

Gillingham

SCOUT NEWS

July 2011

COMING EVENTS

July 9

BEAVERS BARN PARTY

District event for Beavers.
Details from Beaver Leaders.

July 23-30

HEATWAVE 11

County camp for Scouts to be held at Morfa Bay.

July 27-August 7

WORLD JAMBOREE

September 25

WALK IN THE PARK

Sponsored walk around Gillingham Park for ALL sections.
Details and sponsor forms will be available soon on the district website.

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



SHELTER BOX

Report and pictures on page 4.

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URBAN EXPEDITION

*Scouts Urban Expedition '11
Full report and pictures on page 3.*



A SEARCH FOR THE HOLY GRAIL.....

....or in this case, a mammoth task to try and trace the whereabouts of 35 known assortment of trophies that have been awarded in the District over many years.

Unfortunately the District record is badly out of date and in need of major refurbishment. One trophy was found; in someone's bedroom! Please have good look in your headquarters and elsewhere and then pass the information on to Gillingham Scout News (gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk) please. Happy hunting!

25th Gillingham visits Church

THE 25th Gillingham scout group has made a great start at forging a partnership with our local Church.

On 18th June St. Mary Magdalene held a summer fair which our Cubs were invited along to help run. With the help of Maurice, Rev. Suzanne and our Cubs this was a great success and a good start at linking up with our community.

Today, 3rd July, our links have got even better with both the beavers and cubs taken part in a Sunday service. As part of the service Tia White and Jack Stevens did a fantastic job of presenting the colours. Rev. Suzanne gave us a very warm welcome back after several years of the group not operating. During the service both section took part in the Hymns and Prayers and were given instruments, which everyone enjoyed making lots of noise with. I am also glad to say, as a result of us attending, a few people expressed an interest in our group helping out in some others ways. I will keep this a secret until I have some more details so you will have to watch this space.

Report and photos by Terry Weeks, CSL of 25th Gillingham



FROM THE DC...

Hi All

I write this month having just spent a busy, tiring but rewarding weekend at cub camp (as many of you will have already experienced this year) luckily with fantastic weather, the cubs enjoyed lots of activities and new experiences, from spending a night away from their parents, to going on the zip wire and singing at a camp fire.

However, attending this weekend made me think more about scouting of today compared to years gone by and how it is really noticeable how the first aid kit of personal medication has grown so much, the menu of specialised meal choices has increased and also how much the young people have done for them in their life at home that reflects on their ability and attitudes when they are away and have to do more for themselves. I feel Scouting must continue to provide responsibility as a key element within our programme, whether its responsibility for looking after a new member as a Beaver or running programme ideas as an Explorer we must continue to give each and every member responsibility in some way to help our young people develop key skills for later in life.

This also led me on to think of the continual challenges to our leaders who put all the measures in place to make each and every young person comfortable and safe at camps and other activities, so a big pat on the back and well done and thank you to all leaders currently planning or recovering from camps and events in 2011.

This is the last article before the summer break, I hope all of you that are running camps have a great time, and all of you that will continue to meet throughout the holiday period. I hope you have some nice summer evenings to help your programme, those of you that are having a well earned break in the hols I hope you get time to recharge your batteries and get fresh inspiration for activities for the next term.

On a final note I would like to say, Ha det så jättebra i Sverige på Världsscoutjamboreen! to our members in the district that are attending the World Jamboree either with the various Kent contingents or as members of the international service crew or like me one of many people spending time there as day visitors have fun and I look forward to the stories and report backs on your return.

Have a great July and August whatever you are doing.

Dean

1st Gillingham Scouts visit Fort Amherst





SCOUTS URBAN EXPEDITION

Report by Jon Green

FOUR teams of Scouts arrived early on the morning of Saturday 4th June at the 11th Gillingham Scout Headquarters to attempt the Gillingham Scout Urban Expedition 2011. After signing in and dropping off kit the teams departed in 20 minute intervals for their first leg of the Challenge; to visit every Scout Headquarters in the District. They set out towards the Gillingham end and visited the 14th, 21st, 5th, 12th, 1st and 25th Headquarters and the groups completed this in 4 hours and 20 minutes to five and half hours. Upon returning to the 11th Headquarters the Scouts set up camp and cooked dinner and chilled out for the next day.

The next day and early start was required to cook breakfast and strike camp. The first group was transported to the 22nd Headquarters around 10 am and made the way back via the 8th, 20th, 17th and 4th Headquarters with the last group checking in just before 4pm. They were then presented with their Expedition Challenge by the ADC Scouts.

