



County

Commissioner's

Communication

KENT SCOUTS

March 2010

The County Census is almost complete and once more reveals growth in the County. Well done to everyone who has grown their section and many thanks for all your hard work.

Stephen Young

The family of Stephen would like to thank everyone in Kent Scouts who have sent messages of sympathy and helped us following Stephens' death in Scotland. Your kind words have helped us greatly in starting to come to terms with the tragic event. Andy Young

Kelvin

THE BARN

Work continues at Lower Grange Farm with volunteers helping to sort out facilities on site. Photographs of the model can now be seen on the Kent Scouts website as well as on the Kent Scout Facebook profile.

The Centre Manager accommodation is progressing well and I will be onsite from April.

There are now operational male and female toilet blocks with a separate leader toilet. Each block also includes 3 showers which will be available for use later this month.

Two weeks ago approximately a dozen leaders completed an Archery Leaders Course, this weekend there was an Air Rifle course. Two successful weekends and more leaders available to pass skills on and enable leaders and young people to take part in these activities.

Bookings for the site are being taken with the barn/stable blocks and fields available to use.

Work Party Weekend

A work party weekend is planned for the 20th – 21st March. We are appealing to Leaders and the Explorer / Network sections to come down for the day and lend a hand.

Jobs include:

- Fencing parts of the site
- Pouring a concrete base for a new power cabinet
- Clearing and sorting items left in the stable block roof space
- Painting
- Helping to prepare more areas for use

If you or your section are interested in coming down, please let me know with a rough idea of numbers so that we can provide lunch and refreshments etc.

Simon Corrigan
Centre Manager

BEAVER SCOUTS

County Sleepover 2010 - So sorry to those of you who were intending to bring your Beavers to the County sleepover and have been disappointed. All places were taken by 6th February a whole month before the deadline. This proves one thing, Sleepover are the in thing for Kent Beaver Scouts! Get together with another colony or try to arrange a District Sleepover in your local area. If you need any advice or support let us know!

Kaleidoscope - Plans for Kaleidoscope are taking shape. Don't forget to let us know what activity bases you are intending to provide. You will be contacted by your Zone co-ordinator to discuss your plans.

Kathy Smith
ACCBS

CUB SCOUT SECTION

1066 Trail to Hastings - Applications for this event have already been received from 9 different Districts within the County but we still have plenty of places left so please remember that the closing date is the 6th April 2010 though if all the places have gone by then we will put a notice on the Kent web page. Don't delay as I have taken a lot of calls from Packs intending to come but have yet to send in their forms. As usual any queries please contact me.

Please remember to send a stamped addressed envelope with your application so that you can receive your 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 - Please remember that the closing date for this event is the 31st March 2010 when all deposits and forms must be with Beccy Martin.

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

12th June 2010 - Kent Cub Challenge – 2 Teams per District of 4 Cubs and 1 Leader. Applications for this will be sent during April 2010. This is an opportunity for Cubs to represent their District and cover a Challenge in the Kent Invicta Award. 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.

2nd and 3rd October 2010 - Back to the future - 95 years of Cub Scouting to be held at Detling in the buildings. Plans are now well established with 9 different zones and 10 Activities in each for the Cubs to work their way through. The cost will be £5.00 if you book early and £6.00 if at the later date. Don't forget that you can choose which day to attend and that all Beavers over 7.1/2 will be able to come with their Beaver Leader.

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 Cub Scouts**

SCOUT SECTION

Make sure you do not miss out ,go on the Kent scout website site click on the scout section logo and sign up today.

Sunday 28th March, ADC Meeting - 2pm start. Arranged for Grange Farm but will now be at: BAE systems Marconi Way, Rochester , Kent , ME1 2XX Google map ref <http://www.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=ME1+2XX> Please make sure your District is represented.

April 17th Master of Arms Badge Day. Is now full!!! but due to demand we have now added an extra day on Sunday 18th April be quick spaces are going fast!

If your troop needs more of the 2010 scout section programme planners drop me an e-mail with the number you require and I will get them posted to you.

Don't forget the **Invicta challenge** and **Extreme investiture**

More information about all of the above events and challenges can be found at www.kentscouts.org.uk/scouts

**Dean Harding
ACC Scouts**

EXPLORER SECTION

A very busy month ahead with lots of camps and activities going on.

Young Leader Training Weekend 13th – 14th March 2010 – Applications close on the 5th March so still a little time left for people to apply. If you are a leader able to help out during the Young Leaders training weekend please could you *please* e-mail us?

