

# THE DART SCOUT

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the October edition of The Dart Scout. As groups and sections start to get back into a routine after the summer break we have a lot of activities and events in the process for the upcoming terms!

Our brand New District website is almost complete and will be made live soon! This will become a key source for everything the District has to say! We aim to keep the information as up to date as we can to make it as useful to you as possible!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DC

Since the last instalment of Dart Scout the team have been hard at work deciding on the 20 young people to take forward for selection to the next World Scout Jamboree in Japan. This has been no mean feat with just four weeks to do it in; we have had an amazing response and excellent candidates making this process even harder. With 37 applicants for just 20 places for the next stage, there will inevitably be a disappointment for those not chosen to be taken forward, please don't be down hearted as there are so many more opportunities in scouting for international trips and many more ways you can still be involved. For everyone who has taken the time to apply Thank you and good luck to all those going forward to the final selection camp next weekend where our final four will be selected. I would also like to say a big thank you to Gavin and his team for taking on this the most difficult of tasks.

I also had a great story earlier this week drop into my mail box which I can only describe as some great common sense scouting. Following a Beaver night out to Gravesend from the leaders and beavers from Winnipeg Beavers, The Brent were playing in the park when about 60 youths entered, and confronted five youths on a bench it was clear to all that tensions were running high. The quick thinking leaders swiftly moved their young people away from the area and made a quick call to the local police. Averting any issues and ensuring the safety of our young people who clearly had a great time and were oblivious to any issue. It just goes to show with all the planning and risk assessments in place you can still be faced with a potentially challenging situation and there is no substitute for a great common sense approach and awareness. So well done and thank you to Sue Ingram and her team (Tony Weeden, Jane Ball, Mick Strevens, Holly Ingram, Sarah Jane Graham, Maria Scoble)

I would also like to welcome Matt Gibson to the district team. Matt will be taking on the role of ADC Communication & Media.

**Paul Abel**  
Acting DC

## DISTRICT EXEC

### Members:

Sarah Lewis - Chair  
June Parker - Secretary (retiring at the AGM)  
Angela Rainey - Acting Treasurer (we need a District Treasurer)  
Teresa Gordon  
Naomi Offer  
Paul Abel  
Kevin Holford  
Cavan Slingo (resigning at the AGM)  
Steven Newton  
Don Row (retiring at the AGM)

The minutes of the last District Executive meeting on Monday 16th September have been circulated to all GSL's. Items discussed at the meeting included:

- The decision that our AGM will be held at Scout House on Monday, 28th October at 8pm,
- The support the District will give to the successful applicants for the 2015 World Jamboree
- The possibility of land being made available for scouting at Stone.

Please note that we will be seeking a new District Secretary, District Treasurer and Executive Committee members at the AGM, and if anyone is interested in these roles, then please do contact Paul Abel, Angela Rainey, Sarah Lewis or Kelvin Holford to find out more about them.

**Sarah Lewis**  
District Exec Chair

## CUB SCOUT NEWS

Thank you to all the leaders who made it to the leaders' meeting in September. We have planned some great activities for 2014, it promises to be a busy and fun time! If anyone involved with Cubs did not receive the minutes of the meeting, please just let me know and I'll send them onto you.

### Older Cub Training Weekend – 16th/17th November

Following discussion at the leaders' meeting, it was decided that the activities would focus on traditional Scouting skills. Thank you to those leaders who have already emailed to say they can attend. If you are able to make the weekend please let me know, as it will help with planning and working out ratios. Further details will be emailed out to all leaders.

### Silver Awards

The next Silver Awards evening will take place on Wednesday 6th November at the Mayor's Parlour (Civic Centre) in Dartford. If you have Cubs who have completed their silver award, please let Peter McLean know by 9th October at the latest. If you would like silver awards presented in your pack meeting beforehand, please let me know ASAP.

### Next Cub Leaders' Meeting

The next Cub leaders' meeting will take place on Monday 25th November at 8pm. Beth Peal, the Assistant County Commissioner for Cubs, will be joining us for the meeting. 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  
[mrshead@yahoo.com](mailto:mrshead@yahoo.com)

## SCOUT NEWS

September has been a busy month planning the events for the rest of the year and beyond along with the start of the selection process for the World Jamboree. The interviews have really shown me that the troops in the district are running some fantastic programmes and the young people spoke really passionately about their Scouting and how much they enjoyed it. So thank you to everyone delivering a fantastic programme in the district and inspiring the young people involved. I got a few programme ideas from the young people, which I will try share over the coming months.

On 21<sup>st</sup> September 5<sup>th</sup> Dartford organised a climbing badge course for 24 Scouts from around the District, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those that attended. It is hoped that another course will be available soon so keep an eye open for information if your Scouts would be interested.

### Nocturnal Adventure

Sorry for the confusion over the date of this event, caused initially by a clash of events and subsequently by my typing! This event will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October and by the time you read this all troops should have more information about it.

### Challenge Night

This event will go ahead as planned on 21<sup>st</sup> November with a mix of challenges for the competing Scouts. Full details will be released during October.

### Gold Award Presentations

The Next County Presentation Evening is on 7<sup>th</sup> December and applications are now open on the County Website. If you would like someone from the District team to present your Gold Awards please let me know giving as much notice as possible.

