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Well, we're in April already - it doesn't seem that long ago that we were flying back to the UK after a hugely successful expedition to Kenya at Christmas, and then not long after that to Disneyland Paris with 200 young people and their leaders - all of whom had a great time!

We've gone through our first annual census since the new Districts came online, and the figures are looking good. But this is only the yard stick measurement of the successful programmes and support. There are lots of other ways we can measure the success of the programmes being delivered, but ultimately the hard work and dedication of sections is the 'bit' that makes it happen - and my thanks yet again for the continuing commitment from the hundreds of adults that lead our young people on their everyday adventure.

Both Districts have moved a long way in their transition - but there is still a lot to do. My thanks to everyone that has played their part so far. Each of the heritage Districts will leave their legacies in the new Districts, and in doing this will ensure that both the new Districts are really built to work for our young people and Groups. We will be engaging with everyone again soon to see what you think so far - so watch this space.

I am spending time participating in our training courses this year, to meet new leaders, but also to see where we can expand and add value to the resources we provide for leaders to make their role easier. It is inspiring to see leaders sharing ideas and best practises too - which is something you cannot replace with a DVD or online course. So, if you have still to complete your Wood Badge, please consider doing at least one module through a course as opposed to the other methods you can use. It is time well spent!

I would also urge you to make sure that your [and your fellow leaders] records are correct on the Membership Management System [on scouts.org.uk]. It is only by having your record up to date that we have the right details to communicate with you, and also to make sure that we recognise adults accordingly. So, make sure your email address, training and role[s] are correct on the system. If not, then contact your Group Scout Leader, so they

can make arrangements to have it done for you. Without having these correct details you will miss out on what's going on - and that will mean that your young people will miss out too.

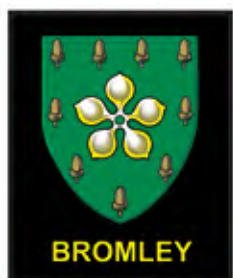
I hope that the first part of the new year has gone well for you so far, and that you have started to think of summer plans. There will be opportunities to get involved in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations too. Don't forget the 'Our Sporting Adventure' scheme aiming to involve an Olympic and Paralympic theme in your programmes [and watch out for our own leaders sporting adventure too!].

If you are having an interesting programme night or event this year - please do drop me a line and invite me - I will gladly come along and get involved.

Happy Scouting!

Ben Richardson
County Commissioner

Meet the DC's



GILES BARNETT

District Commissioner for Bromley

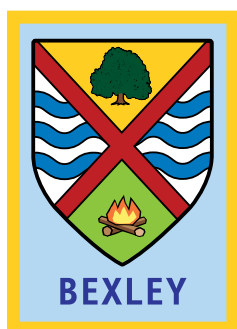
Giles married his Scout Leader's daughter and lives with his wife, Alison and two daughters in Swanley Village. He started Scouting in 1969 when he lived in Lewisham but joined the 19th Bromley Cubs. After Scouts in the 19th Bromley, he moved to the Plaistow Venture Scout unit at about the same time that he went to study at Orpington College.

Having achieved his Queen's Scout Award and D of E Gold Award, Giles was for six years an Assistant Venture Scout Leader at the PVU after which he became ADC (Venture Scouts) in Bromley and for two years actually lived in Bromley District! After 6 more years he had moved to Chislehurst and became ACC (Venture Scouts).

With his business taking off, he gave up his County role after less than 2 years to become Akela's husband and a general factotum back

at the 19th Bromley where he supported the Group for many years before he donned a uniform again in 2001 to become Group Scout Leader. By now he was living in Swanley Village and after 3 years as GSL, he became District Commissioner for Bromley District in 2004 and, in 2011, was appointed DC for the new borough wide District of Bromley Scouts.

Mrs B is still Akela at 19th Bromley so is slightly aware of what he spends his evenings doing.



NICK CROWE

District Commissioner for Bexley

Nick Crowe is married to Caroline and lives in Abbey Wood with Caroline's daughter Natalie. Nick has three sons - James, Mattias and David by his first marriage and lived in Welling and then Sidcup for 17 years.

