

COMING EVENTS

May 22

I'M A BEAVER, GET ME OUT OF HERE

for Beaver Scouts

Details from Beaver Leaders

May 28-31

DERBYSHIRE EXPEDITION

for Scouts

Details from Scout Leaders

June 13

WALK IN THE PARK

fundraising event for All Sections

Details and Sponsor Forms on website

July 3

CONNECT 2010

for young people with special or additional needs

Details on website

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 June 2010. Please let the Editor have copy/ photographs by 28 May.

St George's Day



St George and the Dragon (above left) and the winner of the best costume (above right). Turn to page 3 for more pictures of the St George's Day Celebration.



CONNECT 2010
Sat 3 July. 10am-3.30pm

A day for young people with special and additional needs.
Download flyer at www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk

A lot of help is needed for this event so if you can offer assistance please contact Pam Burnop on 01795 470701 or Mary Read on 01634 363609.

WALK IN THE PARK.

Sunday 13 June 2010.
Gillingham Park.
10am onwards.

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.

Raise funds for your Group, District Jamboree and Connect funds. Groups will retain 50% of sponsorship money.

Download flyer and Sponsor Forms from the District website.



Email your copy and photographs to: gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk

From the District Commissioner....

As I write this month I am just recovering from supervising a very wet Silver expedition weekend, this type of activity highlights what Scouting is all about and I would like to congratulate the Explorers from the 1st unit who have shown courage, passion and true grit and determination dealing with the challenges and using all their skills to achieve their goal - well done.

I would like to thank all of you that made this years St George's event a great fun afternoon for all the young people that attended. It was great to see so many of you there. A great deal of hard work went into making the event happen both from the District Team and the Groups



that ran the variety of activities that were on offer for all to take part in. It is my ethos that we will not become stagnant doing the same events year in and year out, we will repeat success but not run it into the ground, I will be looking at something different for next years St George's - any ideas let me know.

It was good to see so many at the last TA surgery; they are really taking shape and getting leaders through those training modules. Congratulations to Sarah Cabella from the 5th who I will be in touch with very soon to present her wood badge.

I am looking forward to a busy month ahead with the camping season now in full flow. I start by going to cub camp this coming weekend. Good luck to the 4th Gillingham sea scouts who have their admiralty inspection during May, also to the jamboree participants who have their second contingent get together.

Don't forget those that need to complete modules 1,3 and 6 we have a training day on the 22nd May, its our District AGM on the 7th June and don't miss the opportunity to raise money for your Groups at the District Walk in the Park event on 13th June.

Have fun in the sun and don't let the rain be a pain!

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8th Gillingham Group celebrates St George's Day

8TH GILLINGHAM celebrated St George's Day with a Group camp fire. A number of parents stayed to join in the singing making it a family event. Arthur Laming led a couple of his favourite songs. During the evening the Leaders took the opportunity to congratulate members of each section who had completed their Chief Scout Award over the last year. Mike Whitton, GSL then presented Rob Gill with an engraved axe from the Group in recognition of his achievement in completing the Queen's Scout Award. After a break for hot dogs singing continued in full voice. Much fun was had by all.



Mike Whitton presents Rob Gill with an engraved axe (above) and Arthur Laming leads one of his camp fire songs (left).

SCOUT SECTION NEWS



WE are now hopefully entering the sunny season which will help you all get scout and about. From the Nights Away forms I have received its good to see so many groups out there having a spring camp. I visited the 11th's camp at Hopehill to witness an extreme investiture on the top of the climbing wall, they certainly ordered good weather.

My thanks to the 14th for the invite along to their cake sale, it was good to see all the sections working together and the scones were still as good the next day for breakfast. So don't forget I am always after a free cup of tea and a night out so feel free to invite me along.

Well done to the Scouts who took part in the Master at Arms Badge at the Howard School last month, photos are available on the county web site - <http://www.kentscoutsupportteam.org.uk/page-about.html> CONNECT is fast approaching, don't forget to send in

the names of your Scouts who would like to come to help for this event.

I know we are only half way through 2010, but planning is already underway for 2011! With this in mind and wanting to get the Scouts involved as early as possible we are running a patrol forum on Saturday 29th May at the Sunlight Centre. If you have a Scout (or two) you think has good ideas please forward me their name/s.

Finally, I have been helping at the 25th Gillingham with the restart of the Beavers on a Wednesday night. Outside the hall there has been several young people of scout age who would welcome the restart of Scouts within this Group. With this in mind is there anyone who would be interested in taking up the challenge of running a few nights to see how it goes, currently the only time unavailable is Wednesday 6-7.

Darren ADC (Scouts)

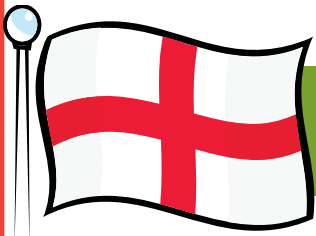
BIG Car wash!

On Saturday 22nd May the 5th Scout Group, in conjunction with the Firefighter's Charity, at B&Q's Superstore, Gillingham, will be hand washing cars for only £5 a car. So come along between 10am and 5pm to get a sparkling clean car and support two local charities.





The St George's Day Celebration event took place at The Howard School on Sunday 25th April. The weather was good with plenty of activities.



St George's Celebration

This photographic montage shows some of the activities on offer and the Renewal of Promises at the Scouts Own which was held before the activities started.

