

# Gillingham

## SCOUT NEWS

September 2011

### COMING EVENTS

September 17

#### FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

For Cubs and Scouts.  
*Details from Section Leaders.*

September 25

#### WALK IN THE PARK

Sponsored walk around Gillingham Park for ALL sections.  
*Details and sponsorship forms are available on the district website.*

October 29/30

#### HALLOWEEN CAMP

For Scouts.  
*Details will be available shortly.*

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



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See page 4 for full report and  
pictures this fantastic Beaver event.

# Summer Camp



ON 13th August seven Cubs and nine Scouts from 8th Gillingham met at Downe for their summer camp. During the week we took part in many of the on-site activities. We also completed an adventurous day hike – different routes for the Cubs and Scouts before all meeting at the swimming pool for a proper wash! The group also visited Down House, home of Charles Darwin - everyone now wants a stair slide.

On site the Scouts were self-sufficient. They maintained a fire all week and survived cooking all their own meals. Several of them built bivouacs and spent at least one night in them without getting wet.

On Tuesday evening our camp had a surprise visit when Dean arrived, accompanied by Lee Hardy and Zoe's parents, to present Zoe with her Wood badge.

The Cubs and Scouts completed a number of challenges set by the leaders and they all achieved at least one badge whilst away. The week ended on a high with a great camp fire - a Gilly special (far superior to the Downe site gathering the night before)!

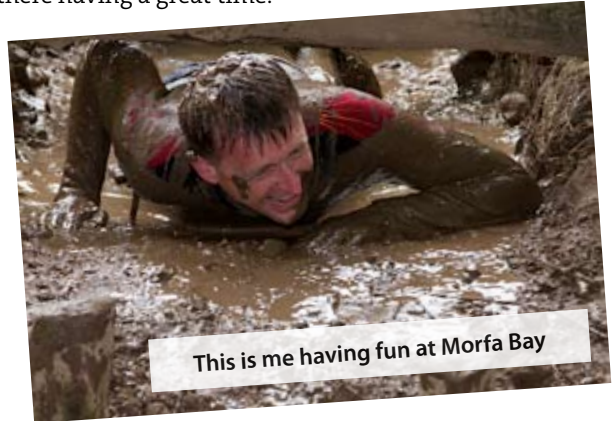
All in all, a fantastic week had by everyone.

Report by Sylvia Gill,  
CSL 8th Gillingham

## FROM THE DC...

*Hi All*

Wow!! what a great summer its been, a week on scout camp at Morfa Bay in Wales with loads of fun and activities, then on to the Jamboree with Lee, Darren and Jon catching up with all our Gillingham leaders and explorers while over there having a great time.



This is me having fun at Morfa Bay

Also, joining in with the 14th at their camp at the Barn and then last weekend at Gilwell Reunion with some really great leaders, I'm pleased to say mostly all from Gillingham district; a great team atmosphere and certainly a laugh. Ask Lee about his cowboy costume and George about his pirate outfit.

This summer has given me lots of happy memories to get me through the cold wet nights that this time of year will bring. Please don't give in to the elements - make sure you get your young people out as much as you can over the next few months.

I look forward to seeing you at the combined leaders meeting on Tuesday 27th September at Parkwood Community Centre - why not join us for a drink in the bar after!

*Dean*



## QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The above badge to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 is now available to wear on uniform with immediate effect.

### Website addresses

[gillinghamscouts.org.uk](http://gillinghamscouts.org.uk)  
[kentscouts.org.uk](http://kentscouts.org.uk)  
[scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk)



LEADERS from Gillingham letting their hair down at the Gilwell Reunion held earlier this month. Full report and more pictures next month.

## Media Team



**JAMES BOWRING (left) and DAN GOODMAN, two of our Young Commissioners have agreed to join forces as a 'District Media Team'.**

They will try to cover as many district events as possible for GSN and inform the Press and other media outlets of what's going on in Gillingham Scouting.

