

Scout Association – Isle of Man SCOUTING'S NATIONAL DAY



March 2017

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2017

Dear Members and Parents

Re: St. George's Day Parade and Service

St. George is the Patron Saint of Scouting and each year Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over the British Isles gather together in their Counties and Districts to take part in Parades and Services to celebrate **Scouting's National Day**.

Here on the Isle of Man, all Island Scout Groups and Explorer Units will be joining together on **Sunday 23 April 2017**, at the St. George's Day Parade, which this year is taking place in **Castletown**, with the Service being held at the **Pavilion, King William's College**. Being one of the most important dates in the Scouting Calendar, all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders will be renewing their Beaver, Cub and Scout Promises, during the Service.

I would ask that **every member** of Island Scouting, from the youngest Beaver Scout to the oldest Explorer Scout, take part to support, not only their Section, but also their Group or Unit and Scouting on the Isle of Man, by attending the St. George's Day Parade and Service. *Parents are also welcome to attend the service.*

Full Uniform is to be worn, including Scout Activity Trousers and School Shoes. I would also suggest that a coat is brought by everyone, just in case of inclement weather.

We will be meeting at Victoria Road School Car Park, for no later than 2.15pm. Please note that there is only the facility to 'drop off' by the School (near Morton Hall). Parents may find it easier to park at the College and walk back to the assembly point. Please assemble with other members of your Group or Unit. The Service will finish at approximately 4.00pm, when children can be collected by parents from King William's College. Parents are to use the main entrance from Douglas Road, or park near Hango Hill and walk through.

If wet, the Service will take place in the Chapel at King William's College instead, with only the Flag Party to Parade from King's Court (the quadrangle) to the Chapel – *there will be an announcement on Manx Radio around 1pm.*

This Parade should be the largest gathering of members of the Scout Association during the year, so I hope you help to make sure it is.

Yours in Scouting

Guy Thompson
Island Commissioner