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# CC's Corner

In my previous CC's Corner, I explained that the County Team was looking at what support the Districts, Groups, Leaders and Youth Members need and how to deliver it.

During 2015 we will be focussing on some key areas to support Adult Volunteers and deliver a good quality programme.

We are recruiting a new County Training Manager to lead the development of the County Training Team and ensure that all Leaders have access to and complete their training and validation. This will help Leaders to deliver the best Scouting experiences to our Youth members.

We are running a GSL Development project with the Regional Development Service. The project will provide a better level of support for GSLs, helping them to develop their own skills and knowledge and provide the best leadership for their Groups.

During 2015 we will start to run training sessions for County, District and Group Executive members for the first time. This training will help the volunteers to understand their roles so that they can give the best quality support to their GSLs and Leaders.

We have set aside £8000 to develop our ability to deliver adventurous activities for our Youth Members. This money will be used to assist Leaders to achieve Scout permits and/or nationally recognised qualifications. This year we will be focussing on developing or strengthening the following activity teams;

- Water (canoeing, kayaking, sailing, windsurfing etc)
- Mountaineering (hill walking, climbing, caving etc)
- Master at Arms (archery, air rifles, crossbows etc)

If you are interested in joining any of these teams, enhancing your qualifications and becoming an instructor please contact an adviser or e-mail [office@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:office@glscouts.org.uk) and the administrator will forward your e-mail to the relevant adviser.

**Nick Crowe**  
**County Commissioner**

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# Meet your Youth Representative: David Goodwin



David started Scouting at a very young age when his Mum (a Cub Leader at the time) took him camping at just a few months old. Unsurprisingly David then joined the Beavers at the 23rd Bromley as soon as he could, where he carried on through Cubs and Scouts.

When in Scouts, he was selected to be part of the GLSE contingent going to the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Chelmsford. Shortly after going up to Explorers David became a Young Leader at the Scout Troop - following in a long line of family members who had a leadership role in the Scout movement.

David continued to help at Scouts after turning 18 and helped organise various group events including Pantomimes, Gang Shows and Group Family Camps. A particular achievement of David's was, in Easter 2012, being an Assistant Expedition Leader for the 23rd Bromley's expedition to Kenya. The experiences of this trip spurred David on to do more international Scouting – going to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree as a member of the International Service Team.

Having become a member of the County Leadership Team, David was selected to be the Expedition Manager for the 2015 Explorer Belt Expedition to New Zealand, as well as an Assistant Expedition Manager for the Japan Expedition in 2015. He has also recently taken up the position of Assistant Explorer Leader at the 23rd Bromley.

Outside of Scouting David recently graduated with a Business Degree from Aston University, which included a year living abroad in Budapest. He has recently

joined the Transport for London Graduate scheme working in Commercial Procurement.

David has joined the County Executive as the Youth Representative where he is tasked with giving a voice to the young people and younger leaders within GLSE at Executive meetings. If you have a suggestion of how Scouting in GLSE can be improved, or an incredible experience that you think others should know about, then please get in contact with David at: davidgoodwin92@hotmail.com.



## Have you signed up to the County mailing list?

Sign up here: <http://goo.gl/dZA5SZ> to get your next copy of i.SHARE and much more news!

# Conqueror of Everest, solo Atlantic rower and Round the World cyclist James Ketchell inspires 400 Bromley Scouts

James Ketchell, British adventurer, inspired 400 Bromley Scouts and Explorer Scouts with his compelling story of how he overcame a serious motor cycle accident to take part in the world's toughest triathlon – earning him a place in the record books at the same time!

In 2007, as a result of a serious accident, James sustained broken legs and ankles - his prognosis was that he was likely to suffer a permanent walking impairment. To prove the doctors wrong, James rowed 3,000 miles across the Atlantic, climbed to the summit of Everest and cycled around the world unaided.

5th Chislehurst Scout, Ansh Batura, aged 11 asked James "If you could do a different challenge which isn't climbing, rowing and cycling what would it be? With a smile James's response was - "I don't know, why don't you set me a challenge?"

James Ketchell, Scout Ambassador and serial adventurer, commented: "If I have learned anything about life it's that you get out what you put in. I am proud to share my challenges and success with



Bromley Scouts and I hope that knowledge will inspire the next generation of young people to go out and make a difference to their lives, their community and their world."

