

GILLINGHAM SCOUT NEWS

July 2009

DIARY

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JULY

- 4 Cub Athletes Badge Day
- 4 Beavers USA theme Sleepover
- 7 District Team
- 9 Scout/Explorer Leaders Meeting
- 9 Scout Fellowship Meeting
- 13 District Executive
- 14 Appointments Committee
- 17 Cub Leaders Meeting
- 30- Kent International Jamboree

AUGUST

- 6 Kent International Jamboree
- 1 Chief Scouts Gold Award Pres.

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Combined Leaders' Meeting
- 8 Scout Leaders Meeting
- 10 Scout Fellowship Meeting
- 14 District Executive
- 15 Cub Leaders Meeting
- 16 Beaver Leaders Meeting
- 22 Appointments Committee
- 27 Sky Park Hop

District events in black text
County events in blue text

Please let the Editor have any additions or amendments to the Diary by email to gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk

The next issue of GSN will be published on 1 August 2009. Please let the Editor have copy/photographs for inclusion by 23 July.

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President's Trophy winner



Congratulations to the Agathoid Explorer Scout Unit on being awarded the President's Trophy at the recent District Annual General Meeting.

Iris Wynne, District President, presented the award to Ashley Bond and Stephen Rainsbury (pictured left) who received the trophy on behalf of the Explorer Unit.

The trophy is presented annually to the Group or Unit that has made significant progress in the previous year.

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Did you know?

Gillingham District Scouts can be found on Facebook.

Kelvin, our County Commissioner, mentioned in his talk at the District AGM how useful the 'Kent Scout' Facebook entry had been in communicating with Scouts and Explorer Scouts across the County.

Check us out on Facebook at 'Gillingham District Scouts'

Gillingham Scouts' Annual Review - highlighting some of the events during the past year - can be downloaded at the district website. Click on 'Publications'.



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11th Gillingham - first winner of Development Award



Jonathan Green, Scout Leader from the 11th Gillingham, shows off the District Development Award - presented for the first time this year. The Award will be presented annually to the Group that shows the highest growth in members.



Has anybody seen our flag?

It went missing from the 17th HQ two years ago at centenary camp, and is the flag of Fiji wrapped around the old 10th Gillingham Flag and Pole, in a carry bag, which is split. We don't want the actual flag, just the pole, bag, mount and cord, which would cost over £130 to replace.

I know I keep asking but somebody somewhere must have it tucked away and we would be grateful if you could just check your store rooms again please.

Thanks

Stephen Rainsbury
ESL Agathoid ESU
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We are now able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to anybody in Gillingham district aged 14 to 24.

This includes Explorer Scouts, Networkers, Leaders, Young Leaders who are not in an Explorer unit, and even committee members.

Allow a year to complete Bronze or Silver and 18 months to complete Gold, but note you cannot continue past your 25th Birthday.

You can find full details at www.dofe.org or contact me through your Unit leader or directly at stephen.rainsbury@kentscouts.org.uk

Stephen Rainsbury DESC

Scouts Athlete Badge Day

Fifteen Scouts (aged from 10 to 12) from 4 Groups (1st, 5th, 11th and 21st) attended the Gillingham District Scouts Athlete Badge Day held at the 21st Gillingham HQ on Sunday 28 June 2009. Activities undertaken included the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m; long jump, discus and cricket ball throwing. The Scouts gained points from either running faster or throwing further and they needed to attain a minimum number of points to achieve their badge. There was also the requirement to demonstrate appropriate warm-up and warm-down routines and to know some basis safety rules associated with athletics.

After 3 rather hot exhausting hours all of the scouts who attended gained their Athletes badge. The badges and certificates were presented by Dean Harding (DC) and Darren Carter (ADC Scouts).

A big thank you to all of the leaders and Samurai explorer unit members who helped.



Musical Instruments

The Phoenix Explorer Scouts are interested in forming a band, but in the current financial climate can't afford to pay out too much for instruments, especially as it is a new activity and they don't even know if they will like it.

Somebody reading this will have, or know of, musical instruments that are no longer used but are too good to throw out, and might be willing to donate them to the District.

They are looking for guitars, drums, amplifiers, anything to get them started so if you know about something they could use please let Duncan or I know please.

Better still if you can play and would be willing to give up 30 minutes every two weeks to teach them then again please let me know.

If any other units are interested in this project then please contact me as Agathoid are already planning a Charity Concert at Christmas and wouldn't it be great if we could make this a whole district event?

Stephen Rainsbury



Scout and Explorer Scouts

Fright Night

District Incident Camp

30 October - 1 November

Watch out for details

ADCs appointed

Assistant District Commissioners for all the sections have now been appointed, as follows:

Assistant District Commissioner for Beaver Scouts **Chris Powell**
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Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts **Marion Isaacs**
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Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts **Darren Carter**
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District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) **Stephen Rainsbury**
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In addition **Kay Brisley** has been appointed ADC - General Duties.
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Remember to let the Editor have photographs of Group and District activities.

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Sea Scouting



1967 Len Brown, Scout Leader and then Group Scout Leader of the 4th for many years receiving the Medal of Merit from the County Commissioner (Mr Biaby), surrounded by members of the Sea Scout troop.

1969 Ted Yeoman receiving a Canoeing prize at a County Regatta in Folkestone.

More next issue



Angling Competition

This the second of the Annual Gillingham Scout Angling Competitions took place at Chattenden Barracks Depot lakes on Saturday the 16th May from 10am to 3pm. 7 entrants joined from the 4th and 21st Scout Groups. A Scout from the 4th caught the most fish, Paul Woolerton from the 21st caught the biggest fish, two carp of 6lb approximately each, whilst, after Nathan, Lewis Haydon of the 21st caught the most number of species and Andrew Friday of the 21st was the first to catch. The cooler weather made the fish a little less active than the previous year but fun was had by all. Thank you to the parents / guardians who attended and gave their support. The published cost for this event was £10 but on the day it was discovered that no permit charge was being made so the overall charge was reduced to £5.

Tim Friday (ASL, 21st)