



## 14<sup>th</sup> CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP

(Group Reg. No. 35908, Registered Charity No. 285810)

### GROUP NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2017

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The year got off to a flying start with some of our people and Leaders taking part in the national initiative; *YouShape*, designed to empower young people to shape their Scouting experience at a local and national where young people got to express their ideas and gain more leadership opportunities. District weekend camps were held at Ross Woods as well as *YouShape* based Section Meetings – well done all. To all our young people going on the forthcoming Cub PGL weekend and the Beaver Sleepover have a great time and we look forward to hearing all about it.

Many thanks to everybody that supported our recent *Wine & Wisdom* evening that raised £208 towards our minibus fund raising event and was great fun. Congratulations to the winning team; “Mrs Browns Boys” and to Dave & Mary for organising with help from Explorers Harry & Rosie. The Beavers have also been busy fundraising with a very successful sponsored walk which raised a tremendous £437 – the proceeds being split between our minibus fund and the *Children with Cancer UK* charity - BRAVO ! The minibus fund has also been bolstered by our successful application and award of £1,000 from the Canterbury City Councilors (CAMP) Opportunities Fund which we have just taken receipt of. There have been some exciting developments recently with our minibus replacement endeavors and we hope to be able to make an announcement very soon but our fund-raising efforts will continue.

Also many thanks to VolkerFitzpatrick and their *Employee Charity & Community Fund* (via Mark) for their generous donation of £250.00 towards Group Equipment, with which we have purchased another Coleman Event Shelter which is used by all Sections.

### **St. George's Day Celebration and Service**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 4.15pm**

2017 marks 110 years since BP formed Scouting and so this year's theme is “*Scouting Through the Ages*” so thus those that wish too can dress according to the theme otherwise normal Uniform should be worn. Section Leaders will be giving more info. on their themes.

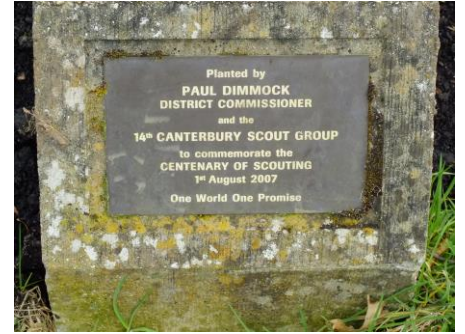


We assemble with the District **in the Dane John Gardens at 4.15pm sharp** (look out for our green & yellow scarves). We then “parade” through the high street into the Cathedral for the service at 5.15pm. A collection will be taken for the Great Ormond Street Hospital. After all the young people and Leaders are seated parents are welcome to attend the service. **We are dismissed within the Cathedral at the end of the service after which Section Leaders will escort our young people outside to the Cathedral Visitors Centre in the precincts (or as close as we can get to it) from where parents should collect their sons/daughters at approx. 6.10pm.**

## Our Scouting Centenary Tree



Some of our older members will remember that as part of the Centenary of Scouting Celebrations in 2007 the Group assembled in the grounds of the University in front of Elliot College to have breakfast and renew our Promise and plant a nearby tree to commemorate the historic event. Ten years on and the tree never really got going and died but I'm happy to report that thanks to a kind donation from a friend (thanks Will) of a 15-year-old Willow "sapling", which the University Estates Dept. have recently kindly planted, the site is looking fantastic again as you can see in the alongside picture. All being well the Willow will now grow into a magnificent tree – see if you can spot our tree over the Easter Holidays!!



### Many Congratulations to Members of our Explorer Unit

Dave Reports:- In Feb we had a very successful Award presentation evening with our DC Sam Trill and County Commissioner Dean Harding awarding the honours. We had 4 Silver DofE achievers; Emma Laversuch, Charlotte Letley, Ilya Carey and Augy Allain Labon. We were also very proud to have a first for the Unit with Morgause Lomas being awarded the Queen Scout Award in addition to the Explorer Belt and Gold DofE that she had achieved in the same year. She will hopefully be parading at Windsor for St Georges Day as well as the official Royal presentation of her Gold DofE. This coming year we have 5 Bronze participants and 3 Silver. Well done and many congratulations to all – BRAVO !

Have a great Easter Holiday.

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### Diary Dates 2017

- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April St. Georges Day Service. Meet at the Dane John Gardens 4.15pm.**
- **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Group Spring Bank Holiday Camp – Bexon Lane, Sittingbourne**
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 6pm – 7.30pm – Social & AGM – Tyler Hill Memorial Hall & Field**  
(we are trying something different this year with our AGM (at 7pm) taking part with the Beaver/Cub end of term Summer Party – all welcome - more details to follow)
- **29<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August – KIJ Detling Showground – Group will be running popcorn & slush stalls.**
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Annual Group Service with Harvest Festival, 10.15pm.**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – Group Campfire Social at Ross Woods.**
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre**