

# GILLINGHAM SCOUT NEWS

February 2010

## COMING EVENTS

February 18

### BIVI NIGHT

for Explorer Scouts

More details at  
[www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk](http://www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk)

February 27

Please note this date has changed

### FOUNDER'S DAY PARTY

for Beavers

Details from Beaver Leaders or  
[adc.beavers@gillinghamscouts.org.uk](mailto:adc.beavers@gillinghamscouts.org.uk)

February 27/28

### FREEZER CAMP

for Explorer Scouts

More details at  
[www.kentexplorerscouts.org.uk/event-Bog\\_Seat\\_Freezer\\_Camp.html](http://www.kentexplorerscouts.org.uk/event-Bog_Seat_Freezer_Camp.html)

March 14

### MINISTRY OF FOOD

for Scouts

Download details at  
[www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk](http://www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk)

March 20

### CUB FIZZ QUIZ

for Cub Scouts

Details from Cub Leaders or  
[adc.cubs@gillinghamscouts.org.uk](mailto:adc.cubs@gillinghamscouts.org.uk)

Details of upcoming events will be posted on the website as they are available. Click on main menu 'Upcoming Events'.

The next issue of GILLINGHAM SCOUT NEWS will be published on 5 March 2010. Please let the Editor have copy/ photographs by 26 February.



## From the District Commissioner...



After a month that has improved my skills in igloo building, last weekend Explorers braved the elements sleeping in cardboard box constructions to raise money for the homeless. Well done to all those that took part.

It was good to meet those new leaders that attended the module 1,3, and 6 training session that has been held recently, although I know there are many more leaders out there that need this training so please make sure you make use of this local training provided for you.

We also held our first TA surgery in January, it was good to see those leaders that turned up and glad to say that we had one leader guided through their

training on the evening and a wood badge has been completed, well done Pauline from the 5th Gillingham! Hopefully, more leaders will use the future opportunities to get their training completed.

Thanks to those of you that have volunteered to help with the 25th development project, I plan to get everyone together sometime in the next month to agree a way forward so if you can spare anytime to help get Scouting started at this Group please let me know .

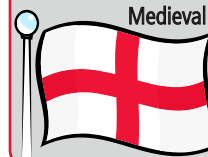
I look forward to seeing our census figures for 2010 and keep my fingers crossed that I can report next month that we have stabilized our numbers, enjoy the half term break.

Dean

## ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION

Howard School, Rainham  
Sunday 25th April • 1.30pm-4pm

The theme this year will be St George's Medieval Fayre. Dressing up will be encouraged, and there will be prizes for best costume, best shield, best sword/helmet.



Email your copy and photographs to: [gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk)

## Awards Presentation



The annual District Awards Presentation ceremony will be held this year at Rainham Mark Grammar School, Pump Lane, Rainham

**on Sunday 21st March 2010  
3pm-5pm.**

Invitations will be sent to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who have gained their Chief Scout's Award during the past year.

## S.T.O.R.M.

*Report by Dan Goodman*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January S.T.O.R.M (Scouts Take On Rush Mayhem) took place for over 70 Scouts.

The event took place at Whitstable Lazer Rush and begun at 9:30am, carrying on for seven and a half hours and finishing at 5:00pm. Chris from Sheppey announced "Energetic and very fun!" There was twenty two games in total, seven of which was Solo games and the rest Team games. Out of the entire Solo games first place went to Matthew Dean with 36,000 points. He happily quoted "I've had a great time and tons of fun!" The Team games were set out so five scouts would be sent out together into battle with five other teams, three of which would go against them. Team D rose to the top of the leader board and received medals for their achievement. At the end of all the matches the six top players of the day took part in a Team match against the Scout Support Team. The Scouts won the match by thousands of points with the help of others



cheering them on. Overall the day was great for everyone thanks to the Leaders arranging it and the Lazer Rush Team for setting it up. "Its great fun and we would recommend it to anyone" Hannah, George and Vicki from Sittingbourne and Milton.

*Report by Brandan Carter  
Ocelot Troop Gillingham*

Storm was success and a lot of fun. First off was individual and boy was it fun and tiring. Next was the team games and your team of 4 was given a letter and you were not on your own you teamed up with 2 more teams and tried to win against your opponents. Then the top 5 players played against 5 leaders. In addition you got an award for :stealth and most kills etc .But overall it was good fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Gillingham Scouts brave the weather

**F**IVE Groups from around Gillingham had been looking forward to attending Winter Camp at Thriftwood this year, but unfortunately, due to the weather conditions and heavy snow predicted for Sunday night, the decision was made to cancel the trip to Thriftwood.

However, not willing to be beaten by the weather, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> set about arranging a mini Winter Camp of their own. Six Scouts and 3 Leaders from the 11<sup>th</sup> met at their HQ on the Friday afternoon and set up camp in the garden and later on took a trip to the Business Park where a suitable hill was found and a good few hours were spent honing their sledging skills ready for the Winter Olympics.

On Saturday, at the other end of Gillingham, 16 Scouts and 5 Leaders from the 1<sup>st</sup> met at The Information Centre in Marlborough Road to have some fun in the snow. They were later on joined by 3 Scouts and 2 Leaders from the 11<sup>th</sup> who had decided to come along and take part in the fun. Altogether they spent the day building igloos and having snowball fights – Even the Leaders got stuck in!

The fun continued all the way into late evening and many spent most of it outside, continuing on with the igloo-building and snowball fights, while others spent the evening nice and warm inside, watching Madagascar 1 and 2.

5 Scouts later braved the cold and slept a full night in their newly-built igloo while others chose to spend the night in the warm hut.

Sunday morning started with a few more games in the snow followed by a trip to The Great Lines to test the home-made sledges that Adrian, from the 1<sup>st</sup>, had built.

All in all, everyone had a great time and no one could say that they hadn't made the most of the snow!

*Darren Carter*



SCOUTS

## FOUNDER'S DAY PARTY

Gillingham Beavers are having a Founder's Day Party at St Matthews Church Hall, Drewery Drive, Rainham

**on Saturday 27th February.  
2pm-4pm.**

Full details from Beaver Leaders.



## World Jamboree

GILLINGHAM District has been given the opportunity to send another Explorer Scout to the next World Jamboree.

Luke Goff has been selected and will join Sophie Wilkinson and Max Caston at the jamboree to be held in Sweden in 2011.

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Ministry of Food  
March 14th

Still places - download  
details and booking  
form from District  
website



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