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# CC's Corner

## Wow, what a summer we've had!

Whilst the weather hasn't been the most consistent, we have certainly had some amazing events starting with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations followed by the Olympics and Paralympics. Hopefully you and your young people were able to participate in some of the many events involved in these milestones in British history. Those taking part in the Queen's visit to Bromley and the Olympic Torch runs in either borough definitely had a great time and one they'll remember for a long time to come. You'll read more about that and those who participated in other ways elsewhere in this edition.

So now the summer is over, what's next? No doubt you'll have recovered from summer camp and are already well into another exciting term's programme enabling yours and the thousands of young people who come through Scout Group HQ doors each week to enjoy the fun, challenge and adventure that you and other leaders offer. The Districts have a great deal of events that your young people can participate in, so make sure you book your section onto at least one of them - a great opportunity to add value to your programme and for you and your young people to meet others from the now larger Districts.

And what about next summer? Have you decided where your summer camp will be yet? Campdowne 2013 promises to be quite the experience not to miss. Under largely new management this time round, our very own Russell Zapple is taking the lead and, with a

dedicated team of assistants, primarily from across GLSE, is organising a fantastic carnival for us all to participate in. This will be an experience and opportunity like no other before it and one not to miss. You can book your Troop or Unit in now. Further details will be in your next SCOUTING Magazine. There will also be an opportunity to book your Pack in for a day visit, with details issued later on. So, make sure you don't miss out on this - there is a lot being planned and organised - and a wonderful opportunity to meet Scouts and Guides from all around the world!

I hope you had a good break over the summer (even though that probably seems a while ago now) and you've got lots planned for this term. Please do invite me along to anything you get up to; it's great to join in the fantastic events that Groups organise. My sincere thanks to you for your continued contribution to Scouting in your area - it really is appreciated, including and most importantly by your young people.

Happy Scouting!

**Ben Richardson**  
**County Commissioner**



# Adult Support Day 2012

Take a Saturday in June, add over 50 adults from across the County, mix with bases covering subjects as diverse as Faith & Beliefs, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, My Body, My Choice, International, Knots & Lashings, Air Activities, Hill Walking, GSL workshop, Backwoods Cooking, Map & Compass, The Adult Training Scheme, Special Needs, Media & Branding amongst many more and you have the Adult Support Day 2012.



This very successful event was held on 23rd June this year at St Columba's School, Bexleyheath and did exactly what it said on the tin. This was a day to support adults from across the County, to give them some tools and information that is available to enable them to be able to continue to provide great Scouting to the young people within our area.

Adult Support within Greater London South East encompasses training, safeguarding, development, recruitment & retention and communications (including media) and this day was devised as a way for adults to 'up-skill' on their current knowledge and skills bases.

The feedback that was received after the event was very positive:

*"The fact that we could sit down with someone who knew what they were doing and getting some very good help and advice."*

*"Well organised, plenty of room for participants to see what was on show, a shame that more people didn't come to see what was on offer. Personally gained new contacts and ideas."*

*"Better understood the spiritual thread of Scouting."*

*"I found the map reading/navigation seminar very helpful and informative. The instructors were very knowledgeable and provided useful technical information even though I am fairly competent on this subject. It was set at exactly the right level for someone who knew the basics but wanted a little bit more. Also the map reading game we played finding grid references was a great idea and will use this with the scouts."*

All feedback given after the day will be taken into consideration when planning next our next Adult Support Day.

If you have any questions or would like to offer suggestions for next year's Adult Support Day then please do e-mail me on: [adultsupport@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:adultsupport@glscouts.org.uk)

**Gwyn Muckelt**  
**Deputy County Commissioner (Adult Support)**

# DO 1 THING

Scout Community Week  
14-20 MAY 2012



## What did you do?



Over the seven day period, Scouts from the GLSE were being encouraged to do one thing to help their community. The week saw young people getting involved in projects as diverse as river cleaning and gardening.

The initiative, in partnership with B&Q, will build on the voluntary work that many Scouts are already doing in GLSE, as well as encouraging even more Groups to get involved.

Through Scout Community Week, The Scout Association is reaffirming its commitment to strengthening communities and helping the local area. Research shows that Scouting develops a volunteering habit for life among its members: 36% of former youth Scout members volunteer for 2 hours a week, compared to 26% for the general population.

