington A won the completion with the Brent runners up and 3rd Dartford B in third place. Trophies were presented to the top three teams on the night. Thanks to all the leaders who gave their time to support the event.



Gavin Jessup
ADC Scouts

ADULT TRAINING

I will be at scout house on these dates from 7.30-8.30 I am happy to sign off modules, book training, talk through problems.

2nd December

27th January

24th February

It would be nice if some other TAs could join me, I'm going to start Allocating TA to learners in the New Year, if you are already working with someone please let me know.

Training dates

Getting Started Scout house, December 15th 9am-3pm

I still have places available, spread the word. G.S.L.'s has everyone in your group done this training? Remember section assistants, occasional helpers e.t.c

First aid

8th December –Sevenoaks

9th February, Sevenoaks

Safeguarding

19th January 2014 2-5pm at Stone scout hut, (parking in Hayes road)

Module 38, Skills for Residential Experiences

Will be run at Adamswell campsite, February 28th - March 1st 2014.

Adult Training document updates

The Adult's Personal File, Training Adviser's Guide and Adult Training Scheme have been updated to reflect changes to the adult training scheme modules that have been made over the past year. Updated versions of these documents are currently with the printers and will be available on Member Resources and to order from Scout Shops from the 11th November onwards.

There are updates online for your trainers books, please download them from

<http://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=23>

Trainers training day will be held in March 2014, date, venue to follow.

If you would like a place on any of these courses please complete the training form attached and return to me starting clearly in the subject which course you are applying for.

If there is a module that you would like as a course, can you please email me, what is needed so I can put a program together in the cluster for next year? Training advisers, what do you want me to run??

Sue Martin
Local Training Manager

WORLD JAMBOREE 2015

The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Japan during the summer of 2015. At a final selection day on 9th November the four successful candidates to represent Dartford were selected. All the young people that applied to attend the World Jamboree really impressed the selection panel and we can be very proud of the young people Scouting in Dartford. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders involved in the selection process. The four young people chosen to represent Dartford are Emma Laimbeer, Ben Atkins, Jessica Boreham and Mia Glyn-Jones. Emma, Ben, Jessica and Mia have a significant sum of money to raise for the Jamboree and will be looking to share the Jamboree experience with our District both before and after the Jamboree. If you can help them with their fund-raising please let me know.



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.

Gavin Jessup

APPOINTMENTS

The Appointments Committee met on 26th November and is pleased to confirm the following appointments:

Joanne Lovett
Amanda King
Benjamin Clarke

Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Assistant Cub Scout Leader

3rd Dartford
Bean (Dartford)
Brent (6th Dartford)

And the following change of Appointments:

Pauline Daly	Beaver Scout Leader	9th Dartford
Claire Dixon	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	8th Dartford
David Turnham	Assistant Scout Leader	Cambria Sea Scouts
Michael Slingo	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Dartford

We hope that they all enjoy their new role in Scouting.

Peter McLean
Appointments Secretary

CHIEF SCOUTS PRESENTATIONS

November saw presentations to both the Beaver and Cub sections to recognise their achievements.

On Wednesday 6th November 2013 34 Cub Scout's from around the District who have gained the Silver Award in the last six months attended a presentation at the Dartford Civic Centre. The Mayor, Councillor Patsy Thurlow, came along to praise the Cubs on attaining the top award in the Cub Scout Section. As the Mayor has only just come out of hospital the certificates were presented to the Cubs by Councillor Ann Allen, last years Mayor The Assistant County Commissioner, Beth Peal, praise the Cubs on the hard work they have put in and she also thanked the Leaders and parents for the contribution they have made to support the Cubs



On Sunday 17th November 2013 41 Beaver Scouts from Colonies around the Dartford District who have gained their Bronze Awards in the last six Months, attended a Presentation at St Marys Church, Greenhithe where they were presented with their certificates. The Bronze Award is the top Award that can be earned in the Beaver Scout Section.



DISTRICT JAMBOREE 2015

The District is planning a District Jamboree for 2015 and we are looking for a team of leaders to help organise the event. Dates and location to announced soon. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

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

DASCO

Six members had a strenuous walk last Sunday around Sevenoaks Weald very muddy but some stunning views.

Margaret Stephen is organizing a walk towards the end of January and when the District calendar is finalized dates for the year will be published.

SAS (Scout Active Support)

We had a very pleasant evening playing (or attempting!) short mat bowls and December's meeting (on the 4th) is our Annual Christmas chat eat chat eat and perhaps play a few games.

Ashley Hambridge

SCOUT HOUSE AND SHOP

Please be aware that Monday the 16th December will be the last Monday that the Scout House and Shop will be open in 2013. It will reopen on Monday 6th.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find attached on the email the District Calendar for 2014, these dates will also be available on the website soon! Please pass this across your groups to make sure your sections don't miss out on any adventures!

THE DART SCOUT NEWSLETTER

The copy date for inclusion in the January Edition of TheDartScout will be the 27th December. Please get your articles to matthew.gibson@kentscouts.org.uk.

We are still looking for further content and views to build on the usefulness of this newsletter. Get in touch if there is something you want to see included!