James is supporting and raising awareness for a wonderful children's charity The ELIFAR Foundation, which aims to help improve the quality of life mainly of profoundly disabled children and young adults. Thanks to donations on the night from members of Bromley District Scouts, £600 was raised for the Foundation.

# SCOUTS SPEAK UP TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Are you a youth member of Scouting? Can you convey first-hand the fun, challenge, adventure and global citizenship that Scouting offers? Do you know an Explorer Scout, older Scout (13+) who is keen to promote Scouting and learn more about the media?**



In recent years, Scouting has put young people at the heart of its communications work and this workshop will help candidates get their message across - talking with print media, speaking directly with journalists, including radio and TV interviews in front of the camera.

Recently Scouting has encouraged young people to be at the forefront of promoting the Movement and the principles in which they believe - to local Councillors, to MPs at a national level and to engage with their communities and decision makers to effect lasting change at a local level.

The Scouts Speak Up (SSU)/Young Spokesperson (YSP) workshop experience is a specially designed course for our young people to offer everything they need to know how to achieve the following:

- ✓ To enhance the skills and confidence needed to talk about their experiences in Scouting to a wide variety of audiences
- ✓ To learn how to plan and carry out campaigns with the media about the Scouting activities they are involved in
- ✓ To influence others the value of what they are doing so that they are able to act as spokespeople for local Scouting – whether this means sitting on the BBC Breakfast sofa or speaking to local businesses
- ✓ To develop their presenting skills

**When: 9.00 am Saturday 6th June – 4.00 pm Sunday 7th June 2015**

**Where: The Shaws Guide Campsite, 144 Cudham Lane North, Cudham, Sevenoaks TN14 7QT**

**Cost: Free to all members of GLSE**

To book your place please complete the booking form [here](#).

Once you have completed the booking form please send a cheque for £15 payable to **GLSE Scouts** to: GLSE Scouts, Unit 34, TIC, 2 Veridion Way, Erith, Kent DA18 4AL to secure your place. This will be returned to you at the event. Please write your name on the reverse of the cheque.

For any enquiries email: [media@glscout.org.uk](mailto:media@glscout.org.uk)

Closing date for bookings 10th May



# THINKING OF GOING ABROAD WITH YOUR GROUP OR SECTION?



Did you know that there is a Visits Abroad pack that you need to request?

As soon as you think about organising a trip to another country, then you need to request the Visits Abroad pack. This will contain all the information you need, or will signpost you to other important rules that you need to consider.

The information that the Visits Abroad pack requests must be returned to the County International Expeditions Manager at least three months before you depart. You will not be authorised to travel until the information has been signed off.

The international team can support you with all of your planning and organisation, as well as advice on the rules and contacts across the world.

Please remember that any pre site visits or 'recces' also need to follow the Visits Abroad pack information and be signed off by the County's International Expeditions Manager.

For further information, or for a Visits Abroad pack, please contact [visitsabroad@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:visitsabroad@glscouts.org.uk)

## Andorra 2016 Ski Trip

**Following the success of the skiing trip to Andorra in 2014, we are running another trip in February 2016.**

**We need an Expedition Manager and Assistant Expedition Managers to run the trip so that our Young People can experience skiing - maybe for the first time!**

**If you are interested in either of the roles please contact us on [visitsabroad@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:visitsabroad@glscouts.org.uk)**



# 2nd East Wickham Scout Group's devastated after minibus stolen



The theft of a minibus belonging to a Scout group has left over 100 children without vital transport to take them on activities and to camps.

The 2nd East Wickham Scout Group's minibus was stolen from outside St. Mary's Church, Sandringham Drive, Welling a few weeks ago.

The Van is white with **"2nd EAST WICKHAM SCOUT GROUP"** in big black letters down both sides. It has a distinctive dent in the back door under the ladder and has a custom made cage replacing two of the back seats for luggage.

It is a long wheelbase Ford Transit and when it was stolen it had 'St Mary's Youth' in decals on the rear quarter panels. These will almost certainly have been removed, but may still be visible as outlines in the paint (which may also not still be white).

The vehicle reg is FV07 MLU.

If seen in Welling/Bexleyheath or any surrounding areas, please call the Metropolitan Police on 101 and report where it was seen and give a description of driver.

Richard Gilman, Group Scout Leader for 2nd East Wickham said "This is devastating news for a thriving Scout Group which gives so many young people opportunities to enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors and reach their full potential."

"I have told the Scouts and parents to keep an eye out for the van and I hope anyone who sees will let the police know."



## Got an article for the next issue of i.SHARE?

If you have any articles and information for the next edition of i.SHARE please submit to [newsletter@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@glscouts.org.uk) by August 31st



# CAPERS GANG SHOW 2015



Another very successful Capers – the Bexley District Gang Show - has been rewarded with such comments as – exciting, energetic and inspirational!

After 14 weeks of Sunday rehearsals, the cast of over 80 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders supported by more than 150 crew gave six performances to appreciative audiences. A programme of comedy, dancing as well as traditional Ralph Reader items was enhanced this year with an international aspect when leaders from the Netherlands visited to train them in clog dancing!

The show has continued to help young Scouts develop their confidence and learn new skills with Explorers being encouraged to take lead roles in the production - running the sound desk and lighting boards.

An unexpected phone call on the Friday morning of the show delivered an added dimension to the week – Mark Easton – the BBC Home Affairs reporter – suggested that he would like to feature the show highlighting the role of adult volunteers in Scouting. That afternoon the cast spent preparing for a special performance of two songs from the show so that when the BBC film crews arrived they were all in fine voice!



The cast performed as true stars for the cameras and then it was the turn for Karen Smith – one of the show's producers – to be interviewed by Mark on her role as a volunteer leader and Karen was able to showcase Scouting and the importance of adult volunteers within the Movement.

All was rewarded at 6.00 o'clock that evening when all the cast were thrilled to watch themselves on the live BBC news feed.





# Titan's adventure in Ireland

The week before Easter 13 members of the Titan Air Explorer Scout Unit, based in Erith, travelled to Ireland for a week of adventure. The trip was inspired by one of the leaders - Louise "Irish" Murphy, who wanted to share her home country with the Unit.

A number of fundraising events were organised to ensure that every member of the group could attend and they were also fortunate to receive a couple of charitable grants. Preparations complete their Ireland adventure began!

The first four days were spent at Lough Dan Scout Centre in the heart of the Wicklow Mountains. The setting was truly spectacular, although all too often attention was focused on other matters such as rafting, hiking and tree climbing.

James, 18, who was on his last trip with Explorers before moving to Adrenaline Network said "My favourite memory from our time in Wicklow is from our cats eye night hike. When we got to the top of the hill the sky was clear and we could see so many stars and the mountains around us. It's an experience I won't quickly forget."

The end of the week saw the group move to Dublin to soak up the sights, atmosphere and "the craic" - the highlight being experiencing Gaelic games like hurling and hand ball, although Irish dancing came a close second, especially for Matthew, 18, who thought the Irish dancing was "so much fun and the music was great".

It was a great week for Explorers and leaders alike, summed up perfectly by James "TicTac" Belsham: "The week was great. I really feel like I experienced lots of new things and ended the week feeling ready for the next adventure".







# In less than 100 days Kraken will be heading for the World Scout Jamboree in Japan

Less than 100 days until the 'Kraken' unit depart for their adventure in Japan and final preparations are fully underway. 36 Scouts and Explorers from GLSE and GLSW will venture first to Okinawa, before travelling on to attend the official 23rd World Scout Jamboree event in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City. The expedition will conclude visiting the sights in Tokyo.



Since they first met in October 2013 Kraken have completed nine weekend training camps encompassing a wide variety of activities. They visited the heat chamber at Kingston University, where under the supervision of Senior Lecturer Dr Hannah Moir,

they completed physical activities in the simulated 40°C heat and 90% humidity, typical of Japan's climate. They travelled to Somerset, camping with 2 other jamboree units from Somerset and Avon and have completed some Japanese language and culture lessons run by Akemi Solloway Tanaka, the daughter of an old Samurai family.

"WA: a Spirit of Unity" is the theme for the Jamboree. The Kanji Character "和" (Wa) embraces many meanings such as unity, harmony, cooperation, friendship and peace. Kraken will complete a wide variety of activities based on this theme learning

about culture, science and the environment whilst working with people from all around the world. There will be an opportunity to attend a special Peace Memorial Ceremony to mark the 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima atomic bomb and spend a day working with a local community.



Billy, 17, is looking forward to the day trip to Hiroshima and learning about "arguably the most significant recent historical event, and see its impact first hand."