Nick started his Scouting as a Cub and then a Scout at the 1st East Wickham in 1972 before moving on to Venture Scouts at the 4th Welling. In 1983 he became ASL at the 1st East Wickham moving to SL at the 2nd Welling in 1985. In 1988 he joined the Metropolitan Police and on returning from training school was appointed District Venture Scout Leader in East Wickham & Welling. In the early 90s Nick became Scout Leader at the 2nd East Wickham and then the Explorer Scout Leader in 2001.

In 2007 Nick became DC of East Wickham and Welling, eventually stepping down in 2011 after being selected as DC designate for Bexley District.

Caroline, Nick's wife, is the County Administrator, Bexley District Executive Secretary, Secretary to the EW & W Fellowship SAS and a Guide Leader. This is a helpful situation as it means that Nick and Caroline are quite tolerant of each other's commitment to Scouting.

On the 18th December 2011, a unit of 45 Scouts and leaders from GLSE left Heathrow, bound for the trip of a lifetime, having spent numerous hours fund raising more than £20,000 in the nine months leading up to the trip. Their adventure started in Siaya, where they would be running a week's camp for local Scouts and orphans.

Taking Christmas to Kenya



The week was packed, with every day focusing on a project, ranging from a sports day, a day of first aid, completing the Creative Challenge Badge and a music/art day, all of which brought the Kenyan Patrols together and taught them skills.

They also tried to leave their own mark on Siaya Scout Centre, by completing jobs around site, erecting a new sign, laying building foundations and painting a mural. As well as these projects, they also visited the orphanage Amani, where a number of their visitors had come from. The orphanage particularly touched them, the love and hope seen in such a simple place was humbling and many vowed to return.

Christmas Day was celebrated alongside the Kenyans, embracing the worldwide family of Scouting where they cooked for the whole campsite and enjoyed a communal

Christmas dinner with over 150 Scouts and leaders all sitting round a giant table cloth having a variety of Kenyan dishes and comparing their similarities and differences to their previous Christmas dinners.

On leaving Siaya, Explorer Scout Dom Humphries, 16, from West Wickham said: *"This experience was one in a million, we've worked in the community with underprivileged local Scouts and orphans and donated to them clothes and equipment they vitally need and hopefully, we've given them a Christmas to remember too."*

An important part of the second week was Nyeri, once home to Lord Baden Powell, where they visited Paxtu, his chalet - and his final resting place - on a hillside outside the town. In Nyeri, they

also visited a slum community, which had been helped by previous expeditions, to leave donations.

One of the highlights, a night that will live long in the memory, was their stay at the Ark, a hotel set far into the wilderness, where they stayed up the whole night mesmerised by the elephants, rhino and other animals that grazed just metres away.

But all things must come to an end and on New Year's Eve they flew home, safe in the knowledge that not only had they left something positive behind at the places visited, but that they had also been touched by the characters they had encountered and made some wonderful memories that would be treasured for years after.

Disneyland Paris

by Austen Coppen, 9th Erith Air Cub Scout



The trip to Disneyland Paris was fantastic! It was my second trip with the Cubs, but this year was the best because there were so many of us and we had two days in Disneyland.

We got on the coach at the Scout Hut and waved our Mummies and Daddies goodbye. We arrived at Dover and got on to the ferry. It was really exciting, although a long journey to our Disney Camp.

The Davy Crockett cabin was very cosy and our Leaders were 'Haithi' and 'Rama' who were really nice and looked after us. It was really exciting going into Disneyland and we went on the Disneyland Park rides. It was great fun, my scariest ride was 'Rock 'n Rollercoaster' because it did lots of loop-the-loops and went upside down! I would like to go on it again next year.

I met 'Baloo' from Jungle Book and we had a picture taken with him and our Leader who is Baloo was really pleased to see him! It was really great that all

the Cubs and Scouts took over Planet Hollywood for dinner! The food was lovely (I had a cheeseburger with French fries) and we saw the other Leaders from our Group and friends from District and County.

The fun thing about being away was that I was away with my Cub friends and it was brave and special to go abroad without my Mummy or Daddy. It felt like a big adventure and was great fun.

I wanted to stay longer in Disneyland because it was so much fun.

We got a special hoodie and hat, and I bought a Buzz Lightyear Toy and Mickey Mouse cups to remember the trip by. I also like wearing my Union Flag badge on my uniform as a reminder of travelling abroad with Cubs.

