Update No.6

(Out walking)

Welcome and thanks for watching

I’m just finishing off our Hike to the moon, have you done yours yet? I wonder how many of our 5,200 young people and over 2,000 adults have completed their mile. If we all took part we would have walked far enough to get to Indonesia!

Thank you for those that have taken part and helped raised funds for BBC Children In Need and Comic Relief’s Big Night In

Almost 6 weeks since f2f scouting suspended and I continue to hear about amazing things happening across the County.

We’ve had lots of press coverage this week including;

* a Vlogging Sheep farmer from North Cotswold
* Connor, who I spoke to you about last week, playing his cornet on St Georges day
* And our We Will Survive camp

I’ve been hearing about some of the fantastic virtual meetings you have been running, including at 1st Royal Forest, Dursley, 15th Cheltenham and 41st Gloucester

Please keep sharing with me, all of the great things you are doing to help us Carry On Scouting.

By the way if you are taking part in the Carry On Scouting badge, you are amongst over 2,300 others from across the County, the UK and the globe! Keep going, I look forward to seeing many of you wearing your badge when we get back to meeting.

Last night was our St. Georges day Clap for carers. I took part and was so proud to see so many of you and your young people taking part. Thank you so much to you and of course to all of the key workers.

Here are just some of the pictures and videos I’ve been sent…

This Sunday, the 26th April we are celebrating St George’s day with our renewal of promises and a short celebration together. This will be the first time we have tried live streaming to the whole county, so do take part.

You will have received an email with details on how you can join via YouTube or if you are not able to access the internet, you can listen in via your telephone.

We will start at 11am and will have promise renewals involving lots of young people for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Then we will do an Adult Promise renewal too.

I hope you are able to join us and celebrate with us.

Also if you are in Gloucester District you can take part in your own brilliant District Promise Renewal at 5pm, you too will have had an email.

After our St. Georges day celebrations, we will start to focus our attention on the brilliant We Will Survive Camp that we hope you will be joining us for on the 8th May.

I recently had a practice including a camp fire. (Images)

We will be running activities for all ages and getting you involved on this fantastic evening where together we can camp in a blanket den, a tent in the garden, a lean to against the shed or a hammock in the conservatory. We will also be celebrating VE day, so get your decorations coloured in, get your flags out. We are going to have a prize for one of you who decorates your camp in a VE Day style.

We’ve got over 800 young people taking part and of course we have got lots of space still. So get signing up. You can find more details including the criteria at our website.

What’s also great is that this night can count towards a Night Away so that when your young people come back they can be one step closer to achieving their next Top Award

We are still looking for your ideas for our badge competition so don’t miss out.

As always, you can find lots of information, ideas and support for you during this time at our website gscouts.org.uk/coronavirus.

You’ll also find resources to help you decorate ready for VE Day.

On Wednesday at 7pm the Scout Association will be hosting an all members webinar where we can together, hear about key information that will be useful to us at this time whilst we are not meeting face to face. Please do take part if you can.

You’ll find the details at our website in our communications tab.

You may also have received an email asking for some financial information, please do complete this as soon as you can. This will help us as a movement understand the impact on our finances which will be used to help understand what we need to do and what support we need from Government and where we need to apply it. Without information from you as groups, units and districts these decisions simply cant be made..

This week, the scarf is from 1st St. Briavels, the newest Group in our County

I know one is in the post for next week, but I need more….

I also challenged you to do the Necker Flip and we have had a few entries, we have some successful ones from Adam and Chris. Adam’s necker was from the 44th Gloucester Venture Scout Unit that was launched in 1967!

And we have had some unsuccessful attempts too. Special thanks to cubs from 41st Gloucester.

And then there is Ruthie….

So in summary,

* St Georges Day – Sunday 26th at 11am
* All members call – Monday
* And our We Will Survive camp on Friday 8th May with a prize for a decorated campsite.

Thanks for watching, see you soon, stay safe, stay home