At a time when local authorities, public services and charities are feeling the pinch more than ever, The Scout Association intends to harness this volunteering habit up and down the country.

Bear Grylls, UK Chief Scout, said:

*"I am proud that so many Scout Groups are taking part in Scout Community Week and I know they will have a really positive impact in their local areas. Volunteering is at the very heart of Scouting and it's great to see so many young people volunteering to support others and provide help where it is needed. Working together we're going to make a huge difference to communities up and down the country."*







## **“It was good to help the nature and clear up the litter” - Becca Bagge**

Wearing wellies and thick rubber gloves, the 3rd Orpington Cub Scouts helped the charity Thames 21 to clear out part of the River Cray. Becca Bagge, a 9 year old Cub Scout gave her verdict *“It was good to help the nature and clear up the litter.”*

Cub Scout leader Andrew Watkins said: *“Through Scout Community Week, the Scout Association is reaffirming its commitment to strengthening communities and helping the local area.”*



The 1st East Wickham Scout group tidied up the grounds of their local church and planted red, white and blue flowers to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with every member of the Group planting at least two plants. Their sterling work has received excellent comments from all church and hall members.



**Scout Community Week will return in 2013, running from 3-9 June.**





# What's an Explorer Scout?



Eilish Keynack – an Explorer Scout from the 8th West Wickham will remember a certain day in May when she was able to update the Duke of Edinburgh on what it meant to be an Explorer Scout!

The occasion was the visit to Bromley by the Queen and Duke as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations when Explorer Scouts from GLSE formed a Guard of Honour in Queen's Gardens. The Duke had commented how cold Eilish looked -saying that he had not heard the term 'Explorer Scout' before!

The London Borough of Bromley was one of only three South London boroughs selected to host a momentous event as part of South London's Jubilee celebrations. The unique all day, "London as a Global Centre of Fashion" saw Queen's Gardens and the Glades Shopping Centre transformed with fashion exhibits, celebrations of British fashion designers from the past 60 years and fashions of the future. The Royal couple then made their way through Market Square and the High Street where they visited exhibitions and demonstrations before meeting invited guests.



Explorer Scout, Niamh Roberts, 15, said *"I am so excited to have been part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. It's a once in a lifetime experience."*







# GLSE Olympic torch relay honour

Two members from GLSE had the honour recently of carrying the Olympic torch

Samantha Wheelwright from the Phoenix Explorer Unit was chosen for her many volunteering roles including the work she undertakes as a Young Leader with her local Cub Scout Pack. After her memorable day carrying the torch in Tunbridge Wells, Samantha explained: *"I really loved taking part in such a huge celebration and listening to the inspirational stories of the other torch bearers on my bus. Overall it has been the best day of my life and I can't wait to now share the torch with my community and school."*

James Allen, having been a long-standing scout leader - and currently DDC in Bromley District, was rewarded with carrying the torch in his home borough. With many achievements to his credit including a

playground-building project in Hungary in 2003 and a school-building project in a village in The Gambia in 2005, James has also found time more recently to lead fund initiatives totalling £100,000 for a range of charities including Demelza Children's Hospice, Help for Heroes and Guys and St Thomas' Charity. James' nominator cited that, *'having spent years carrying a torch on behalf of others, it was now his turn'!*

Lit in Greece, the Olympic Flame travelled by air and arrived in the UK on 18 May before setting out on the 70-day Olympic Torch Relay, bringing the excitement of the Games to everyone. The Olympic Flame stands for peace, unity and friendship, three values that match those of the Scout Movement.



**Well done and many congratulations to you both!!**





# London 2012

Being a part of Scouting in Greater London South East has always been a brilliant thing to have on my CV when looking for jobs, but when the opportunity of volunteering at the Olympics came around it was the thing that jumped out to the interviewers I had for a Games Maker role. They loved that I had gained so many skills already through volunteering, and could see my commitment to Scouting and volunteering in general.



Volunteering at the Olympics has been two of the best weeks of my life. I worked on the press operations team at the Copper Box (that's the Handball arena to most people!) with my main roles being to ensure the world's media got all of the resources and information necessary to get the big news stories out 24/7 to their prospective countries. I have met people from all over the globe, and have learnt all about a new sport - handball (which, by the way, everyone should have a go at because it's one of the fastest moving team games around!).

