

## **SCOUTS AND GUIDES ANNUAL ST GEORGE'S DAY EVENT**

Around 1000 Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Network Scouts, Rainbow Guides, Brownie Guides, Guides, Ranger Guides, Senior Guides, Young Leaders, adult Leaders, Commissioners with their friends and families turned out this Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) to march through the town to the White Rock Theatre for a celebration event. The Blue Stars Marching Band led the parade, followed by the St George and Union Flags.

At the Theatre members re-affirmed their Scout and Guide Promises, and enjoyed a Who Wants to be a Millionaire? style game show – Who Wants to be St George?

Our collection this year is going to the 2007 Centenary One World of Friendship appeal. This has been set up to financially support Scouts and Guides from developing countries to attend the UK events and activities next year, including the 21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, where over 40,000 scouts and guides from all over the world will come together to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

Guests included Mayor, Cllr Pam Brown OBE, Mr Michael Foster DL, MP, East Sussex County Council Chairman, Cllr John Barnes, and other officials from the local authority. Leaders and Guests enjoyed refreshments in the White Rock Hotel after the event.

### **NOTES**

Quotation from Lord Robert Baden Powell, OM, Founder of Scouting

“St George is the Patron Saint of both England and the Knights of the Round Table. He is also the Patron Saint of Scouts everywhere. Therefore all Scouts should know his story. St George was typical of what a Scout should be.

When St George was faced by a difficulty or danger, however great it appeared, even in the shape of a dragon - he did not avoid it or fear it but went at it with all the power he could. That is exactly the way a Scout should face a difficulty or danger no matter how great or how terrifying it may appear. He should go at it boldly and confidently, using every power that he can to try to and overcome it, and the probability is that he will succeed.

St George's Day is April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and on that day Scouts remind themselves of their Promise and Scout Law. Not that a Scout ever forgets, but on St George's Day, they make a special point of thinking about them. This is why we are here today.”