We always have a great time at Cubs!

Cubs' Night at the Museum



Cub Scouts from 3rd Petts Wood, 32nd Bromley, 3rd Orpington and 8th Orpington joined over 250 other Cubs and leaders from London and the surrounding area for the first ever Cub Scout sleepover event held at The British Museum.

The Sleepover was themed around the Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry and his exhibition The Tomb of the Unknown Craftsman. They explored the ideas of craftsmanship and sacred journeys where they heard stories of illusion and wizardry and then explored the history of

the Museum's collection, after which they grabbed their sleeping bags and sculptures. 3rd Petts Wood Cub Scout, Daniel Yanez-Cunningham said *"Sleeping with the Egyptian artefacts was a new experience, the best part of the exhibition was a boat made of cast iron in the tomb of the unknown craftsman."*



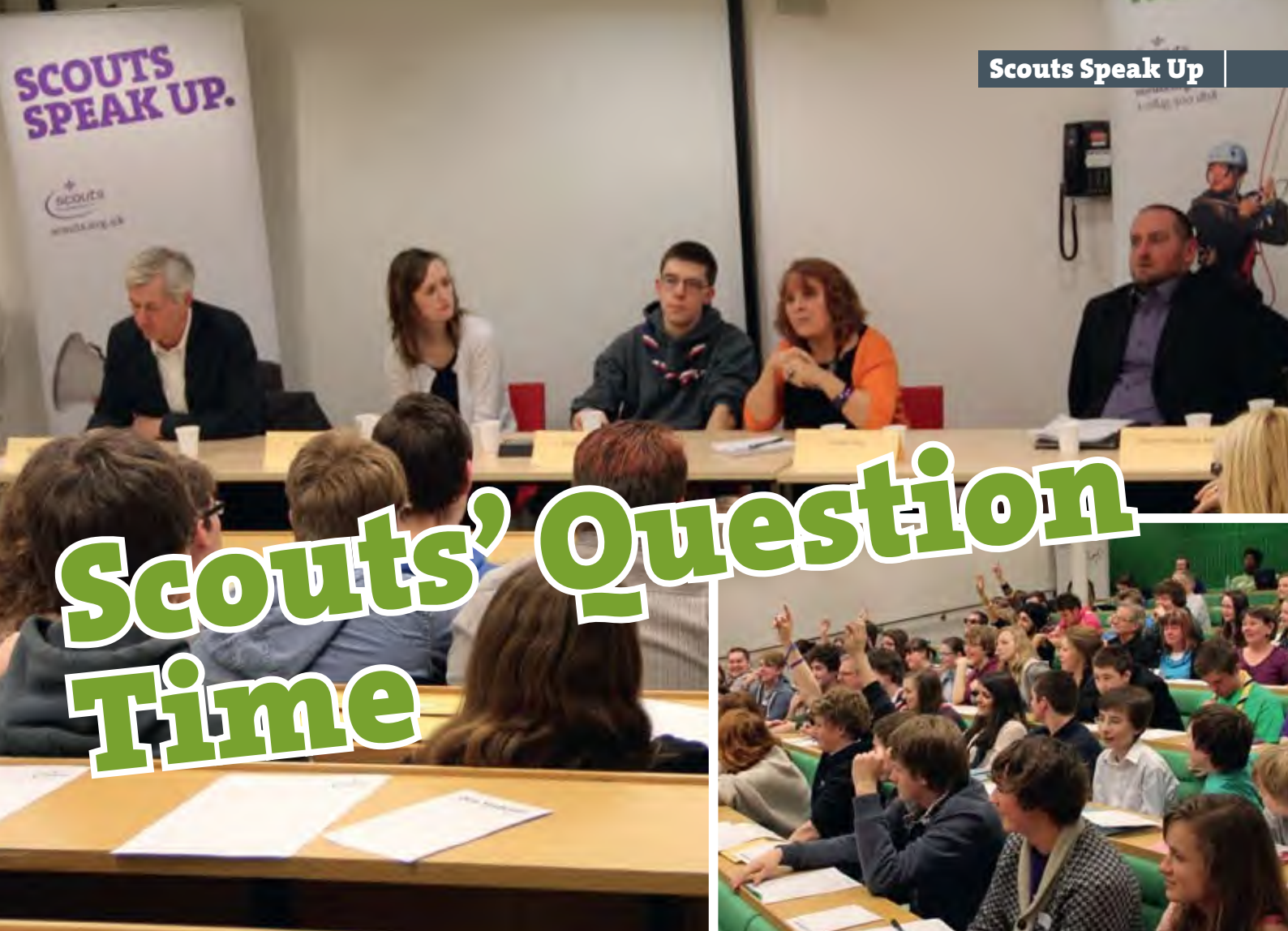
Cubs Bloom at "Bexley in Bloom"



