

# GILLINGHAM SCOUT NEWS

January 2010

## COMING EVENTS

January 23

### S.T.O.R.M. for Scouts

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

January 31

### MASTER CHEF for Explorer Scouts

More details at  
[www.kentexplorerscouts.org.uk/event-Master\\_Chef.html](http://www.kentexplorerscouts.org.uk/event-Master_Chef.html)

February 6

### FOUNDER'S DAY PARTY for Beavers

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

February 7

### APPRENTICE CHALLENGE for Scouts

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

Details of 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 February 2010. Please let the Editor have copy/ photographs by 29 January.*

#### DOWNLOAD GSN

Previous issues, of Gillingham Scout News can be downloaded from Gillingham Scouts website.

## Meet Sophie and Max

"My name is Sophie. I am 16, I have been in scouting for 10 years, I am currently studying at sixth form.

My most memorable scouting moment was going to Kanderstag. I enjoy scouting as it gives me a chance to participate in activities I wouldn't normally do. From the jamboree I hope to learn and experience scouting from other cultures and make many new friends"



"I love the outdoors. My hobbies include Power Kiting, Sailing and Explorers. I have many memorable

scouting moments being part of the kiting team at Kent International Jamboree last year was really amazing. From the World Jamboree there are two things I want; to meet people from other countries and cultures, and to try absolutely everything on offer"



Sophie and Max will be joining other Explorer Scouts from all around Kent as members of the United Kingdom contingent at the next World Jamboree to be held in Sweden in 2011.



### From the District Commissioner....

Hope you all had a good Christmas break and have been enjoying the snow! January is time to take stock of our numbers with the completion of the annual census return - please make every effort to complete this on time so the rebate can be paid. I look forward to seeing the Group who has grown the most over the last 12 months and who will gain the district development award this year.

We still have a couple of places on the first aid course on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, email me to book a place asap.

Don't forget to take advantage of the various training opportunities this year and use the surgeries planned to catch up with Training Advisers (TAs) and Nights Away at the evenings being run.

Don't forget to invite myself or your ADC to a meeting to take part in the winter tea challenge. Don't forget it's really simple, all you do is invite us along for the evening and during the evening your young people have to make a cup of tea. Go on invite us now!



Due to bad weather the fencing training weekend I had planned before Christmas was cancelled

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## fellowship ...providing active support

### WHY CHANGE?

The Scout Fellowship has played an important role in The Scout Association for over 30 years. During this time it has provided valuable support in a number of key areas. In 1998, Scout Fellowship adopted the motto 'providing active support'. However, as many members have acknowledged, Scout Fellowship has become associated with more mundane activities and less of the challenge and adventure of Scouting.

### WHY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

Over the last ten years, the phrase 'active support' has run across all Fellowship communications, whether in the magazine, online, in resources or on merchandise. Although it is a new name, for this reason it should not feel new. It also describes the service Fellowship offers today much more accurately – a dynamic and practical support framework for local Scouting.

In taking Scout Active Support forward, it is important to retain the key strengths of the Scout Fellowship including, flexibility, experience and support.

### THE NAME

The most obvious change is the new name. Scout Active Support reflects exactly what this group of adults do: support Scouting. The Fellowship name will no longer be in use after 31 December 2010.

### THE STRUCTURE

Each Scout Active Support Unit is moving away from having a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Instead the Unit will be run by a Scout Active Support Manager who is appointed by the Group Scout Leader/relevant Commissioner through the usual appointment process.

The Scout Active Support Unit is clearly linked into the existing local structures to enable the effective promotion of the support it offers.

### TRANSITION TO SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

Scout Active Support was launched in September 2009 and the change must be made by 31 December 2010. **In Gillingham the transition will take place on 1 April 2010.**

### WHO WILL MANAGE THE CHANGE?

Key to the successful transition from Scout Fellowship to Scout Active Support are the District Commissioner and County Commissioner. Each Scout Active Support Manager must work with the responsible Commissioner and the Unit to write a Service Agreement which details exactly how the Scout Active Support Unit will support Scouting. Only then will the transition be implemented.

Pam Burnop will take on the role of Gillingham's Scout Active Support Manager and is already meeting with Dean Harding to discuss the way forward.

### FLEXIBLE SUPPORT

There is no one model on which a Scout Active Support Unit should be structured. One of the key strengths of Scout Active Support is its flexibility. This comes from the skills each member can bring and the time they can give to the Unit.

### KEY VALUES OF SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

- Practical
- Supportive
- Pro-active
- Adaptable
- Sociable
- Approachable

### KEY MESSAGES OF SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

- We volunteer
- We support
- We belong

### From the District Commissioner(contd)

and it has been rescheduled for February, if you are interested in being able to instruct in this sport then please contact me for more info.

Finally, use the dawn of a new decade to take stock of what you have in your Group, think about what you would like or where you want your section or Group to go in the next ten years, write it down, let me have it, obviously having let your GSL have a copy first, then I will have an idea of how the district can support you to get there!

Dean

### HELP! We need you!

We are starting a development project at the 25<sup>th</sup> Gillingham over the next few months and I am looking for leaders from all sections who would be able to give up their time to run a section or who can offer say an evening a month and be on a rota system. This will help get the Group back up and running.

Any support you can give would be appreciated to get this Group back on its feet and providing scouting in an area of Gillingham that is greatly needed.

Hope you can help!

Dean

### Need help with Activities?

Hi, My name is Tom and I have recently become Activities

Coordinator for Gillingham District and I'm going to take this opportunity to tell you all a little about what I want to achieve. I want to be able to help groups put on activities that they usually are unable to do. I also want to set up activity teams in Gillingham for different activities to assist groups whenever they need help. So if you want to run an activity on a camp or a meeting night that you do not have the equipment or permits for then I will try and find this for you so you can. To do this I will need help from any instructors/Permit holders in the district, so if you do hold a permit and are willing to help where you can then please let me know. I can't wait to get stuck in.

Tom Constable  
tconstable@live.co.uk



### Shaws campsite in Cudham

**If you need a venue for summer camp or in fact any camp you are planning then why not use Shaws campsite in Cudham Sevenoaks.**

We have access to a site that includes woodland, large camping area and a hut that is fully equipped with tentage and catering equipment, there are some activities on site and others that can be offered. This is the place to come that makes it as easy as possible for leaders to run a camp.

Why not arrange a site visit for more information give Dean Harding a call on 01634 363340



### Fellowship dinner

The Gillingham Scout Fellowship held their annual Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16 December at Gillingham Golf Club. Twenty six members were present, drinks flowed, food was plenty, a very enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks go to Mary Read who organised the event.