Not only did I have my official role, I also got to visit other Olympic venues, be part of the daily buzz in the Olympic Park, sit in on Olympic Press Conferences, and even meet some famous faces such as Dame Kelly Holmes - a dream come true for a Sport Science university student such as myself!

Now London 2012 is over, it's difficult to fit back into normal life, where every day no longer has the magic of holding the biggest sporting event in the world in our very own home town. Luckily now that the autumn term has begun within Scouting there's something new to concentrate on!



Having completed her work experience with the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games, Holly Sturgeon Lewis – 9th Erith Titan Explorer Air Scouts – decided to apply to become a London Ambassador.

After successfully getting through the selection and recruitment process, she started her training ready for her London Ambassador's shift. Holly was based at Hyde Park Live Site between the 7th and 12th August 2012. Being there not only allowed her to help people with questions about the Live Site in particular but visitors who needed help with how to get around London, where she was able to use the knowledge she gained from the training sessions.



Whilst on her shifts, Holly got to see a few of the athletes on stage talking about the games and the medals they had won as well as known singers and bands from around London and the UK. Holly thoroughly enjoyed her time as a London Ambassador and said *"if I had the chance I would do it all over again!"*

# Additional Support Needs

I started my involvement in Scouting as a parent helper several years ago and then recently, I became an ABSL.

Special Needs, or rather Additional Support Needs, is a subject that is very close to my heart as I have first-hand experience of the many challenges that face both young people and adults who have additional support needs.

I'm currently working with the Development Working Group, a part of the wider County Team, providing advice on meeting Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements, grants that are available for you and also additional support needs for young people and adults within your groups.

Please contact me if you would like any advice however small about additional support needs or if you wish to apply for grant funding for anything (e.g. tents, camps, ramps, building adaptations, etc.)

I will always do my best to help you!

Call me on 01689 331834 or 07877 112996  
or e-mail me on [tomsmum76@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tomsmum76@yahoo.co.uk)

I will always do my best to help you!

