



14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP
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GROUP NEWSLETTER
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What an exciting few months since the last newsletter in April !

We had an excellent turn out for the annual St. Georges Day Service, at which our ASL, Peter Brown was presented with his Wood Badge (completion of formal Leader training) and more recently over 100 of our young people and Leaders camped 3 nights at Bexon Lane for our annual Group Spring Bank Holiday camp and all had a great time with many activities and great fun with the terrific thunder storm adding to the Harry Porter theme atmosphere ! And of course there has been the regular fun packed weekly Section Meetings, sleepovers and the Cubs and Beavers are off to the home of Scouting, Gilwell Park, and very soon the Troop and Explorers will be attending the Kent International Jamboree at the Detling Show Ground in August – so lots going on !

But undoubtedly the highlight has been the award of a brand new minibus following our major application to the Government funded *Community Minibus Fund* . There were 300 applications from across the Country and we were one of only 40 successful

applicants. This means that in September we will take delivery of a fully funded brand new 17 seater Fiat Ducato minibus and will be driveable by more Group drivers, 6 of whom have recently undergone minibus (MIDAS) driver training. The new minibus will be made available to all local Groups and other community organisations on a self-drive basis – subject to driver eligibility.



This will be our fourth mini-bus (the first purchased back in the 1980's) and our first brand new one. Our fund raising to replace our existing mini-bus began in earnest three years ago in 2014 and to date has raised over £11k. This money will be used to fund the operating costs of the new minibus and for the training (MIDAS) of more drivers and for any other transport requirements across the Group eg additional minibuses/coaches and vans for equipment. To everybody that has helped with our minibus fund raising, on behalf of the Group, we thank you and of course Group fund raising never stops so we can continue to provide a first class Scouting experience to all our young people and to the local community.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Social
Tyler Hill Memorial Hall & Field
Monday 17th July 6pm – 7.30pm

We are trying something different this year with our AGM taking part with the Beaver/Cub end of term Summer Party on Monday 17th July - all very welcome. The evening will start at 6pm with games for all ages and then refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. The AGM will then be held at 7pm followed by presentations at 7.20pm and a close at 7.30pm. There is ample parking at Tyler Hill – just follow the signs!

Termly Subscriptions

I'm pleased to announce that the Group Executive recently agreed that the termly subscriptions will remain at £33 per term partly because of the excellent (over 90%) take up of "Gift Aid" across the Group. However, the Group recognises that this sum, together with other expenses eg camps, can cause difficulties so please do not hesitate to contact Section Leaders or a Group Executive member to discuss any difficulties.

14th BRANDED T- SHIRTS AND HOODIES

We have a new local supplier for our 14th logo T shirts, polo shirts and for the first-time hoodies. This is great news as there is now no minimum order. Please see Section Leaders or Dave Bentley to purchase or place an order and all will be on sale/show at the AGM on 17th July and orders will be taken.



T Shirt - £7.00

Polo Shirts - £9.00

Hoodies - £17.50

Young People & Adult Sizes Available



Group Scarf - £5.00

Request for anybody with access to a lathe?

We have a wooden tent pole that needs one end reducing in diameter so anybody with access to a lathe would be much appreciated. If you can help please contact me – thanks.

District Scout Executive

The District Scout Executive are keen to recruit non-uniformed members – if you are interested or want more information about the role then please contact me and will pass your details on.

Finally, on behalf of all the Group, many congratulations to Sarah (Fox) and Jon (Hound) on their engagement well done and BRAVO!

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Diary Dates 2017

- Monday 17th July 6pm – 7.30pm – Social & AGM – Tyler Hill Memorial Hall & Field
- Saturday 29th July – 5th August – KIJ Detling Showground – Troop & Explorers attending
- Sunday 24th September – Annual Group Service with Harvest Festival, 10.15pm.
- Friday 10th November 7pm – Group Campfire Social at Ross Woods.
- Saturday 25th November - Christmas Fayre