



NORFOLK

SCOUTS

ST GEORGE'S DAY

AWARDS 2018

Celebration Event

Sunday 15 April 2018

Assembly Rooms, Swaffham

WELCOME

The Chairman of the National Awards Board, Richard Butler and the County Commissioner, Matthew Burrell welcome you to Swaffham Assembly Rooms for our St George's Day Awards presentation.

The St Georges Day Awards are an outward sign of celebration and reward for many years of outstanding service to young people through the Scout Association. They enable us to recognise the dedication and outstanding achievement of people of many years. Much work and commitment goes unnoticed and unrecorded but not forgotten. The list is just the tip of the iceberg of service by these stalwarts of Scouting. They have given their time, skills and knowledge to the next generation of young people who are getting a balanced programme and such fun.



Congratulations to each and every one of them. They really are the heroes of Scouting.

Richard M Butler, Chairman (National Awards Board)

It would not be possible for the people contained within this booklet to remember, yet alone try to calculate, the hours of tireless service that they have given to our great Movement.

It is a delight to see them recognised by the Chief Scout and an honour to celebrate with them.

The communities in which these people have volunteered are so much richer for the commitment they have shown and the lives of so many Young People have been enriched.



I offer my congratulations to all of them and thank them for the key contributions they make.

Matthew Burrell, County Commissioner (Norfolk)



SILVER WOLF

The Silver Wolf is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and is only awarded for service of a most exceptional nature. It is seldom awarded for less than 30 years of service although, because it is the Chief Scout's unrestricted gift, no length of service is prescribed.

GRAHAM DON

DISTRICT SCOUTER, NORTHERN NORWICH

Since Graham's award of the Bar to the Silver Acorn he has continued with excellent work both for the District and County. With his present role as District Scouter he has undertaken many tasks and been one of the most active people in the District. Since 2008 Graham organised the annual St George's Day Parade for the District in the Norwich City Centre. Graham was also the County Shooting Advisor for 9 years, maintaining an excellent database and organising regular courses and shooting events.



"My proudest moment? Probably having over 50 members of my Group aged 6 and upwards celebrating the success of the annual Group Pantomime they had worked so hard at for over 6 months, united in the pleasure of their achievement at the 'End of show party'. I couple this with being able to guide many Leaders through the Training process and seeing them achieving their full potential."

MARYLYN EVANS

CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, NORFOLK

Marylyn has been a member of the Scout Association for all her adult life. Having previously been a Queen's Guide. Her service to the movement has been of an exceptional nature. Her energy, enthusiasm and attention to detail, encourages those working with her to reach high levels of achievement. Since 2006 she has undertaken many projects at all levels, in the County and at District and Group level. Mentoring individuals, problem solving, dispute resolution or programme ideas. Bearing witness to the statement "if you want a job done, then ask a busy person".



"My proudest moment - Driving a minibus of Venture Scouts from our base in Vicenza to a 4 hour performance of Aida in The Arena Verona. Their comments - 'My mother will never believe I've done this.' 'Glad I came but I don't think I'd go to another one.' It wasn't all culture; we ate McDonalds in the intervals!"

ALAN LINDSAY

CHAIRMAN, NORTH WEST NORFOLK

The word 'service' is synonymous with Alan's association with Scouting coming up to 40 years. He is a person who since coming to Norfolk has given tenacious support to North West Norfolk District and in particular to Young People. With the prolonged vacancy of a District Commissioner Alan was able to keep the District together by his selflessness, ensuring that the finances, appointment of Leaders and other District affairs run smoothly. Alan has forged links with various businesses to obtain sponsorships for a number of Groups and individuals through his enthusiastic drive in the name of Scouting. This year Alan was awarded the supreme accolade by being given the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk's civic award for recognition of outstanding services in the local community. Alan has made a difference by his determination, unstinting and trusted behaviour to achieve his objective of supporting the Movement; for services of an exceptional nature to Scouting.



"Being able to provide support for 9 excellent District Commissioners for the last 25 years."

JANE STAFFORD

DISTRICT SECRETARY, SOUTHERN NORWICH

Jane has given continuous service to the Movement since joining in 1977. She has proved invaluable in a variety of roles, providing exceptional, highly effective and valued service in all areas. Jane continues to be a valuable and energetic contributor to Scouting in the District and in the County, undertaking many projects with her 'can do' attitude. Jane played a pivotal role in raising £400,000 to rebuild the 1st Norwich Scout HQ and using her teambuilding and organisational skills continues to raise funds for that Group and others by running The Great Norwich Duck Race which has since 2008 raised £65,000 for charities.