**Hannah Kingsland**  
**District Advisor**



# Long Service Awards

## Congratulations to the following

### 60 YEARS

Brian Boxwell

### 50 YEARS

Brian Anderson

### 40 YEARS

Terry Newman

Alf Philpott

Doug Sullivan

### 30 YEARS

Linda Allen

Peter Godwin

Colin Goodwin

Mike Jackson

Margaret Ready

David Rosedon

Keith Scott

### 25 YEARS

Ann Anderson

Malcolm Blowers

Alan Canning

Gerald Hicks

Tony Pule

Perry Richards

Adrian Tallett

John Taylor

### 20 YEARS

Don Bartley

Lyn Beeson

Patricia Braithwaite

Ian Buss

Andrew Clarke

Roberta Hale

Bill Harris

Roberta Hale

Iain Lennard

Stuart Muckelt

David Parker

### 15 YEARS

Tony Clark

Paul Cooper

Chris Harrison

Robert Hyson

Barry Kemp

Paul Saunders

Robin Sturges

Robert Tossell

### 10 YEARS

Nicholas Babb

Zoe Boniface

Alison Brazier

George Buist

Kim Burness

Ben Clarke

Stuart Cosgrave

Gary Davis

Mike Eames

Gina Evans

John Fortuna

Steve Gunn

Roger Hann

Jeffrey Helps

Irene Hutchinson

Emma Leek

Gary Lock

Jim Lord

John Rouse

Alan Smith

Mark Smith

Andrew Steadman

Keith Stephens

Heathe Swinnterton

Lewis Taylor

Hilary Teare

Simon Thomas

Dianne Tiffin

Vicki Warren

### 5 YEARS

Edward Ash

Kevin Barnes

Warren Baseley

Tim Burford

John Capie

Helen Cockburn

Alice Emmett

Kevin Farr

Daniel Fermer

Caroline Harding

Anthony Harryman

David Heinson

Colin Henderson

Caroline-Louisa Hicks

Anne Hillman

Adrian Hollman

Ooey Kenny

Lynn Mills

Allan Moore

Nic Parker

Lloyd Pestell

Nathan Read

Johnathan Rees

Christopher Russell

David Vidler

Jessica Whitmarsh

Matt Williams

Joann Woodley

# Good Service Awards

### SILVER WOLF

Keith Freeman

Bill Grierson

Mike Jackson

Peter Munns

### BAR TO SILVER ACORN

Pat Barker

John Bruce

Michael East

Phyl Gunn

Andrew Morris

Jeff Ross-Myring

Mike Ungemuth

Trisha Webb

### SILVER ACORN

Laurence Basden

Ann Beard

Lilian Butler

Ricky Campbell

Vicki Clare

Nick Crowe

Chris Day

Paul Durrant

Susan Elwood

Colin Goodwin

Nick Grant

Steven Holman

Pauline Jones

Derek Justice

Kevin Murphy

Peter Palmer

Ian Randall

Anne Richardson

David Webb

### BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT

Nigel Betts

### AWARD FOR MERIT

Alison Brazier

Joyce Twomey

Robert Twomey

Chris Webber

### CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

Amy Gilham

Vicki Moore

Carl Rope



### SILVER WOLF

The Silver Wolf Award was introduced by Lord Baden-Powell and remains The Scout Association's highest award for service to Scouting. The Silver Wolf is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and is awarded "for service of an exceptional nature."



# GLSE Training News

Now the summer is over, just a reminder we have a whole series of courses for leaders who require training between now and Christmas!



## PRESENTING AND FACILITATING (MODULES 28 AND 29) IN OCTOBER

Do you want to improve your communication skills and working relationship with other leaders in your Group, District and County? Have you a presentation to give to your Section, Group, District or County? Or would just like to improve your skills whether it be for Scouting or in the workplace?



## SECTIONAL TRAINING - OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Covering section What Administration you need (Module 11), How to deal with Challenging Behaviour (Module 15), Diversity (Module 7), International activities for your section (Module 19), Leadership skills (Module 9), Programming for your weekly meetings (Module 12) and Scouting Values (Module 5) to name but a few on offer.

## MODULE 25 - ASSESSING LEARNING

This module will be held in November and is designed for all Leaders who are responsible for the assessment of others. For example Managers, Training Advisers, Activity, Gang Show and Nights Away Assessors. The module is in two parts a core element for all roles and then role specific elements. Please make sure on your application form that you inform us what role you will be fulfilling.

## Don't forget we also offer Safeguarding and First Aid courses!

Please go to [www.glsescouts.org.uk/adultsupport/training/](http://www.glsescouts.org.uk/adultsupport/training/) for further information on dates, how to apply and find downloadable forms. Please do not hesitate to contact Mark Knill ([training@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:training@glscouts.org.uk)), Trish Webb ([trainingadmin@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:trainingadmin@glscouts.org.uk)) or any of the Local Training Managers should you need further advice or guidance.

**For more District and County Events checkout the County website**  
<http://www.glsescouts.org.uk/diary>



# Windsor Castle hosted a memorable St George's Day Parade for three Queen's Scouts from GLSE

Claire Amass, Louise Spinney and Luke Robertson were among 600 Queen's Scouts from across the UK and the Commonwealth who gathered in the Quadrangle at Windsor Castle for the annual parade on Sunday 29th April. The heavy rain did not dampen their spirits as the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and International adventurer Chief Scout Bear Grylls, took the salute while they marched past on their way to St George's Chapel for a service of thanksgiving.

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest honour in Scouting and is awarded for outstanding personal achievement. This honour is achieved by young people aged between 16 and 25 who have completed a range of challenges, which includes service to their community, completing an expedition in wild country, undertaking a five-day residential project in an

unfamiliar environment and learning a new skill or developing an existing talent.

At the service, the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, said *"All these young people have lived the adventure of a lifetime to achieve their Queen's Scout Awards and I admire that spirit so much. They are huge inspirations to all the other Scouts in the UK and I am so pleased that Scouting has honoured them today. They are amazing."*

Luke commenting on his achievement said that undertaking the Queen's Scout Award had allowed him to meet so many new people, within and outside of Scouting. The opportunities had also been endless as he had been offered the opportunity to join in with a number of national and international events.



## GLSE's Annual Christmas Ball

### Saturday 15th December

Charlton Athletic Football Club (North Stand),  
Floyd Road, London, SE7 8BL  
6pm for 6.30pm until 1.00am

Come along and enjoy a four course meal  
and a great evening of music and dancing.

The price is £40 per person - feel free to make up a table of 10 or 12.

Tickets and further information available from Bill Gunn - [dccbexley@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:dccbexley@glscouts.org.uk)

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