



County

KENT SCOUTS

Commissioner's

Communication

February 2010

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECIPIENTS OF THE FOLLOWING AWARDS

CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Oliver Greenwood, Cub Scout, 1st St Lawrence, Thanet

'In recognition of his courage and mature actions when his father collapsed during a fishing expedition, he ran to a nearby petrol station and called the emergency services, his quick thinking in the face of adversity is a true inspiration to others'. Pegwell Bay, 29th October 2008.

AWARD FOR MERIT

Mrs Janet Barbara Curtis, ADC (BS) / TA Folkestone and Hythe

Rev Roger Martin, District Vice Chairman Folkestone and Hythe

Mrs Debra Anne 'Debbie' Smith, DBSL / TA Folkestone and Hythe

Dennis Harry Ralph Wilson, DSFM Isle of Sheppey

Mrs Gloria Dolores Yates, GSL 2nd Sheppey / ADC (BS) Isle of Sheppey

CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

Mark James Rowlands BSc (Hons), EXSL Tonbridge

Kelvin

CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Sharon Melville and Brian Hobden** as joint District Managers, with immediate effect, for **Royal Tunbridge Wells**.

Kelvin

THE BARN

Kent Scout's Centre

I'm delighted to be taking on the role as Centre Manager at Grange Farm and will be available onsite from late March.

Building work is now underway on the centre manager's flat. Plans for the rest of the site are progressing well with young people and leaders bringing specialist skills and new ideas to the table.

A model of the development is almost complete and will be displayed to share the future vision for the site.

At present, the barn, land and stable blocks are available to be used with bookings already stretching throughout the year. We have a toilet onsite and from March onwards should have a more substantial toilet block in place. The site has water and power, trestle tables and chairs.

If you have any enquiries regarding using the facility or would like to make a booking, please email via contact Us on the website..

Would you or your section like to get involved? We have number of upcoming service projects, which will need volunteers.

Simon Corrigan
Centre Manager

ADULT TRAINING

Wood Badges have been awarded to the following leaders, to be presented in due course :

Folkestone & Hythe – John Wren (1st Hythe)

Gillingham – David Cordell (8th Gillingham), Maria Langford (20th Gillingham), Pauline Odle (5th Gillingham)

Gravesham – Jennifer Hutson (31st Gravesend), Aran Wade (Phoenix Explorers)

Malling – Deborah Mullinger (1st Ightham)

Medway Towns – Lee Bailey (44th Medway), John Pullen (24th Medway)

Sevenoaks – Richard Everest (4th Sevenoaks St Johns)

Weald – Caroline Johnson (Goudhurst)

County – Dean Harding (ACC Scouts), Patricia Roberts (County Cub Scout Leader)

We congratulate them all on the completion of their formal training.

Dates for 2010 training and learning opportunities are available from the Adult Training Notices page of the County Web Site. Please check regularly for updated information.

A reminder that recommendations for **Wood Badges** will not be processed unless a current **CRB Disclosure is in place**.

Please note that all **application forms** for all training should be submitted to your Local Training Manager who will then forward them on as required.

Tony Hogben

County Training Manager

BEAVERS SECTION

Thank you for sending us your updated leadership details so promptly. Information and booking forms have been sent direct to all Colony Leaders for the County Sleepover and Kaleidoscope. Information for both of these events can be found on www.kentscouts.org.uk

Calling all Explorers Scout units, Network members and Active Support sections ! If you would like to help us at Kaleidoscope manning bases, bouncy castles and general duties we would love to hear from you. Setting up on Friday evening through to Sunday evening. Meal provided and camping for £15 a head. If you require a Nights away permission form for your Beavers parent/ guardians please contact Kathy Smith. Please keep to the closing dates for these events as it helps us to use all resources effectively.

Brand new Big Beaver!

If you have any events coming up and you would like to hire our lovely brand new Big Beaver costume contact me.

If you have not sent me your District diary dates yet please do so when you get a chance so the Beaver Team can support you and your Districts .We would like to attend at least one of your Leaders meeting during the year to meet you and discuss any issues you may have and tell you all about our County events 1st hand!

Kathy Smith – ACC Beavers

CUB SCOUT NEWS

1066 Trail to Hastings

Application letters have just been posted so please remember this is first come first served opportunity to have a really good day out to Hastings. We can only take 1066 adults and Cubs and the ratio must be kept to of 1 Adult to six Cubs – please read the letter for full details.

As usual any queries please contact me on 01634 826759 or email Bunty and please remember to send a stamped addressed envelope with your application so that you can receive the receipt and the final details. Final details will go out during April but please phone me if you wish to confirm that you have places.

Disney 2011

The Cub Team have been out and about in Kent and there appears to be good interest in this event and we have received a lot of queries, which is really good. Don't let this opportunity miss your Pack because you were not clear on something – phone us and have a chat. Most things can be sorted out and your mind put at rest.

Telephone number 01634 826759 or by email

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A reminder of dates for this year. Please put in your diaries.