Gardening enthusiastic Cubs and Scouts from 13th Erith (Christ Church) Scout Group picked up their prize in Bexley in the Bloom Allotment section competition. The Group has half an allotment and has been eagerly working on it each Saturday morning for a couple of hours during most of last year. The keen gardeners are led by Scout Leader Ken Jowett who said that the children were learning about different vegetables and were very interested in the wildlife on the allotment, such as the slow worms who inhabit the compost heap. The plot is being worked as organic and almost everything on it is recycled or donated by parents and friends - including the seeds.

Cub Scout, Blake Proctor, 10, said *"I enjoy going to the allotment and now grow things at home as well."*

Their hard work has been recognised and they were awarded a Silver Gilt Certificate and won the "Best Children's Plot" class. At the presentation ceremony on 12th October Scout, Adam Davies received a glass trophy on behalf of the Group for their hard work. The competition has twelve classes and is run by Bexley Council as part of London in Bloom. The judges' comments included "Very good range and quality of crops, good layout and great improvements being made."



Scouts' Question Time

On the 11th of February, three members from GLSE, visited the London School of Economics, for the Association's, "Scouts' Question Time", part of the Young Spokesperson programme. The day was aimed to get young people both more interested in both the politics of our country and more confident in influencing those in power, whose decisions have an impact on where we live.

"Our day started with a talk from the Houses of Parliament Education Department, from whom we learnt more about how laws are passed and how government operates. This was put into practice in our practical sessions, where our groups, which ranged from young Scouts to Network, looked at party manifestos, how Coalitions reach compromise and how new laws are created. We also took part in heated debates on key issues such as religious expression and euthanasia, which challenged our

powers of persuasion and confidence in our own views.

These activities were very useful, as they led into the main focus of the day, a conference with figures such as MPs and Party Youth Leaders, attended by over 50 Scouts, who put their questions, opinions and worries to our informed guests, over a range of current affairs including Syria and NHS reform, as well as other issues dear to us, such as university grants and public transport.

The day was very informative and showed beyond doubt that young people do have a voice and are as politically and socially informed as some adults, giving confidence in our prospective future leaders of the country! Our thanks go to the Scout Association's Young Spokesperson Team and to the MPs and who supported the event."

Andrew Jordan
5th Petts Wood/
Bearded Ladies ESU

Jack Biddle
8th West Wickham
Network

Awards

Congratulations to the following leaders who have received awards during 2011

SILVER WOLF: Bill Gunn

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN: James Coles, Marion Graham, Chris Jones, John Penney, Roger Richardson.

SILVER ACORN: Les Dobbs, Chris Hall, Colin Hopkins.

BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT: Mavis Bennett, Michael Brooks, Nikki Brown, Patricia Chase, Maura Garrod, Elaine Kirk, Ian Kirk, Patricia Lofths, Ronald Ockelford, Patricia Riddle, Elizabeth Rossiter, Keith Rossiter, Brian Thomas, Alan Verge, Geoffrey Yeomans.

AWARD FOR MERIT: Sue Adams, Brian Allen, Colin Baker, Mavis Bennett, Adrian Buckenham, Nicholas Carruthers, Anthony Chase, Margaret Glendon, Terry Gregory, Margaret Hollingdale, Geraldine Ireland, Charlie Edmondson, Leonard Evans, Mick Fenton, Barbara Gill, Carol McGowan, John Mills, Gwyn Muckelt, Stuart Muckelt, Gary Peppiatt, Alf Philpott, Haydn Poulten, Sylvia Poulten, Neil Rossiter, Keith Scott, Di Sprowles, Adrian Tallett, Patricia Walsh, Leonard Warren, Andrew Watkins, Gary Whitehead, Juliette Yeomans, Russell Zaple.

CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE: Alan Abbott, Alex Birks-Agnew, Samuel Bonome, Steve Bowman, George Buist, Kay Churcher, Neil Churcher, Christopher Coombs-Organ, Michael Davis, Chris Elmer, Louise Fuller, Fran Georgel, Steve Gunn, Josie Holden, Richard Jones, Jane Medland, Angela Righelato, Sheila Roberts, Peter Smith, Danny Southby, Thomas Strachan, Heather Swinnerton, Lewis Taylor, Luke Tucker, Nigel Watts, Jeffrey Wickett, Lisa Winterburn.

County Commissioner's Commendations:

For dedication and contribution towards the:

Austria 2010 Expedition

Paul Amass, Matt Barnett, George Buist, Vicki Clare, Lucy Collins, Paul Cosgrave, Lee Curtis, Paul Donneky, Paul Durrant, Clair Farmer, Oscar Gould, Bill Gunn, Phyl Gunn, Steve Gunn, Lucy Hart, Carol Jackson, Alan Johnson, Tracy Johnson, George Kitchen, Emma Leek, Sue Leonard, Pete Marshall, Gwyn Muckelt, Stuart Muckelt, Krista Pickering, Jim Pitts, Alf Philpott, Adrienne Ryan, Danny Southby, Lewis Taylor, Dale Turnbull, Henk van Welsenens, Russell Zaple, Sarah Zaple.

For bravery and courage during the County Expedition to Austria 2010: Liam Hafey, Eilis Hafey, Ian Holder, Luke Pankhurst.

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree, Sweden: Stuart Cosgrave, Amy Gould, Amanda Hickey, Julia Poulter.

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree, Sweden, Day Visit Expedition: Louise McAuliffe, Alf Philpott, Hopeton Reid.

Kenya Explorer Belt Expedition, Christmas 2011: Tom Abbott, Clare Amass, Paul Amass, Gemma Baker, George Buist, Alex Farmer, Clair Farmer, Colin Hambley, Emma Leek, Gwyn Muckelt, Stuart Muckelt, Steve Pegram, Alf Philpott, Catherine Rawlins, Jim Roffey, Danny Southby.

For dedication and commitment to Scouting in: East Wickham & Welling: Richard Willgoss, Bromley: Chris Jones

For dedication and contribution towards the LB Bexley Small Grants Scheme: Alison Bruce.

For continued support to Scouting in South East London: Cllr James Hunt, Caroline Thomas.

For hard work and continued dedication to their role as: Financial Co-ordinator: Dele Sanusi.

County Explorer Scout Chairperson: Hannah Kentish.

County Explorer Scout Chairperson: Luke Robertson.

County Scout Network Chairperson: Clair Farmer.

Support for training of the County Team: Sam Marks.

For their continued support to Scouting in South East London: James Cleverly, Dave Easton, Jane Evans, Ian Payne.

During 2011 Long Service Awards have been presented. These represent a total of 2,550 years of service to Scouting!

