

Gillingham

SCOUT NEWS

July/August 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD JAMBOREE
28 JULY-8 AUGUST 2015

HEATWAVE 15
1-8 AUGUST 2015
Event for Scout age upwards.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC
19 SEPTEMBER 2015
BUCKMORE PARK SCOUT SITE
Event for Beavers and their families.

AWARDS PRESENTATION
18 OCTOBER 2015
District awards presentation for all sections.

HALLOWEEN CAMP
30 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER 2015
District camp for Scouts.

Details of upcoming events will be posted on the website as they are available.

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NIGHT AT MUSEUM

Writing this just after having finished a busy District Fun day, I am really proud of all leaders who carried on regardless of weather and I am pleased we were rewarded for their enthusiasm and perseverance with some great weather to finish the day. It was a great team effort and I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came along to help on the day. A special thank you to David Ainsley who has driven the fundraising for our Jambo participants and after the day I am sure we will have achieved the total required to send our 5 Jambo guys to Japan.

I hope Ollie, Georgia, Jade, Tyler and Ellie have a great time while at the jamboree and look forward to all their tales on their return. I also look forward to hearing the stories from our adult leaders attending as IST and contingent leaders.

Well done all sections and groups that had young people out a couple of weeks ago on

the Big Night Out weekend; don't forget to claim your badges and let us know about your experiences.

I am pleased to announce that Zoe Gill (used to be Martin) has agreed to take on the role of ADC Diversity and will support our special needs provision and other areas of Diversity in the district. Zoe will be a great asset to the district and I am sure will do her best to support you in her new role.

Don't forget nominations and applications are open on the District website for the new role of District Youth Commissioner. This is open to anyone from 18-25 years of age that wants to be part of the District team and make sure that scouting in Gillingham is 'youth shaped'.

I hope you all find time to have a break over the summer and come back fully refreshed in September. For those that may not get a break I hope your summer plans go well and you have plenty of fun in the sun.

Thanks again for everything you do for young people in Gillingham

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Museum Sleepovers are all the rage ever since the Night at The Museum movie hit cinemas. Not only can you spend the night at the Museum just like they do in the movies, but you can sleep over; the 5th Gillingham Beavers and Cubs had their very own Night at The Museum at the Guildhall Museum Rochester, with some great activities and a history tour. They finished the night with a film, oh yes 'Night at The Museum 2' of course!! Lots to take home including a badge from the Museum. Next day they had a great visit at Rochester Castle. It was amazing!



The photograph on the front page shows members of the 4th Group at their 'Big Night Out' on June 27th. You can read more about their Group camp (with more photos) in a special feature on **BIG NIGHT OUT** in our September issue. Send photos of your **BIG NIGHT OUT** together with a paragraph or two to: gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk

AWARDS

The next District Awards Presentation will be held on Sunday 18 October. Details of booking arrangements will be circulated to leaders in early September.



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

for Beavers and their families!

19 September
Buckmore Park
Scout Site
Download flyer at
gillinghamscouts.uk



Community badge completed!

WITH the aim of completing one of the final challenge badges on the old Badge scheme, a night at the local fire station was planned for the 4th Gillingham Dolphin cub pack. A fantastic talk about fire safety followed by a tour of the station and a fire appliance may just have recruited a couple of new fire personnel. The highlight of the evening (well we are Sea Scouts and do like water) was the opportunity to try and aim a water hose into a bucket in the middle of the yard. Unfortunately for Steve, the fire officer allocated to show us around, the slight breeze was blowing in the wrong direction and he ended up dripping wet as the Cubs gaily waved the hose around determined to try and wash a few cars while trying to hit the bucket! The evening was rounded off with our multicultural investiture ceremony, when we welcomed our newest members to the Pack.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE A SCOUT WHEN...



...YOU ALWAYS COOK ENOUGH FOR TWELVE (even if it's just you eating)



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Let us know about your Group's activities over the summer months.

Send your reports and photographs of summer camps, Heatwave 15, the Jamboree and other summer activities to gsn@gillinghamscouts.org.uk



Coffee shop

The district coffee shop is your chance to meet up with friends, catch up with members of the district team, order uniform, meet up with a Training Advisor or just bend the DC's ear.

15 September

in the District room, 25th HQ, Castlemaine Avenue. 7.30 to 9pm

PARAMEDICS VISIT BEAVERS

BEAVERS from the 5th Gillingham had a visit from two of the St. John's Ambulance paramedics. First they showed us all their medical kit and explained how they used it. Then they answered lots of our questions about the job they do and how they help us. After that we all explored the ambulance and looked at the special medical kit kept on board. We all learnt a lot about what it is like to be a paramedic! The Beavers were particularly excited by the siren and flashing lights!



Beavers earn Navigator Badge

5th Gillingham Beavers have earned their Navigator stage 1 badge and Hikes away badge, on the 11th May. We all learnt about the four cardinal points of the compass, use a map of the local area to pinpoint places like the toilets, car parks etc, then draw a simple map showing how we get from home to our HQ. On the 18th May, maps in hand, off we go for a hike around Capstone Park. In teams we all used our maps and a keen sense of direction to find our way; all the Beavers did very well.



DISTRICT FUNDAY

Brasenose Field,
Gillingham
on Sunday 5th July



CUBS FLY THEIR KITES!

11th Gillingham cubs went up to Capstone to fly their kites that they had made the previous week. With little wind they had to run around to create their own. We also had fun playing games with the parachute.



Well done...

to 4th Gillingham Sea Scout Group who came joint 7th out of 42 teams in the KM Dragon Boat Race held at Mote Park on July 5th. The team missed out on the final by 0.53 of a second. The Group boosted their funds by approximately £1400.