They will also be happy to help with reports and photos for Group events. You can contact them by email at - [media@gillinghamscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@gillinghamscouts.org.uk)

# HIKES AWAY/NIGHTS AWAY

Report by Sylvia Gill, CSL 8th Gillingham

ON 2nd July, 21 Cubs from 8th Gillingham met at Boxley Church for the start of their hike back to headquarters in Wigmore, led by Baloo. After a short walk beside the church and over a stile the real work began - a steep climb to the top of the Downs. Fortunately they had fresh legs though some were glad of a rest at the top (me included!) This gave the Cubs an opportunity to study the map and appreciate the meaning of tightly packed contour lines. They were also pleased to see that from then on the lines were much wider apart! Our hike continued across fields and through a farm before reaching Bredhurst Woods. Great fun was had negotiating the very muddy path. The route eventually brought us to Bredhurst Church, then on to Hempstead before the final leg through Wigmore Park. After 5 miles the Cubs still had plenty of energy to expend on the play equipment before heading off to the hut.

At our Headquarters the Leaders organised a barbecue for dinner and more games before the Cubs put up tents (indoors for quickness and space). Full of excitement, as for many this was their first night away from family, the Cubs set up their sleeping bags, though not for a lot of sleep!

In the morning they packed everything away before breakfast. Having washed up there were more games before parents arrived to collect them. Everyone had a great time and for many a sense of achievement at gaining two more badges.

**cubs**



Keep the date free

**DISTRICT CAMP**

**Bexon Lane Campsite 4-7 MAY 2012**

## 'Nature and the Environment'

After a relaxing summer's break, September has arrived. The 5th Gillingham Beavers have had an energetic start to the term with the theme of "Nature and the Environment". Last Monday we worked together in our lodges, putting our team work to the test! Who could create the best model?, You be the judge! Alex Last said "The best part of the evening was when we did a relay to collect the Junk to make our model, my group made a robot which was fun."

Report by James Bowring and Pauline Odle.





# Wild & Wacky



Report and photographs  
by James Bowring

SCOUTS and Leaders from Gillingham joined others from across Kent at HEATWAVE held at Morfa Bay, Wales in July.

Look out for a full report and more photographs in the October edition of Gillingham Scout News.



DESPITE it being a chilly morning with on and off showers, the true Cowboy and Cowgirl spirit made it all worth it! On the 9th July Beavers from all over the district came together to have fun, and take part in amazing activities such as rope making, welly throwing, tug of war, water shooting, and we even had our faces painted thanks to the 22nd and 1st Gillingham Scouts. Kerry Ellis (a Beaver from the 14th) thought it was a fantastic day, her favourite part was the face painting and singing!. Unfortunately the event had to come to an end; but what an amazing end, a good ol' fashion Ho'down in the barn which we all enjoyed, including the leaders, and singing campfire songs in the big tent. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Linnea and everyone else that helped organise this fantastic event.

## SHELTERBOX EVENTS

The following events are being organised by two of our District Young Commissioners to raise money for ShelterBox:

### BINGO NIGHT

26th November 2011  
7:30pm-11:00pm  
St. Paul's Church, Long  
Catlis Road, Parkwood,  
Gillingham, ME8 9PN.  
A flyer will be circulated  
shortly.

### IT'S A KNOCKOUT

26th May 2012  
Event for Cubs and  
Scouts.  
Venue to be decided.



# cubs



## CUBS IN THE NEW FOREST

Cubs from the 20th Gillingham having a well earned rest having just completed a 4 kilometre hike through the New Forest before departing for Bournemouth for the beach and BBQ and then to a firework display in the evening. The Cubs were camping for a long weekend at nearby Ferny Crofts, Beaulieu, Hampshire.

## Raising money for ShelterBox

Hi All,  
After watching the presentation by David Hatcher at the AGM , I thought I would see how much I could raise towards a shelterbox with my troop, one of the activities I have been roped into is running the Folkestone half marathon on 25th September. So if you have any spare cash and would like to sponsor me, either grab me or go to <http://www.justgiving.com/ocelot-Troop>

Many thanks

Darren



## WALK IN THE PARK

sponsorship forms can be downloaded from the district website



Darren Carter, Jon Green and Lee Hardy, pictured below, on a visit to the World Jamboree in Sweden. Full report and more pictures of the Jamboree will appear in next month's edition of GSN.



## Promoting Scouting

Gillingham District recently held a Promotion Day at Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre. Leaders, Young Commissioners and members of the Scout Active Support Unit were involved during the day which proved successful.