### County ADC (Scouts) Meeting

There is a County ADC (S) meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. One of the main agenda items is the planning of KIJ 2107 and the team are keen to receive feedback from KIJ 2013, particularly on the activities that the Scouts enjoyed the most. If you have any feedback you would like passing on please let me have it by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

### Date of Next Scout Leaders' Meeting

The next Scout leaders' meeting will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 8pm upstairs in Scout House. All leaders, assistant leaders and anyone involved with Scouts are very welcome. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Gavin Jessup  
ADC Scouts  
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## WSJ 2015- JAPAN

The 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree will be held in Japan during the summer of 2015. During September, following an information meeting, 40 Scouts and Explorers completed application forms and attended interviews as the start of the selection process to represent Dartford in Japan. The quality of application forms and interviews really impressed the panel of 8 leaders that considered the applications and it was a really difficult task to identify those that should go forward to the selection weekend to be held 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of October. The selection process to identify the 3 or 4 young people to represent Dartford in Japan will complete during October and November.

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

## ADULT TRAINING

After a brief spell as acting Local Training Manager I am pleased to say the Sue Martin, Beaver Scout Leader (Stone Rawhide) has agreed to take on the role on a permanent basis.

Sue has been a Training Advisor for many years and has helped lots of leaders achieve their Wood Badges.

Please direct all training applications and queries to Sue. Email [suemart1n@gmx.com](mailto:suemart1n@gmx.com)

There will be changes taking place in the training programme; one of the benefits will be that there will no longer be a need to travel so far for courses.

There will be a meeting for Training Advisors and GSL's on Monday 7th October 8pm at Scout House, to explain the way forward and to find out what resources are required.

If you are not a Training Advisor but have an interest in helping, please come along and talk to members of the county training team.

Angela Rainey

### Completed Leader Training

Congratulations to the following leaders on completing their Leader training for the following roles:

Helen Head – ACSL  
Glen Keeling – ASL  
James Pay - ACSL  
David Stock – ACSL  
Lynne Villiers- ACSL  
Robert Weller- ACSL

I now have all of your certificates and wood beads ready for presenting. I would like to come out and present these as soon as possible, so if you have a special event or an exciting programme night coming up please get in touch via email ([paul.abel@kentscouts.org.uk](mailto:paul.abel@kentscouts.org.uk))

### Young Leader Training

Congratulations to **Matthew Mclean** on completing his Young leader training. I look forward to presenting your shiny new Young leader belt shortly.

There has been quite a backlog of Wood Beads and Long Service Awards with headquarters and the changeover. So over the coming months we will be working to catch up with every one that should have had these awards already. My apologies for any delay and please get in touch if you believe you may have been missed.

Paul Abel

## SAFEGUARDING

There will be a safeguarding training session being held at 8th Dartford's Hall in Oakfield Lane on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 7.30pm

To book Please email me with your Name, Scout Group and Role. There are a limited number of places available. [ajrainey@aol.com](mailto:ajrainey@aol.com)

Angela Rainey  
Safeguarding Awareness Coordinator

## St. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2014

Next 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 will be invited to join in the celebration and run some activities. Each group will decide what activities they would like to run and it should be a good opportunity for everyone to boost their group funds.

The St. George's Day celebration will be discussed further in section meetings but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. It will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 (times to be confirmed) – pop the date in the diary.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Beavers Nature Day

26<sup>th</sup> October, more information to come from Cavan soon.

### District AGM

Monday 28th October, 8PM. Scout House, all welcome.

### Remembrance Service

The remembrance service will take place on the morning of Sunday 10th November in Central Park, Dartford. Please see the attached letter for details.

## THE DART SCOUT NEWSLETTER

The Dart Scout is still in its early stages of development; we hope to build on its content to make it as useful as possible to groups, leaders, parents and the young people. If you have any ideas of what to add to it let us know! Please share this amongst your scouting contacts.

The copy date for inclusion in November's edition of The Dart Scout will be the 25<sup>th</sup> October. Send to [media@dartfordscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@dartfordscouts.org.uk)



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Acting DC – Paul Abel  
ADC's – Gavin Jessup (S), Andrea Head  
(C), Cavan Slingo (B), Matt Gibson





## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND PARADE SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

We have been invited to attend the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Central Park, Dartford, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 10.40am.

We have been asked to be in place by 10.20am but to ensure that we are all together, it is advisable that groups form up as soon as they arrive, leaving perhaps one leader in Market Street to direct their members.

The service will be followed by the march past. The parade will form up outside Boots in the High St. and proceed via Market Street to the War Memorial, where the Mayor will take the salute.

Please ensure that all young people are wearing SMART Scout uniform, with plenty of warm clothes underneath. It might be a good idea to remind them to have breakfast first.

The Royal British Legion have said that it is appreciated that the Memorial Gardens do not allow a complete view of the proceedings for any of those attending and they and their members will do their best to ensure that the youngsters present are accorded as good a view of the Service as can be afforded in the circumstances.

After the March Past, refreshments will be served at **Holy Trinity Cafe**, and the Mayor will be pleased if your Officers/Committee/Representatives would join her there; and the RAF Association have once again kindly offered to welcome guests to their club-house after the refreshments.

The Royal British Legion have advised us that you are entitled to wear service medals earned by friends or relatives who have died or cannot attend the event. These should be worn on the right hand side of the shirt/jacket

Stone will carry the District Standard.

The District Team