

St George's Day Celebration 2016

Sunday 24th April 2016



Inspiring young people in Bishop's
Stortford, Much Hadham and
Sawbridgeworth

Dear Leader and supporter

Baden-Powell chose St George as the Patron Saint of The Scout Association. He felt that the St George legend set a good example of faith, courage and perseverance for future generations. He said 'St George's Day is April 23rd, and on that day Scouts remind themselves of their Promise and Scout Law. Not that they ever forget either but on St George's Day they make a special point of thinking about them.'

Here are the details of the annual St George's Day Celebration for all members of our District.

Where do we assemble?

Meet at 2:15pm in Ducketts Wharf, South Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AR. Please line up in the following Group order, within Groups the order will be Beavers, Cubs and Scouts:

- Silver Leys
- 1st Thorley (St James)
- 10th Bishop's Stortford
- 1st Much Hadham
- 1st St Michaels Mead
- 1st Sawbridgeworth
- 1st Bishop's Stortford & Hockerill

District Leaders and Scout Network and Explorer Units will follow the Union Flag and the St George's Flag, however many of these will be assisting in other ways and so might not be walking with the parade.

What happens then?

At 2:30pm the District will walk to the United Reformed Church, Water Lane, via South St and North St. When arrive, the Section Flag bearers will remain outside the church whilst others will go in the church and be seated.

Anyone who is not walking with the District should go directly to the United Reformed Church.

As soon as everyone is seated, the celebration will continue as follows:

- Introduction & Welcome
- First song and Parade of Flags
- Welcome – explanation of proceedings.
- St George and the dragon (Explorer Scouts) and reflection on our own personal dragons.
- Song
- Renewal of promises: - Scouts, Cubs, Beavers.
- Happy birthday Cubs and Beavers.
- Union Flag and St George's Flag are collected before the singing of the National Anthem.
- National Anthem.
- Blessing
- Song and collection of remaining flags.
- Flag bearers exit to outside entrance and provide guard of honour to departing attendees.
- Parade dismissal

Special note for Section leaders.

All young people and adult should wear full uniform and encourage all to bring a waterproof, if weather is wet in a dark colour, preferably, dark blue or black without logos or brand markings, dark school shoes, not trainers.

If you are intending to parade your Sections flag, please ensure that the bearer is available at the church at **1.15pm** for a practise, before assembling at Ducketts Wharf, so that they can receive instructions on what is expected in taking part.

Beavers and Cubs are encouraged to make and wear badges reflecting Cubs 100 years or Beavers 30 years as appropriate.

Each Section Leader should bring sufficient quantities of dragons (attached) and a supply of pencils.

When walking towards the church, please do try to keep close together. However if a gap emerges, please do not run to close the gap. The band will be asked to set an appropriate pace for all Sections.

Beaver Leaders have requested sight of the songs in advance and these are attached.

Marshals (1 volunteer per Group)

We require 6 volunteers to assist with the parade, so we ask each Group to nominate 1 person. This people should make themselves known to Nigel Reed at Ducketts Wharf, who will explain their duties and provide high viz vests to wear over uniforms.

Explorers & Scout Network

Please be available to practise and set up at the church at 1.15pm, before meeting at Ducketts Wharf.

Parking is available at Linkside and near Waitrose .

All enquiries - please contact your ADC/District Scout Leader

Thanks

**Maureen Hargrave, Sue Byford, Chris Hinge, Jackie Williamson, Nick Goff, Greg Whelan, Nigel Reed
District Team**



Songs:

COME ON AND CELEBRATE

His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life.
We'll shout Your praise, O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring,
We'll give to You our offering
In celebration praise.

Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.

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When a knight won his spurs, in the stories of old,
He was gentle and brave, he was gallant and bold;
With a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand
For God and for valour he rode through the land.

No charger have I, and no sword by my side,
Yet still to adventure and battle I ride,
Though back into storyland giants have fled,
And the knights are no more and the dragons are dead.

Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed
'Gainst the dragons of anger, the ogres of greed;
And let me set free, with the sword of my youth,
From the castle of darkness the power of the truth

Tune: *Stowey*, from an English traditional melody.

ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD I GO,

One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with You.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with You.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see,
You'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving when the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with You.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with You.

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