



Slain: The story of St George is played out



The Sajo Trophy : Caroline Copleston and 6<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (Kemsing) Beaver Colony



A message to you...



Freddie Wilson wins an Explorers awards

## Full details of awards and presentations

Chris McCann  
Jeanette Schwarz  
Sarah Clubley  
Phillip Cruickshank  
Richard Puxty  
Chris Arnold  
Mary Martin  
Graham Baldwin  
Kevin Crawley  
Hugh Field  
Paul Davis  
Graham Still  
John Talbot

Nights Away Advisor  
District Secretary  
5 Years' Service  
5 Years' Service  
5 Years' Service  
10 Years' Service  
10 Years' Service  
15 Years' Service  
15 Years' Service  
15 Years' Service  
20 Years' Service  
40 Years' Service

Chris Mears  
Presented by Liz Simmons (County Representative)

Silver Acorn

### The Sajo Trophy

Caroline Copleston and 6<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (Kemsing) Beaver Colony

### The Mickey Spearey Trophy

Richard Everest and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (St Johns) Cub Pack

### The Dudley Barrow Trophy

Alan Hindley and the 10<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (Weald) Scout Troop.

### The District Trophy

Lesley Grant and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sevenoaks Scout Group – for the group that has improved the most – with a huge increase in the number of young members

Two other awards for the older Explorers members: Luke Fisher and Freddie Wilson.

All District Trophies were presented by Jeanette Schwarz, Rose Mears and Hugh Field.

All the above were presented by the District Commissioner Lesley Grant

Chris Mears:

Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct Award  
Presented by Jeanette Schwarz

## Dear Letters to Newslink

I WOULD like to thank all those people that offered me their congratulations on the awards I received at the St George's Day Service. I got this award with the help of a great team of Cub leaders that I have worked with over the years in one role or another. They are a special bunch of people.

I wasn't quite sure why the Silver Acorn is awarded and after having looked it up know that there must be other people in our district that deserve this award; I am sure that many Scouters will agree with that.

Together we can make this happen. If you know of someone that you think should get this or any other award then you need to look up the criteria, write up a citation and pass it on.

In the sentence "They should recommend So and So for an award", 'They' = 'We', 'We = Probably Me', 'Probably Me' = 'The person that said it in the first place', 'The person that said it in the first place' = I

*I am not an expert on this but know that not all applications get accepted for various reasons and it may take several attempts before an application is successful.*

I am really proud of my Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct Award and want to dedicate it to a family that do not know me and I have never met.

Just over four years ago between Christmas and New Year a disaster hit this family. A lady, possibly a mother, wife, sister, daughter died in what was very likely unex-

pected circumstances.

The family would have been approached by the Organ Transplant team and putting their own feelings aside and other people's needs before their own they agreed to let the organs of their loved one be used in transplants.

Along with at least one other person I was fortunate enough to receive an organ from this lady, go on to live my life to the full and allow me to actually be around to collect this award.

Although they probably are not members of the Scouting Association in my eyes this family are very much scouts and their conduct very meritorious.

Help other people and the rest of the Promise surely falls into place.

A very big thank you to them and everyone that is on the Donor Register.

Are You On The Organ Donor Register?



Jeanette Schwarz (left) gave an emotional speech upon awarding Chris Mears his Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct Award

You can join the register by: calling the NHS Donor Line on **0300 123 23 23** or by texting SAVE to **62323**; registering for a driving licence; applying for a Boots Advantage card; registering at a GP surgery; going online to NHSBT and filling in an online form or registering for a European Health Insurance card (EHIC).

Chris Mears GA  
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)

# District Directory

Update No. 2

as at 23 April 2013

## District Team

**District Commissioner.** Delete "VACANCY" and reference to "contact DDCs"

Insert Lesley Grant\*

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\* but please note—Lesley is getting married so her name is about to change! 07753 817702

## District Executive

**District Commissioner** (deletions and insertions as District Team)

**12<sup>th</sup>** Insert: SL (Acting) Andy King  
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**16<sup>th</sup>** Chairmancorrect email address to

[ian@courtneidge.riley-consulting.co.uk](mailto:ian@courtneidge.riley-consulting.co.uk)

**Kent County** Change address of County Office to:-

Kent Scout Activity Centre, Lower Grange Farm, Grange Lane, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3DA



# Cambridge beckons Scouts for spring camp

FOR the last two years we have held our annual spring camp in Cambridgeshire at Little Abington, just outside Cambridge writes *Quintus Murphy of Westerham Scouts*.

This year's camp was held over the weekend of 5-7 April. Temperatures were expected to drop below zero at night, but the scouts came **prepared!**

Σ (warm clothes) + (hot water bottle) + (blankets) = toasty as hot cross buns

This year we had 12 children on camp, two leaders plus three parents. For some of them it was their first camp, and Emily Strange was invested on the Friday and received her first badge on Sunday!

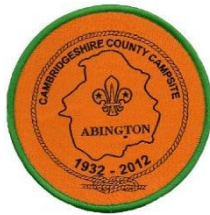
Thanks very much to the parents! We couldn't have gone without you.

The theme for camp this year was zoology and anthropology. The scouts visited the Museum of Zoology in Cambridge – and incidentally enjoyed the market and had a (short) personal guided tour of this beautiful and historic town.

The next day we paid a visit to Linton Zoo which is just 3 miles from the campsite. Small place but beautifully arranged. There were animal encounters with an eagle-owl, a tortoise, and a snake.

In the evenings the scouts put their scouting abilities to the test in a cooking competition on altar fires. Some very different and creative combinations emerged!

So now the scouts know about *Australopithecus*, *Cetacea*, Marine Reptiles, Lizards, Birds, Sponges, Spiders and the fascinating Bivalve Molluscs too!



Visiting the Museum of Zoology... Q: So what can you tell me about this fellow? A: He's very extinct!



Marshmallows, sausages & strawberries



Scouts in Cambridge



A young zoologist!

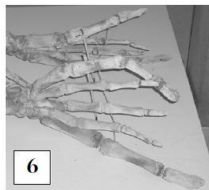




Our cooking competition



Relaxing by Trinity Bridge



CLUE: These toes work best in water.

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Forest Word Search  
Penguin Puzzle



Eagle Owl encounter: Linton Zoo

The Museum of Zoology is a very interesting place to visit, and the Young Zoologists Club have produced a number of word-searches and a trail that make it great, informative fun for the children!



Having a whale of a time beneath a finback whale



# Masterchef eat your heart out!



## Scouts cook up a storm at the 4th

THE 4th Sevenoaks Scouts held a cook off on 3 May labelled 'MasterChef: Outdoors'.

Each patrol competed for the Top Cook toque (chef's hat).

To avoid everyone cooking pasta, each patrol was given an unusual country and given a challenge to produce a two-course meal for two from that country. And all within a budget of £6.

See how they did...



### Wolves – Morroco (the winners)

Menu: Meatballs with a spiced tomato sauce, served with almonds and coriander, followed by fresh orange slices dusted with blossom snow.



### Senior Patrol Leaders – Japan

Menu: Vegetable stir-fry served with fresh noodles and a teryaki and ginger sauce followed by Ringo Ame (toffee apples)



### Pumas – Scandinavia

Menu: Pork with white sauce served with swede and carrot mash, followed by pancakes with lemon, sugar and blackcurrant jam.





### Eagle Hawks – Russia

Menu: Russian burger served with home-made bread sticks, tomato sauce and sour cream followed by a crisp pancake.



### Cobras – Thailand

Menu: A starter of fresh melon, followed by thai green curry served with noodles.

## So just how cool is this?

THE 3<sup>rd</sup> Sevenoaks Bradbourne Scouts tried diving with Dive Machine at Combe Bank School, writes Chris McCann.

The Troop normally try to do two or three of these a year so the Scouts can have a go at a new activity.

This is a great session lasting about an hour and a half in the water plus a bit of poolside safety briefing to start with.

Dive Machine of Tonbridge are a great team of people who really ensure the safety of the divers and are very patient with those



Kit on and time for some in water briefing before going underwater



who are not so sure about going underwater.

The cost of the sessions is about £25 per head and a group size of 10-12 can usually be catered for. We normally run these sessions on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to fit in with the company which has the use of Combe Bank School pool at these times but they can do other times in other venues and have even invested Scouts underwater!

All in all, it's something a little different and something towards the adventure challenge badge.

The minimum age for this session is 10 and there is no upper age but there is a need to check on health as some conditions may require an additional medical form.

When we haven't been able to fill a session

Picture above courtesy of Robert Varns of Dive Machine

with Scouts then we have had quite a few dads coming along as well as the group chairman!



Within about 5 minutes of being in the water the Scouts try out their new skills