12 June 2010

Kent Cub Challenge – 2 Teams per District of 4 Cubs and 1 Leader

If your ADC Cubs is not holding a competition to decide who should enter for your District you can always offer to represent your District but please consult your ADC first.

2/3 October 2010

95 years of Cub Scouting Celebrate at Detling

This is proceeding well and you may wish to think about which day your Pack will attend. The price for the day will be announced in the next CCC.

ADC's Please note

Please remember that the next ADC's meeting is the 21 March 2010 at 2.30pm at The Barn at Sandling and if you are unable to attend please ensure that your District is represented. Agenda etc will be sent out at the beginning of March.

Bunty Ridgway - ACC Cubs

Becky Martin – Deputy

SCOUTS

You should by now have seen flyers on the following activities, if you haven't, then we have not got your postal information or e mail address, let us have your contact details.

March 6th Mountain Boarding Day.
April 17th Master of Arms Badge Day.
Sunday 28th ADC Meeting Grange Farm
Scout Forum Grange farm

Please make sure your District is represented at both of these events.

More information about all of the above events can be found at www.kentscouts.org.uk/scouts also when on-line you can register for updates on the Scout section pages.

Kent Scout Urban Project "Scouts in the Hood"

This is the Scout section development idea that opens some of our County events to non-members, giving them the opportunity to try Scouting events and hopefully afterwards they can be signposted to local groups if they are interested or continue to try more events. The project is also an opportunity for your Scouts to bring friends along to our weekend County events. If you would like any more info or flyers to give out in your locality then don't hesitate to contact me, or go on the website www.kentscouts.org.uk/urbanproject

Dean Harding - ACC Scouts

EXPLORER SECTION

Well the snow has gone for now and we have a busy few months coming up.

Unit of the month – Holmesdale ESU, Sevenoaks. Holmesdale Explorers took advantage of the recent snow and built themselves an igloo big enough to hold at least 6 Unit members. Check out the pictures on the Kent Explorer website. If you would like to nominate your Unit for "Unit of the month" and stand the chance of winning free entry to a Bog Seat Challenge then please contact Simon Corrigan through the Explorer Scout pages.

Magistrate Talks – Kent Magistrates are offering groups of Explorers (between 15-30 Explorers) the chance to learn more about the Magistrates system. They will come to your meeting and show how the Magistrates' process works with presentations and role-play situations. It is a really engaging evening, which has been run very successful at several Explorer Units in the Maidstone Area.

The contact details for each area of Kent are below. If anyone has any questions or wants to check who is the right contact for them please contact Alvin Shaw.

1) Central Kent Area: Maidstone, Swanley, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Tenterden, Faversham, Sittingbourne, Sheppey

Contact: Alvin Shaw; 01622 750879

2) East Kent Area: Canterbury, Ashford and all round the coast from Whitstable to Hythe inc Herne Bay, Margate, Ramsgate, Deal, Dover & Folkestone

Contact: Mrs Ann Reynolds; 01304 831311

3) North West Kent Area: Dartford, Gravesend, Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham

Contact: Mrs Margaret Wood 01634 865639

Freezer Camp - 14th Golden Bog Seat – 27th- 28th February – This year's freezer camp will be held at Ross Wood Camp site near Canterbury. The cost is £5 per person. The title of the bi-annual Bog Seat Challenge is **The Golden Fish Finger**, A mission of intelligence, skill, luck, shopping and seafood. For more information and to book look at the Explorer pages.

Young Leader Training Weekend 13th – 14th March 2010 – Applications for the young leaders training weekend will open on 1st February. Please visit the Explorer pages of the Kent Scouts Website to apply. The application process will all be online and on a first come first served basis.

If you are a Leader who is able to help out during the Young Leaders training weekend please could you email us

County Explorer / Network Presentation Evening 27th March - If you have Explorers who have achieved an Explorer award, Invicta Challenge, D of E or their Queen's Scout Award, contact Sharon Jones by email or through the [Kent Explorers Website](#)

For more information on all the above and to keep up to date with what Kent County Explorers are up to look at www.kentscouts.org.uk/explorers

The County Explorer Scout Team look forward to meeting you at future events. If you have an event planned that you would like to invite a member of the team or other ESU's to, please contact us.

Paul Abel
ACC Explorers
www.kentscouts.org.uk/explorers

14-25 Awards

The invitation to the next Explorer and Network Awards evening will be sent out on 16 February. If we do not know of any young person who has received their Platinum or Diamond Award they will not be invited to this event and as such not be able to be celebrated at County Level. We can track all Duke of Edinburgh Completions Awarded through County and these will automatically be invited as will Explorer Belt recipients and Queen Scout Award Holders ! We are happy to also invite D of E Award Holders who have completed this year but through another operating authority – but we do need confirmation that this is genuine.

The Awards evening will be held on Saturday 27th March 2010 in Maidstone. This is a last chance to let me know of any young person who has completed an Award in the last year; please contact me so they can be invited along.

We are running a D of E Expedition Training Day on Sunday 7 February 2010, in Higham. This is for leaders that want to join in our very successful County Run Expedition weekends. Without this training you cannot bring along your Explorers/Network. However with the new Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme it will also train you to the standard an Assessor will expect. Please contact me if you are interested asap.

