



County

Commissioner's

Communication

KENT SCOUTS

July 2010

The weather has improved just in time for the many camps that are planned for the coming weeks. A time to encourage young people to lead games and activities and share the knowledge they have gained with younger members of the Pack, Troop or Unit. Have fun and enjoy the best part of scouting!

Kelvin

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following recipient of the Award for Merit

Peter John Ingelbrecht, ADC Folkestone and Hythe

BEAVER SCOUT SECTION

Kaleidoscope - Just to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who pulled all the stops out to make Kaleidoscope such a roaring success! There are 2000 + young people who should have the time of their life and remember the event in years to come! The Beaver Team are very grateful to you all!

We hope you all have a well deserved summer break and look forward to seeing you in the future!

**Kathy Smith
ACCBS**

SCOUT SECTION

Camping Cooking Competition 25th/26th September – This competition is open to any Scout troop that wants to enter. Please go on the website for more details.

Theme Park Day – 10th October – Deadline for applications for this event is the 25th July. Please make sure applications are in by then so tickets and coaches can be arranged. **No late entries!**

Look out for the new books that have recently been launched by headquarters – Programme Plus volume 2, the new Nights Away book, The complete guide to Scouting Skills, a new scout games book and not forgetting the Scout handbook. All of these are available from scout shops, and all well worth a read.

Crazy camping! Why not get your scouts spending one night in the strangest place they can come up with? There are badges for everyone that takes part and whoever the county patrol deem to be the craziest campers win £200 worth of camping equipment, courtesy of One Stop Scouting Ltd, its got to be worth a go.

Leaders if you have any new scouts, don't forget we are running Extreme investiture. The aim is to get scouts invested outside of the scout HQ, on a plane, on a train or up a mountain The choices are endless! This is sponsored by Cotswold who will be giving the winning troop £100 of vouchers and the winning scout being invested £100 of personal equipment.

**Dean Harding
ACC Scouts**

14-25

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award County Run Weekend for either practice or assessed expeditions is on the 24th -26th September, based at Ross Wood. The cost is £15.00 per participant. Application forms are available from me and can be e-mailed out, however they must be returned to County Office, with payment, by Tuesday 14th Sept at the latest.

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award County Run Weekend for either practice or assessed expeditions is on the 22nd -25th October. Chigwell Row and Gilwell are booked. The cost is £25.00 per participant. Again application forms are available from me and must be returned to County Office, with payment, by Tuesday 12th October at the latest.

Can I please ask that leaders collect in team forms and monies and post them together; we have had too many problems in relying on Explorers to do it themselves in time! If a form arrives after the closing date the young person in question and as a result possibly the team will not be allowed to take part! (Guys this is for my sanity – I have bent over backwards once too often and goodwill has disappeared!)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has gone 'on line' and some of you will find your young people getting 'funny' materials instead of a book when they enrol for the Bronze section shortly! As this happens I will train the leaders involved because they will also be on-line monitoring their young people doing the Award. I will talk to leaders as to how they want to administer their unit on an individual basis – we have carte blanche as to how we set it up in Kent Scouts and I just want it to be as easy to use as you need it! The leader taking on the role must however have good regular internet access!

We have a good number of Silver books left so we will start off gradually, with the Bronze participants only!

Have a great summer!

Sharon Jones
County (14-25) Awards Commissioner

NETWORK SECTION

DNA 2010 - Downe Network Activity camp. 27th August to 30th August 2010. Themed in a 'Crystal Maze' style, there will be four activity zones which will inspire, excite and delight you. What choices will you face within the Aztec, Medieval, Oceanic and Futuristic zones? Call 01959 572121 or email dnaATscout.org.uk

Theme Park Camp 2010 - Fri 3rd September - Sun 5th September 2010. Rollercoaster's by day, parties by night. Now in its 9th year, they have about 400 Explorers and Network come from all over the country to enjoy their hospitality. Each evening there are disco's, games, karaoke, camp fires, fancy dress, and lots more. All day Saturday is Thorpe Park with its massive selection of thrill rides. www.summitnetwork.org.uk/tpc

Gilwell Reunion 2010 - Open to all adult members of Kent Scouts Gilwell Reunion 2010 will take place from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2010 at The Scout Association's Gilwell Park Activity Centre. A great weekend to socialise with your fellow Kent Networkers. For more info and to book visit <http://scouts.org.uk/reunion2010>

KN10 - Kent Scout Network Snowdonia Activity Camp. Thu 9th September - Mon 13th September 2010. An extreme challenge adventurous activity camp for all Kent Networkers based in Snowdonia, North Wales. We are now definitely going ahead. Let's make this an event to remember! So if you haven't been able to commit until now but are still interested in joining us and getting involved please contact Alan Noake for more information. **FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS NOW 31st July 2010.**

ALTON TOWERS CAMP 2010 - Fri 15th to Sun 17th October 2010. Derbyshire Network's National Camp - A fun social weekend for age 18+ members of Scouting and Guiding. The bargain price event tickets cost less than the normal price of Alton Towers tickets alone! Location: Drum Hill Scout Campsite & Alton Towers. Cost: £37.00
Website: www.derbyshirenetwork.org.uk/atc

Platform2 - Platform2 is a global volunteering scheme for 18 to 25 year olds who wouldn't otherwise be able to visit a developing country and get involved with global issues of justice and poverty. It is funded by UKaid from the Department for International Development and run by Christian Aid and BUNAC. More info on www.myplatform2.com

Order Your New KN Branded Merchandise - full details and order form are now available on the website - www.kentscouts.org.uk/network - explaining how to order all the new **Kent Scout Network** merchandise.