60 YEARS

John Hammond

50 YEARS

David Emerson

Peter Munns

40 YEARS

Alfred Clark

James Coles

Neil Elbow

John Hockey

Michael Macey

Evelyn Magee

Roger Riddle

Keith Rossiter

Trevor Thomas

John Tinham

30 YEARS

Pam Baker

Tim Frost

Ian Grieson

Ann Lloyd

Mick Murphy

Ronald Ockleford

Janet Paddington

Martin Rees

Marion Skinner

Henry Treveil

25 YEARS

Nigel Betts

Nikki Brown

Vicki Clare

Paul Cosgrave

Caroline Crowe

Jeannette Elliott

Geoffrey Ford

Susan Hanrahan

Andrew Hill

Mark Knill

Christine Regan

Dave Rosedon

Gary Say

Peter Smith

Timothy Spittle

20 YEARS

Jill Bavington-Pearce

Nicholas Carruthers

Stephen Dawson

Richard Dickens

Richard Eddowes

Sheila Foakes

Matthew Gant

Michael Gasston

Terry Gregory

Matthew Hale

Hannah Harvey

Elizabeth Hyson

Michael Macey

Bruce Manning

Peter Palmer

Murray Smith

Thomas Smith

Glen Stother

Roy Usherwood

Leonard Warren

15 YEARS

Susan Adams

Brian Allen

John Baxter

Jo-Anne Buckstone

Yvonne Bulman

Anthony Chase

Judy Gant

Steven Gilbert

Roberta Hale

Susan Hazell

Alys Helm

Simon Hobson

Robin Hogg

Elizabeth Marfell

Tracy May

Gwyn Muckelt

Beryl Nye

Jim Pitts

Karen Pleasance

Andrew Sales

Mark Slatter

Adrian Smith

Timothy Snook

Christo Sofianos

David Taylor

Pamela Tossell

Patricia Walsh

Jacqueline Webster

Neville Williams

10 YEARS

Jacqueline Ahern

Brian Allen

Michael Boniface

Alison Campbell

Sally-Anne Chambers

Lee Curtis

Robin Cussens

Paul Durrant

Alistair Flack

Andrew France

Susan Forward

Colin Hargreen

Lesley Hagreen

Rosemary Harris

Irene Holliss

James Hopwood

Donna Jones

Tracey Leon-Cutler

Celia Naylor

Christopher Sykes

Robert Watson

Charles Yates

5 YEARS

John Ainsworth

Gemma Baker

Katherine Baker

David Bees

Susan Beagley

Jonathan Biddle

Samuel Bonome

Mark Brasnell

Philip Bull

Christopher Burton

Veronica Cole

Michael Cookman

Christopher Coombs-Organ

Georgina Cox

Christopher Day

Angie De Boick

John Edmondson

Nicola Fielding

Tony Fox

Louise Fuller

Andrew Goulding

Christopher Harris

Duncan Hope

Robert Howe

Elizabeth Hurtt

Carol Jackson

Lorna Keenan

Raymond Marden

Alastair Moppett

Sandra Newey

Robert Paddock

Mary Pawlett

Jason Pearce

Graham Price

Anthony Ridley

Matthew Seers

Karen Shipp

Michael Shipp

Lee Stockley

Luke Tucker

Adrian Voice

Paul Waitimas

Laurence Walker

Nigel Watts

Andrew White

Mark Whiteacre

Jeffrey Wickett

Lisa Winterburn

Susan Wood

Congratulations to the following leaders who have attained their Wood Badge

PAUL AMASS

JENNIFER BEALE

LYN BEESON

MICHAEL COWAN

KEVIN DILLEY

TINA EDRUPT

NICHOLAS GRANT

ALYS HELM

STEVE HOLMAN

CAROL JACKSON

DEBORAH KENNEDY

STEVEN MOORE

STUART MUCKELT

PETER PALMER

CLAIRE PESTER

JULIA POULTER

KATHRYN PRICE

DANNY SOUTHBY

LISA STRATFORD

NICHOLAS TURPIN

HENK VAN WELSENES

GARY WHITEHEAD

DCC Programme

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

ACC Beaver Scouts

ACC Cub Scouts

Assistant Scout Leader

Group Scout Leader

Beaver Scout Leader

District Commissioner

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

Assistant Group Scout Leader

Assistant County Commissioner

ADC Beaver Scouts

Beaver Scout Leader

Group Scout Leader

ADC Special Needs

Scout Leader

Beaver Scout Leader

County Scout Leader

Group Scout Leader

ACC International

Beaver Scout Leader

Cub Scout Leader

District Commissioner

District Commissioner

JOAN BULL

PAUL COSGRAVE

NICK CROWE

CLAIRE EAMES

JUDITH FREEMAN

CLAIRE HANNAM

SIMON HOBSON

GARY HURLE

CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY

VICTORIA LEON-CUTLER

SUSAN MURPHY

GRAHAM OPENSHAW

STEPHEN PEGRAM

ALF PHILPOTT

JASON PRICE

HOPETON REID

PAUL SOUTHBY

NICOLA THOMAS

GEOFFREY WEBB

NICHOLAS WHITE

IAN WOODROW

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

Deputy County Commissioner

District Commissioner

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

Regional Training Adviser

Group Scout Leader

County Scout Leader

Assistant Scout Leader

Group Scout Leader

Assistant Scout Leader

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

ADC Cub Scouts

District Commissioner

County Scout Leader

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Scout Leader

Assistant County Commissioner

Group South Leader

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

Scout Leader

Scout Leader

Group Scout Leader



GLSE LIKES

To kick start the year, Greater London South East has updated its presence on Facebook.