County Explorer/Network Presentation Evening 27th March - If you have Explorers who have achieved an Explorer award, Invicta Challenge, DofE or their Queen's Scout Award, contact Sharon Jones by email or through the **Kent Explorers Website**

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 the explorers how the Magistrates' process works with presentations and role play situations. It is a really engaging evening which has been run very successfully 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

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 Scouts

NETWORK SECTION

KENT NETWORK - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES - 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) please send a cheque for £26.40 made out to "Kent County Scout Council". **SEND TO:** Kent Scouts County Office, Youth House, Marlborough Rd, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 5HR.

DNA: - **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? Contact me for further information in the first place.

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)

WATER ACTIVITIES

Swimming. - There are changes to the Swimming rules in POR. The following sections of POR outline the Scout Associations rules regarding all types of water activities.

9.42 – Water Activities in General. 9.48 – Swimming, 9.49 Activities Near Water, 9.50 – Activities on Water, 9.51-paddling and 9.52 swimming activities.

Factsheet number FS120620 supports the rule changes and is well worth reading.

Craft for Hire! - Did you know that the County own various kinds of water activity equipment? We have kayaks, canoes, sailing dinghies, windsurf boards and even safety boats for hire. If you are planning on water activities and have your water permit holder – why not talk to us about hiring the equipment!

Courses coming up soon.

Saturday 27th March – Powerboat Night Navigation Practice at Whitstable.

Min age 17 years. Deadline: 13th March. Contact Tim Swift.

Sat/Sun 10-11th April – RYA Advanced Powerboat Course – Whitstable.

Min age 17 years. Deadline: 27th March. Contact Tim Swift.

Fri-Sun 16th-18th April – Narrowboat Training – Braunston.
Min age 18 years. Deadline: 3rd April. Contact Chris Woodward.

Fri-Sun 16th-18th April – RYA Powerboat Instructors Course – Whitstable.
Min age 16 years. Deadline: 3rd April. Contact Neill Austen.

Sat-Sun 17-18th April – RYA Level 2 Powerboat Course – Whitstable.
Min age 14 years. Deadline: 3rd April. Contact John Garden

Sunday 18th April – RYA PWC Proficiency Course – Whitstable.
Min age 16 years. Deadline: 4th April. Contact Neill Austen

Mon – Fri 19-23rd April – Narrowboat Training and Assessment – Braunston.
Min age 18. Deadline: 3rd April. Contact Chris Woodward.

Application Forms and prices can be found on the website under Water Activities.

**Tracey Swift
ACC Water**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Scout Active Support. = A reminder that we **intend as a County, to change to the new structure from 1st April 2010.** I have been invited to one or two meetings with Fellowships and DC's to explain and clarify matters. If you would like any further support please let me know.

Diary Dates:

28th March next County Meeting at Bexon Lane site. - Agenda to be issued shortly

Thanks to Medway Towns Fellowship for their support at the recent County Scout Competition and also to Maidstone West Fellowship for their help with the recent Beaver Day held at the Barn.
Your local fellowships are there to support so please invite them to help out, but try and give some notice of help required.

**Ken Ridgway
ACC SOUT FELLOWSHIP**

LOOKING FOR FUNDS?

Are you a chocoholic? If so then you can raise funds with chocolate! Easter is coming!

Chris & Caroline are authorised Distributors for Chocolates for Chocoholics, a company that provides seasonal Chocolate & Gifts via brochure sales.

Your Group can have 10% of total sales in Chocolate which can be used for gifts/prizes or Raffle prize, alternatively there is a cash option of 10% as per the brochure. Usually it's only 7.5% but Chris is involved with Scouts and has upgraded it.

If anyone is interested please contact Chocolates for Chocoholics by emailing chocolate@harrietshamandlenhamscouts.org.uk or telephone Chris or Caroline on 07816 529 575

**Rebecca Martin
County Projects Adviser**

GENERAL

Marshside Scout Campsite – Thanet

Thanet Scouts would like to remind you all about their hidden gem of a campsite! It is situated in Minster-in-Thanet, near Ramsgate. The site is divided into two main sections, plus shared campfire circle with wood pile and car park. Exclusive use of the site is available.

The Cornford site has a good amount of space for camping, a building with hall, kitchen, meeting rooms and toilets/showers. The building has a climbing wall and local scouters are willing to come down and lead a session climbing/abseiling.

The Spicer site has a large area for camping and a brand new (opened in 2009) toilet/shower block. Prices are very reasonable. For more information/pictures see the website www.thanetscouts.org.uk or contact Alison March.

IMPORTANT NOTEPLEASE READ

**Copy date for the April edition of CCC will be March 25th
ALL ARTICLES IN ARIAL 10pt PLEASE
Material to Bob Duncan**

Phone numbers and email addresses of Kent Leaders are removed in this web version, you may contact the leaders via the links on the website.