Alan Noake
ACC (Network)

ADULT TRAINING

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

Ashford – David Beach (6th Ashford), Lorraine Richards (8th Ashford), Jodie Smythe (1st Brabourne & Smeeth)

Deal – Ian MacKenzie (District Commissioner)

Folkestone – Janet Fry (1st Lyminge), Catherine Ingelbrecht (11th Folkestone), Kamilla Szytber (11th Folkestone)

Gravesham – Ann Setter (Meopham)

Maidstone East – Gemma Hawkes (St Pauls)

Malling – **Julie Hardy** (1st Larkfield)

Swanley – Daniel Gilmour (1st Kingsdown), Louise Gunyon (1st Horton Kirby), Robert Uyterhoeven-Pursey (1st Kingsdown)

Weald – Graham Smith (Brenchley & Matfield)

County – Edward Cheesman (Local Training Manager – Maidstone East)

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

First Aid training

Where Districts have a facility in place to provide First Response courses using a 'tame' first aid trainer or other qualified person, this should continue. The County provision has changed in that we are no longer using St John Kent but instead are using our own British Red Cross trained leaders. There are seven who have been trained, assessed and qualified to practical first aid level which enables them to provide training for, and the issue of a British Red Cross Basic First Aid Certificate.

Leaders who have gained a qualification through their work or profession may find that this is acceptable, the fact sheet FS310547 will give guidance on this.

There is a need to increase the team of trainers to meet the growing demand for courses. Any leaders interested in taking on this role and the required commitment should in the first instance contact the County Training Administrator, Mick Watson. There will be an assessment for suitability and training will be provided later in the year.

All requests for first aid training should be made to your Local Training Manager. Dates for courses are published on the County web site in Adult Training Notices.

An advance notice that **Safeguarding Awareness** sessions will be included in the next multi module training weekend in October.

All **dates for 2010** training and learning opportunities are available from the Adult Training Notices page and diary on the County Web Site. Please check regularly for updated information.

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

LOOKING FOR FUNDS?

Fundraising and Souvenirs

Lots of Groups have produced souvenirs to celebrate special anniversaries. Recently New Romney Scout Group produced a celebration set of a key ring, coaster and fridge magnet and sold them at their 100th birthday celebrations. Other ideas include calendars, mugs, mouse mats and tea towels.

Just do an internet search and you will find numerous companies who can supply you with parts or the finished products.

There may only be a small amount of money to be made but lasting souvenirs can be created and they can make a fantastic advertisement for your Group. Don't forget to put a web site address on and details of how to join (if you have space that is!).

If you have any good fundraising ideas let me know.

Beccy Martin
County Projects Adviser

COUNTY DIRECTORY / TRUSTEE TALK

Trustee Talk Live

The Training and Communications Working Group is progressing well with plans for the next Trustee Talk Live. This will be from 09.15 – 13.00 on Saturday 20th November and we are holding it in the east of the county this time, at Kent College, Canterbury. Following refreshments on arrival, workshops, led by experts within the County, from HQ and Unity Insurance, will cover the following subjects:

- ❖ Roles and responsibilities of trustees;
- ❖ finance;
- ❖ insurance;
- ❖ health and safety;
- ❖ fundraising;
- ❖ effective meetings;
- ❖ Where to find information.

There will also be an opportunity to ask the burning questions you have about trustee matters! The morning is open to anyone who is a member (uniformed and non-uniformed) of a Group or District executive committee and members of the County Board of Trustees. Please put the date in your diary now! Booking online via the County Website will be available shortly. You will also receive a certificate for on-going learning.

Liz Simmons
Chair, Training and Communications Working Group

GENERAL

The 17th Tonbridge Scout & Guide Band - On 17th July from 3.15 - 6.00pm The 17th Tonbridge Scout & Guide Band are holding their 40th Anniversary Tattoo in the grounds of Tonbridge Castle. Featuring some of the finest youth bands from Southern England and culminating in a massed band of over 150 musicians the afternoon promises to be a spectacle. Admission is free but please bring a chair or rug.

Surplus Scarves

Tonbridge District Scout & Guide Uniform Shop (managed by Tonbridge Scout Fellowship) has a number of scarves/neckers which are surplus to its requirements. These are available for purchase at knock-down prices.

	<i>Main colour</i>	<i>Border</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Price</i>
1	Purple	none	regular	30	£1.00
2	Light brown	none	regular	19	£1.00
3	Royal blue	White 1" inset border crossing at apex	regular	50	£1.50
4	as above	as above	adult	3	£2.00
5	Maroon	Gold ½" border	regular	20	£1.50
6	as above	as above	adult	3	£2.00
7	Royal blue	Gold ½" border	regular	20	£1.50
8	as above	as above	adult	3	£2.00
9	Royal blue	White ½" border	regular	19	£1.50
10	as above	as above	adult	3	£2.00
11	Royal blue	White 1" inset border crossing at apex, inset with 1" scarlet border	adult	30	£2.00
					+p/p

Any Districts/Groups in the County who might have a use for scarves/neckers e.g. for special camps or events are invited to contact Tonbridge Scouts via Viv Burrows who can supply the necessary phone numbers.

IMPORTANT NOTEPLEASE READ

Copy date for the August edition of CCC will be July 25th
ALL ARTICLES IN ARIAL 10pt PLEASE
Material to Bob Duncan or Viv Burrows