Sharon Jones
County (14-25) Awards Commissioner

NETWORK

KENT NETWORK - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES - IMPORTANT: To register as Network only (i.e. This is for Individual Networkers who are not also section leaders and do not have their annual membership subscription paid locally by a group or district) send a cheque made out to "Kent County Scout Council". **SEND TO:** Kent Scouts County Office, Youth House, Marlborough Rd, Gillingham, Kent ME7 5HR to ensure they are insured for activities with the Scout Association. **ALSO** please email Alan Noake to register with Kent Network centrally with Name / DofB / Email address.

The membership subscription for the coming year is as follows:

Headquarters: £19. 50 with a 20p rebate for prompt payment

County: £7.20 with a 10p rebate for prompt payment

TOTAL DUE: £26.70 (£26.40 with rebate for prompt payment by 31/03/10)

Operation Red Flare 2010: Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th March 2010. Greater London South West County night hike around Sevenoaks area with incidents for teams of between 4 & 7. The route is approximately 12 miles long. £7 per team member includes camp fees, refreshments and Sunday breakfast. Download more info about Red Flare 2010 from www.kentscouts.org.uk/network. Call Chris Dean on 01883 723081 or by email or further information.

KN10: Advance warning to book a few days off next year to join us from Thu 9th Sep - Mon 13th Sep 2010. A fun & adventurous activity camp for all Kent Networkers to be held in Snowdonia, North Wales. To register your interest and find out more please email Akab Noake **PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR KN10 BOOKINGS: 28th February 2010.**

Alan Noake
ACC (Network)
www.kentscouts.org.uk/network

International News

For details of forthcoming international opportunities go to http://www.kentscouts.org.uk/pageview.php?menu_id=79 and click on the International Opportunities link. This is updated as new opportunities arise so if there is nothing for you at the moment don't forget to check again in the future.

David Wraight
ACC (International)

WATER ACTIVITIES

All DC's or DWAA are invited along to an interactive meeting on Sunday 7th March at Newington CEP School, School Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, Kent from 2 pm. The aim of the meeting is to look at the provision for water activities in Kent and together to work out a way to enhance the service that we provide.

JAWS – please note a change of date!!!!

The date for this year's JAWS is 10th and 11th July. The date previously advertised on the scout programme is incorrect – so please amend. Application forms are available from the Kent Scout website.

The following courses are coming up soon:-

Sunday 21st February – Outboard Maintenance Course - Whitstable

This course will give you an opportunity to gain a better understanding of how outboard engines work. Some of you may even wish to get your hands dirty! It's open to all Leaders and members over 13 years.

Deadline: 6th February. Contact Neill Austen.

Sunday 28th February – RYA VHF Radio Course – Whitstable

You will be taught the full use of a VHF radio, which includes instruction and license exam fees. The course provides you with the opportunity to gain the RYA VHF GMDSS Radio Operator's Certificate. The course is open to all Leaders, Scout Active Support members and Networkers.

Deadline: 15th February. Contact Kevin Burgess.

Sunday 14th March – RYA 1st Aid Course for Water Sports – Whitstable

This RYA 1st Aid course, designed with water activity users in mind, give an insight into important First Aid skills, which are invaluable when accidents happen whilst out and about. The course includes CRP and hypothermia treatment. Open to Leaders and youth members.

Deadline: 27th February. Contact Kevin Burgess.

You can apply for any of these courses by downloading the Water Activities Application Form from www.kentscouts.org.uk Water Activities download page.

**Tracey Swift
ACC Water Activities**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Scout Active Support.

Further guidance and information from Gilwell has now been sent to all DC's and Fellowships and I hope that there are meetings scheduled with DC's to discuss the new structure and again I would like to hear how the plans are progressing across the County. A reminder that we **intend as a County, to change to the new structure from 1st April 2010.** If any Fellowships and or DC's would like me to attend any of their meetings as a result of the impending changes then please let me know.

Diary Dates:

28th March next County Meeting at Bexon Lane site

3rd/4th July County Beaver Kaleidoscope Days. Help will be required

11th July Bat and Trap at Grange Farm (The Barn).

Other dates to follow next month.

**Ken Ridgway
ACC Scout Fellowship.**

Grow your own funds!

Growing fresh vegetables has soared in popularity in recent years as people have become more aware of the importance of healthy eating and your Group could profit from it too. You can make 20% profit with Suttons plants and seeds - so you keep £1 in every £5 that your supporters spend. Deliveries are made directly to the customer.

They have a 32 page fund raising catalogue containing a selection of easy to grow, best selling flower and vegetable seeds and plants. You are invoiced after all deliveries are complete - less the 20%. Request your free catalogues (in packs of 25) now by telephoning 0844 922 2104. They will send you a free poster to help promote the scheme and also three free packets of seeds.

**Rebecca Martin
County Projects Adviser**

IMPORTANT NOTEPLEASE READ

Closing date for the February edition of CCC will be February 22nd.

ALL ARTICLES IN ARIAL 10pt PLEASE

Material to Bob Duncan