



## ORWELL SCOUTS SAINT GEORGES DAY

### Scouting

Scouting is the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 6 to 25-year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities. Scouts helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world

### Funding

We are not a moneymaking organisation and have a small turnover. Our funding is through membership fees which are charged to the youth members of the organisation. These cover local costs and this through District, County up to National Scouting generally for events and general administration. All leaders are volunteers and donate the time free of charge. They do not get paid.

We did not want St Georges Day (our patron saint day) associated with a commercial enterprise therefore took the opportunity to approach the Town Council to obtain a grant to help fund the hire of the Spa Pavilion. We use the Spa Pavilion as it is as the only local venue large enough to hold our St Georges Day service.

### The Parade

The St Georges Day parade helps to promote the Scouting through the event and publication of the event. The local Scouts parade along the promenade from the Leisure Centre to the Spa Pavilion. This is the most visual display of Scouting to Felixstowe, its residents, visitors and those in the wider community through news reports. The day gives encouragement to those looking to join when they get a little older.

### The Grant

We were very grateful to the Town Council Grant for their support the continuation of the Annual St George's Day Parade being held in Felixstowe. We appreciated the Members concern by the recent escalation of costs in putting on the event; in particular those costs relating to the hire of the Spa Pavilion.

### Sunday 22 April 2108

This was a fabulous spectacle as the line of flags and youngsters stretch out along the Prom. The weather was fabulous. Almost 800 youth and adult members attended the parade. Families, younger brothers and sisters, all supported their siblings along the parade.



The Parade then filed into the Spa Pavilion theatre for the St George's Day service while the Mayor of Felixstowe (our President) inspects the Colour Party's.



During the service in the Spa the District Commissioner, Martin Agar, and the County Commissioner, Jane Dickinson, gave out a number of platinum service awards and young leader awards.

At the end the Scout flags were stationed around island in front of the theatre and created lots of interest from the public. The boys and girls lined up by their flag and the parade was dismissed for their families to collect their loved ones.

All left after the most fabulous, spectacular, colourful event.