"You asked for my proudest moment, this is difficult, but I think it's got to be investing my own grandchildren into the 1st Norwich Group. I first became an Assistant Cub Scout Leader through my own sons becoming Cubs back in 1977 and to think their children are now getting the same enjoyment of Scouting as they did, fills me with joy. I'm also very pleased that the Great Norwich Duck Race, started as a means to help raise funds for our new HQ, now regularly, each year, raises funds for at least a dozen scout groups and scout projects."



BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN

The Bar to the Silver Acorn may be awarded for at least a further 5 years of similarly distinguished service after being awarded the Silver Acorn.

STEPHEN HUNT

GROUP SCOUT LEADER, 3RD THETFORD, SOUTH WEST NORFOLK

Steve is the perfect example of a Scouter who consistently goes above and beyond in his role as a Group Scout Leader. Steve holds a number of other Executive roles within the District including sitting on the District Executive and the Executive Committee for the Bidwell Centre. He maintains the Group's narrowboat and works hard to get Young People out onto the water.



"Proudest moments were being in the Queen's Scout Parade at Windsor in 1964 and later in 1973 founding a Venture Unit, Padfinders at 1st Uitenhage, Cape Midlands, getting 10 members through their Springbok Scout Badges (Q.S. equivalent) and then organising an expedition from camp in Durban up the Sani Pass into Lesotho and climbed the highest peak in the Drakensburg Mountains, Thabana Ntlenyana at 11424 feet (4,482 m)"

PAM KIRBY

DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT MEMBER, WASHBAY ASU, NORTH WEST NORFOLK

Pam is an active, fundamental member and a supporting manager of the Washbay ASU. Pam is at the forefront of any activity or social event organised by the ASU including the ASU's Diamond Anniversary, assisting with the organisation and collection of memorabilia. Her dedicated drive and support provides Scouting with a first class service to the benefit of today's youth supporting leaders and managers alike.

DOREEN MCNIFF

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, SOUTH WEST NORFOLK

Doreen is a key member of the District Executive Committee. She has been a constant companion to many Leaders, many of whom still regularly contact her to discuss issues and ideas. She has been instrumental in the organisation and running of many District Camps and is the main organiser of the District Leaders' St George's Day Dinner.

"My proudest moment would have been when I was a Cub Scout Leader, a deaf Cub was being invested in sign language with the rest of the pack who had all learned to sign as well.

The smile on his face was priceless."



JUNE PRESTON

GROUP SECRETARY, BLAKENEY & DISTRICT, NORTH EAST NORFOLK

June is a much respected senior member and inspirational driving force behind the Executive Committee. She plans and organises most of the fundraising events and follows up on actions of others. She organises all the Hall lettings and is the cleaner and tidy up person after every use. Looking after Scouting is her mission in life and no one could do more than she does.



SILVER ACORN

The Silver Acorn is seldom awarded for less than 20 years service, which should be specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding.

MICHAEL COLE

**ASSISTANT GROUP SCOUT LEADER, WEST RUNTON,
NORTH EAST NORFOLK**

Michael was recently described by his Group Scout Leader as the glue which holds the Group together. He is very dependable and can be relied upon to be present at all important Group events and activities, making sure that such events are arranged and organised to run effectively. He is a very practical and helpful Leader who readily sees when something needs doing and will attend to such matters without prompting.



"My proudest moment in Scouting was when my daughter received her Queen Scout Award and watching her parade at Windsor castle and more recently when her two children also got invested into West Runton Scout Group."

ANDREW FRYER

**DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT MEMBER,
NORTH EAST NORFOLK**

Andrew is a key member of the North East Norfolk Active Support Unit, helping to shape the organisation of the unit to provide an additional layer of flexible volunteering support to the District for fun days and activities.



He joined the Active Support Unit after moving away from the area having previously been a Group Scout Leader and Troop Leader in North Walsham. During his time in the Group he was influential in the purchase of water activity equipment. He took training to use the canoes and during the summers provided water activities for both of the Group's Troops. His interest in water has led him to join crews of sailing trips for disabled and disadvantaged Young People and is also supporting the restoration of a local canal.

"My proudest moment would be when a young man with a family in tow thanked me for the three weeks he had to try Scouting. Fast forward. After 5 years I said you have to leave, you are now too old. He said if I had not given him 3 weeks he would have missed it all."

MARY JACKMAN

GROUP SCOUT LEADER, 19TH KING'S LYNN, NORTH WEST NORFOLK

Together with her role as Group Scout Leader with the 19th King's Lynn, Mary is always willing to help at numerous events. Mary supports the District Cub Camp with crafts every year and has been active at NORJAM being the international coordinator. Mary is also an active Guider bringing the 2 movements together as evidenced in her tireless support at the Norfolk Show on an annual basis.