I would like to thank all of leaders involved for making the expedition a success, and those who supported it by making their facilities available.



BAT & TRAP

Members of Gillingham's Scout Active Support Unit recently joined Active Support members from other districts at Lower Grange Farm for an afternoon of Bat & Trap followed by a cream tea.



Photos by Tony Fairclough



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EXPLORERS SUPPORT SHELTERBOX

On the 11th June, A minibus full of enthusiastic Explorers and vehement leaders, accompanied by David Hatcher, a member of the ShelterBox response team travelled to Regent street in London, where ShelterBox is using a 'pop up shop' crammed with donations from celebrities such as Kevin Spacey, Girls Aloud, Dame Helen Mirren, Alexandra Burke and other A list stars to raise money. The money raised will go towards purchasing more Shelter Boxes which cost £590 each!. When we first got there, we were given our fantastic ShelterBox T-shirts, and we went around the main tourist attractions in the nearby area taking press photos. After this, we spent the rest of the day promoting both scouting and shelterbox, by talking to the public, whilst handing leaflets, stickers and keyrings out. Overall the day was amazing!, I feel that is was a very enjoyable day for everyone, and I would love to do it again!

Report by James Bowring



Congratulations to the following Leaders on gaining their WOOD BADGE.

Roger Ashby ASL 20th
 Emma Barnes BSL 20th
 Ashley Bond SL 8th
 Zoe Martin ASL 8th
 Sandra Bowring ABSL 5th
 Richard Chipperfield ESL
 Geraldine Green GSL 11th
 Wayne Coleman CSL 4th
 I look forward to presenting them soon!
 Dean



Summer camps and activities

Please let the Editor have details and photographs of your summer camps and activities. Hopefully, we will be able to put together a special feature for the September edition.

Copy deadline for the September edition is August 31st. Send to: gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk

◆ SCOUTING has a national link with Shelterbox, which supply lifesaving supplies and shelter for people who have had their lives affected by disasters. Shelterbox supplies the disaster area with boxes and response teams. Things such as hammers, tents and cookers are just some of the items that are supplied in the boxes.

In the District we are aiming to fundraise money to buy a box at the cost of £590. To do this the District is hoping to put on events which will raise the money to get a box to a disaster zone. The two main events which are coming up are: It's a knockout and a Wine and Wisdom evening. Dates of these upcoming events will soon be available in the next issue of the GSN, so keep an eye out!

Within District two of the Young District Commissioners James Bowring and Mandy Keywood will be involved in organising these events and helping to lead the project to fundraise for Shelterbox. If you have any questions or would like to help with fundraising please contact either of them. (Contact details below).

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SCOUT and ABOUT

Darren Carter
reports...

Hi All,

Well done to the 6 scouts who collected their Chief Scout Gold at the county presentations at the beginning of the month (see picture).

It was nice to see so many of you at the AGM last month and a well done to the 11th Cubs and Ashley for their performances - not sure I could have done that. After seeing David Hatcher's presentation on Shelterbox I invited him along to talk to our Scouts about what its all about and I am glad to say that after last night's presentation the Scouts are entering 2 teams for the Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt in a few weeks and also doing a box sleep out to raise funds. If anyone would like to sponsor the scouts and help them raise funds for a shelter box please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/ocelot-Troop>.

Had a few exciting trips out this month with a visit to Fort Amherst for an interesting Ghost tour with the scouts, even invested a few in the gun room (see picture). Also had a trip to Gilwell for the Cub and Beaver Fun Days, all had fun and I know the leaders enjoyed the ice cream.

Thanks to the Beavers at the 1st for the invite along to there trip to Rochester airport and the Burger King afterwards, followed by a trip to Dartford climbing wall with the scouts.

Finishing off the month with a trip to the county Survival weekend down at Ross Wood; luckily for them the rain came the night they were in tents and not under the shelters, well done to those from Gillingham who went and achieved a pass.

Don't forget still a week to sign up for the gym offer at Medway Park.

Good luck to those going to the Jamboree I know Me, Lee, Jon and Dean are looking forward to our visit, after our week at Morfa Bay. Hope you all have good summer camps and I know the 30 scouts going from Gillingham to Morfa Bay will have an excellent week.

Darren



KEEP THE DATE FREE!!

Details will follow

DISTRICT CAMP

Bexon Lane Campsite, Sittingbourne
4-7 MAY 2012

NO AUGUST EDITION

Please note there will be no August edition of Gillingham Scout News.

Copy date for the September edition is 31st August

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