If you are a Facebook user please use the link below to our new page to receive regular updates on what's going on in and around the County and future opportunities for you and your Young People, at just a click away!

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Arrowhead Awards

BECKENHAM

Paul Geoghegan
Stuart Haydon
Debbie Kerr
Ron Ockleford
Julia Poulter
Hopeton Reid
Zoe Rose
Janet Simms
Gillian Woolcock
9th West Wickham
5th Beckenham S

CHISLEHURST

Donna Bompas
George Buist
Kate Charlesworth
Linda Halstead
John Hemming Clark
Natalie Kernan
Pat Lofts
Peter Munns
Jim Roffey
Liz Sewell
Lewis Taylor
Russell Zapple
Gang Show
Invicta Scout Group

ORPINGTON

Sandra Brooks
Steve Cooling
Jon Cox
Les Dobbs
Colin Henderson
Mark Hudson
Emma Leek
Steven Moore
James Polson
Pat Sharp
District Camp Team
2nd Orpington

BEXLEYHEATH

Warren Baseley
John Baxter
Nicola Cafferkey
Nicola Coppen
Jake Holmes
Peter Jones
Stephen Morley
Peter Palmer
Betty Rossiter
Diane Sprowles
Irene Verge
Events/Activities Team
1st Bridgen Scout Group

EAST WICKHAM & WELLING

Tara-Jayne Bennett
Don Bevan
Caroline Crowe
Richard Crowe
Geraldine Ireland
James Norton
Darren Peto
Luke Robertson
Anne Willgoss
Philip Wilson
Dave Woollard
Super Patrol
3rd Welling Scout Group

SIDCUP

Kevin Barnes
Allan Bunclark
Gill Emmett
Trevor Ford
Amy Gilham
Carol House
Brian Hulf
Peter Rest
Brian Walls
District Cub Camp Team

BROMLEY

Tom Abbott
Steve Bowman
Susan Elwood
David Goodwin
John Hammond
Rosemary Harris
Nick Hudson
Gary Hurle
Deborah Kennedy
Gary Owens
Christopher Selby Smith
Roger Vincent-Townsend
The Tuesday Club
7th Bromley

ERITH & CRAYFORD

Timothy Bermingham-Shaw
Mike Boniface
Barry Burton
Kay Churcher
Neil Churcher
Wendy Hopwood
Hannah Kentish
Lisa Mason
Jennifer Pickett
Tony Ridley
Barry Wright
Peter Young
Capers Gang Show
1st Crayford Scout Group

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Giles Barnett - **BROMLEY**
Nick Crowe - **E WICKHAM & WELLING**
Oscar Gould - **ERITH & CRAYFORD**
Nick Grant - **SIDCUP**
Chris Jones - **BROMLEY (ACTING)**
Steve Pegram - **CHISLEHURST**
Jeff Ross Myring - **BECKENHAM**
Henk van Welsenens - **ORPINGTON**
Richard Willgoss -
E WICKHAM & WELLING (ACTING)

After nearly 60 years, Scouting has returned to Eltham College!

Following an approach by the College in May 2011 expressing its eagerness to open a Scout troop – with the potential to open other sections as the young people move up through the school – members of the County Adult Support Team met with the future Leaders Paul McIntyre and Jo Donnegan to discuss the logistics of getting a Group setup and running. Topics covered included getting an Executive committee in place, the appointments process, how the programme is made up and the support available, culminating in

the new Group being registered on 27th September 2011.

In the following months, Paul and Jo were encouraged and supported in their progress through the Adult Training Scheme, bank accounts were set up, financial responsibilities put in place and uniform sourced.

Finally on 23rd January 2012 and coinciding with the College's Centenary, the inaugural meeting of the Eltham College Scout Group took place. The 19 young people together with their Headteacher

– complete with his old Scout scarf – saw their new Leaders invested into the worldwide family of Scouting by Gwyn Muckelt (DCC Adult Support). Two weeks later the young people themselves were invested after enthusiastically working on their membership badge.

Having got off to a flying start, we are sure the Group will go from strength to strength in the coming months. Thanks to all who have helped this new Group get started and provide Scouting to more young people within our County.



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