In Okinawa the unit will be divided into pairs to live with a variety of Japanese Scouting families as part of a Home Hospitality experience. Jack, 14, believes this will be his highlight "a chance to really see the true culture of Japan, something no travel agent can sell you!"

With one final training camp before their departure the anticipation and excitement grows. Laura, 14, "I wanted to go on the jamboree as I thought it would be a great opportunity to meet new people, make friends and have fun, and that's exactly what's happened!"





# Bromley Scout Radio Seeks Co-Host

As of the 1st May 2015, a new era of collaboration between the Youth Digital Network and Scouting has been born. Bromley District Scouting has been the pioneer district to get involved and has now secured 3 radio broadcasting shows per week.

Based at 179 High Street, Bromley, Elliott V-Smith will be hosting webcast sessions using his cub name "Uncle Dizzy" and his aim is to get our message of the brilliance of Scouting out into the world. Offering air time to small groups who want to talk about what they get up to, any talented musicians and, of course, any children who want a taste of relative fame. Visitors of all ages welcome, from Beavers all the way to the GSLs up for a bit of fun.

Every Monday afternoon Uncle Dizzy will be joined by co-host Chloe Day of the 3rd Orpington between the hours of 4pm till 7pm.

Every Tuesday afternoon Uncle Dizzy will be joined by co-host Danielle Freeman-Grantham of the newly

formed 27th Bromley Hornets, an exciting new Explorer Unit based at Wilberforce Scout Campsite, broadcasting again between 4pm and 7pm.

Wednesday afternoons are open to anyone who wants to join him; if you feel you'd like to help co-host Elliott on a regular basis or just the once or maybe you feel like you want to come down and have a look at what we are doing, please get in touch.

"The Radio Scouts" want your help to spread the fun with songs, stories and any kind of games we can play over the radio.

Get in touch via email or Facebook the show:

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# Awards

## Congratulations to the following adults who have received awards during 2014–2015

### Good Service Awards:

#### Silver Acorn:

**Viv Baxter – Bexley**  
**Terry Newman – Bromley**  
**Sandra Goodwin – Bromley**  
**Jeannette Elliott – Bromley**

#### Award for Merit:

**Pat Waters – Bexley**  
**Gill Buckenham – Bexley**

#### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service: **Jean Allen – Bexley**

#### Medal for Meritorious Conduct **Jack Bland – Bexley**

### County Commissioner's Commendations:

**Lara Bland – Bexley**



#### SILVER ACORN

The Silver Acorn, worn on an orange ribbon around the neck, and emblems or pin badge with an orange knot is awarded for specially distinguished service for a period of not less than twenty years.



#### AWARD FOR MERIT

The Award for Merit, formerly the Medal of Merit, worn with a green neck ribbon and emblems or pin badge with a green knot, would normally be awarded after a period of not less than 12 years, but exceptionally after 10 years of outstanding service while holding adult appointments. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period.



## SAVE THE DATE

### ***MESH 11 GIG***

***11 12 13 SEPT 2015***

Get ready for the big Gig as MESH 11 hits the stage at Downe! We'll be rocking the weekend away on the 11, 12 & 13th September 2015. Get it in your diary now!



# INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## JOIN THE ADVENTURE



**We are looking for Expedition managers and assistant managers to lead trips over the coming few years.**

**If you are interested or would like some more information please contact [visitsabroad@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:visitsabroad@glscouts.org.uk)**

**Explorer Belt Europe- Easter 2016**

**Cub trip To France (inc Parc Asterix) 3/4 days- Summer 2016**

**Explorer Belt Ireland- 2017**

**Founderee trip in Kenya- Feb 2017**

**Explorer Belt- Asia 2018**

## WSJ Japan 2015 Communications Camp

If you are not hopping on a plane to the Jamboree in Japan, why not join us at Communications Camp at Gilwell Park? From the 27 July to the 8 August you can join us and help us spread the Jamboree message to media outlets and local Scout channels across the UK.

You can book for between 1 and 12 days and volunteer as part of the team delivering media stories to outlets across the country and updates to Scout members. Gilwell will provide camping space and lunch, as well as support throughout your time with us. They will also be providing bespoke training including topics on how to edit video, to polishing up your press releases.

If you are interested in this opportunity please email [media@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@glscouts.org.uk), with the dates you would like to attend. This opportunity is limited to 10 participants a day so get in touch soon to avoid disappointment.