"Most memorable moment was going to World Jamboree in 2007 and all the wonderful NORJAM's we have had in Norfolk. I also work with a great Group at 19th King's Lynn. We have a great group of Leaders who work hard to deliver each Sections programme and we are growing so I feel we are going in the right direction."

PHIL JORDAN

CUB SCOUT LEADER, 5TH KING'S LYNN, NORTH WEST NORFOLK

Phil is an enthusiastic and dedicated Scouter who delivers both a challenging and exciting programme of activities for the youth members in North West Norfolk. He continues to lead the District Cub section giving positive and progressive direction, active and supportive advice to newly appointed leaders and seasoned veterans in a diplomatic and proactive manner.



"My proudest moment was when I invested my eldest Grandson into my Cub Pack which was on a par with being asked to "run" the Pack night when The Duchess of Cambridge attended our Cubs Centenary celebration evening in Kings Lynn."

BOB KEENS

GROUP SCOUT LEADER, 2ND RUNCTON HOLME & WATLINGTON, SOUTH WEST NORFOLK

For 9 years Bob has run a successful Cub section whilst acting as GSL. He delivers a quality Programme in an area where activities and services for Young People are not as common as they should be. He consistently promotes Scouting in the Runcton Holme community. He gives training and support to all who ask him, such as Night's Away Permits. Bob has also been involved in projects to support villages overseas in the Third World.

SIMON MOBBS

GROUP SCOUT LEADER, 3RD & 4TH NORWICH, NORTHERN NORWICH

Simon continues to offer a high rate of activity and participation of events both within his Group, District and County. He has successfully recruited to his Group leadership team and holds many permits to provide activities for the Young People. He gives excellent service of the highest standard to all in Scouting.

"My proudest moments in Scouting are when Young People in the Group gain the Chief Scouts Award whilst progressing through the Group. It's pleasing to see these Young People's development as they progress and gain enthusiasm and love for their Scouting which we have provided."



CHRISTOPHER NOTT

GROUP TREASURER, WEST RUNTON, NORTH EAST NORFOLK

Christopher has been Group Treasurer for 21 years being a major instigator and contributor in many projects. His fundraising skills have benefited the Group in so many ways. He is an asset to the Group and neighbouring Groups as he is happy to advise and assist new Treasurers.

"My proudest moment in Scouting is being awarded the Silver Acorn and getting the opportunity to attend the Queen's Scout parade in Windsor."



LEW PEARSON

DISTRICT TREASURER, CENTRAL NORFOLK

Lew joined 5th Northolt as a Cub in 1950 and went all through Scouts gaining DoE Gold and Queen Scout Award and taking on the role of Cub Scout Leader (Akela) when this Group joined with the 7th to become the 12th Northolt. After moving to Norfolk to run a shop and Post Office in 1982 Lew took a few years out but was soon back as Treasurer of 1st Beetley and then as District Treasurer for Central Norfolk. Once a Scout always a Scout.

"My proudest moment would be going to Windsor Castle for the Queen Award Parade in 1960 and meeting the Queen after the service in St George's Chapel."



STEPHEN REYNOLDS

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES, NORTHERN NORWICH

Stephen continues to support Scouting to the highest standard, he has provided loyal and distinguished service to both the District and the County. Stephen is instrumental in ensuring the safe running of all activities and making sure that everyone is using safe systems.

"My Scouting highlight was starting the County Scout Shooting Competitions. Having previously run successful District competitions from 2007 and with the support of the then ACC Scouts, I introduced the County Competition in 2013. Since that time the standard of the Scouts has improved significantly and the competition is now entered by almost all Districts."



PAM WALKER

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, SOUTH WEST NORFOLK

Pam is a tireless Leader within the District both at Group and District level. Pam has provided outstanding service to Scouting for over 22 years supporting activities, projects, Executives and the Young People. As an indication of Pam's commitment she has been overhead saying 'My life would be worthless without Scouting.'

"Some of my proudest moments have been seeing Cubs delighted faces when they achieve something they thought was way out of their reach. However, my real Proud Moment was seeing our daughter made a County Commissioner. Scouting not only carries on, it's taken over!"





DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD

Those young adults who complete the DofE Gold Award have participated in activities within five sections.

- **Volunteering:** undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- **Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- **Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
- **Expeditions:** planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad.
- **Residential:** staying and working away from home during a shared activity.

EMILY AYERS

ED CUBITT

STEPHEN HOWARD

ISABEL KAYE

ED CUBITT

My Gold DofE was a great opportunity to meet other people and carry out various activities, while also helping me work towards my queen's scout. To complete the award I carried out 12 months volunteering as a YL, 12 months playing the saxophone and 6 months on a physical section (geocaching). Alongside this I also had to go on a residential at the NSGSO Concert Band and a 4 day expedition in the Lake District.



GOOD SERVICE AWARDS 2017



BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT

Lynda Smith, Group Scout Leader, 1st Brandon, South West Norfolk
Paul Smith, Group Scout Leader, 1st Wereham & Wretton, South West Norfolk
Eileen Taylor, Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Bradwell, East Norfolk



AWARD FOR MERIT

Hayley Andrews, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, West Runton, North East Norfolk
Sandy Boyd, Cub Scout Leader, 1st Gt & Lt Plumstead, Eastern Norwich
Graham Breeze, Explorer Scout Leader, North East Norfolk
Danny Burns, Group Secretary, 11th Norwich, Northern Norwich
Roger Childs, Cub Scout Leader, 1st Drayton, Northern Norwich
Suzanne Childs, Explorer Scout Leader YL, Northern Norwich
Alan Cox, Group Chairman, 1st Brandon, South West Norfolk
Simon Cross, Scout Leader, 2nd Diss, Southern Norfolk
David Elliott, Group Executive Committee Member, 35th Norwich, Eastern Norwich
Sophie Fallon, Group Scout Leader, 1st Wymondham, Southern Norfolk
Jacqueline Gibbins, District Appointments Secretary, Eastern Norwich
Linda Hazel, Group Secretary, 44th Norwich, Northern Norwich
Tina Herrington, Beaver Scout Leader, 35th Norwich, Eastern Norwich
Elizabeth Hook, Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Diss, Southern Norfolk
Marc Middleton, Group Scout Leader, 11th Norwich, Northern Norwich
Gemma Partridge, District Training Adviser, North East Norfolk
Luke Prendergast, District Scout Active Support Member, Northern Norwich

Alison Prendergast, District Scout Active Support Member, Northern Norwich

John Rospopa, Scout Leader, 21st King's Lynn, North West Norfolk

Colin Scott, County Advisor D of E, Norfolk

Rob Shears, Group Scout Active Support Member, 1st Snettisham, North West Norfolk

Alison Smith, Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts, North East Norfolk

Simon Waite, District Scout Active Support Member, North East Norfolk

Janet West, District Scout Active Support Member, Northern Norwich

Andrew Wrenn, Scout Leader, 18th Norwich, Northern Norwich

Richard Wicks, District Badge Secretary, North West Norfolk

David Wright, Assistant Explorer Scout Leader, Northern Norwich

Lisa Wright, District Commissioner, Northern Norwich



CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

Sarah Bottorf, Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Brandon, South West Norfolk

Matthew Brown, Scout Leader, 1st Gt & Lt Plumstead, Eastern Norwich

Lara Clare, Explorer Scout Sectional Assistant, North East Norfolk

Ben Colley, Group Scout Leader, 14th King's Lynn, North West Norfolk

Paul Cubitt, District Chaplain, North East Norfolk

Katie Drake, Explorer Scout Leader, East Norfolk

Vincent Forde, Group Treasurer, 1st Harling, South West Norfolk

Lisa Garrod, Scout Leader, 1st Caister on Sea, East Norfolk

Carole Grant, District Scout Active Support Member, East Norfolk

Shona Greig, Beaver Scout Leader, 8th King's Lynn, North West Norfolk

Paul Harris, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Harling, South West Norfolk

Susan Landers, Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Holt, North East Norfolk

Richard Laxen, Section Explorer Scout Assistant, North East Norfolk

Carl Meadows, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, Southern Norfolk

Su Rix, Group Scout Leader, 1st Docking, North West Norfolk

James Rumsby, Group Chairman, 2nd Hellesdon, Northern Norwich

Jason Sheridan, Group Chairman, West Runton, North East Norfolk
Jill Smail, District Scout Active Support Manager, South West Norfolk
Gail Spencer, Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Walsham, North East Norfolk
Colin Tegerdine, Scout Leader, 19th King's Lynn, North West Norfolk
Serena Woodrow, Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Harling, South West Norfolk



MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Zoe Arnold



COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION

George Atkinson
Ciaren Carr
Owen Clarke
Charlotte Cley
Steve & Kathy Clover
Toby Cutting
Liam Davis
Jo Earl
East Norfolk Young Leader Unit
Sally Hornigold
Wayne Hornigold
Jordan Leigh
George Pearl
Olly Perryman
John Peters
Jess Tutt

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”

Princess Diana

Thank you to all those who took time to nominate, complete citations and provide evidence to make these awards possible.

If you know someone who contributes to Scouting and their community and think that their commitment is worthy of recognition contact hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk.