**A celebration of Scouting in St Albans**

**St Georges Day 2019**

**Parade through central St Albans and ceremony in Verulam Park near Roman wall section. All timings are approximate.**

Groups are asked to bring a spare group scarf to be carried by a young person to be placed on a stand at the front of the arena as directed by the MCs. This will be returned at the end of the ceremony.

Any groups who have tear drop flags are asked to bring then to the park anytime between 1.00-1.30pm.

Everyone to be in smart uniform.

Beavers and Cubs are invited to bring something to wave/carry in the parade.

Each group is asked to give Annette Payne two fabulous facts about their group and two highlights of their Scouting year for use in the ceremony at least two weeks before. Email facts to annette.scouts@gmail.com.

Each group will be given a board to carry at the front of their group.

Ask parents to leave the area near the civic centre after locating their child’s group.

Since we are parading a little further we will pause at the St Albans School arch to allow any change of flag bearers if necessary, should any be getting tired.

**We will be attempting to break the record for the largest human Scout fleur de lis** [**http://guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/400400-largest-human-image-of-a-fleur-de-lis**](http://guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/400400-largest-human-image-of-a-fleur-de-lis) **so we need as many people as possible to ensure we succeed.**

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| **Time** | **What** |
| 13.30-13.45 | **District meet up in front of Civic centre**  **The first Leader to arrive from each group should collect their groups board from Annette Payne**  District colour parties to report to Annette Payne  Readers & promise renewal speakers to Annette Payne to be shown what to do/practice |
| 13.45 | **Form up**  Groups move down to form up in parade order in front of civic offices.  Order of parade is given at the end of this document. **Leaders to assist by getting their sections into the parade order please.**  Groups in parade order as listed below, 3 abreast, Beavers, Cubs then Scouts. Then Explorers, ASU and Gang Show.  Flags to parade at the front of their section.  Group name board at the front of the group. |
| 14.00 | **Parade moves off**.  Young people are encouraged to wave at the crowds. If sections have a mascot please bring these on the parade.  **Parade will go down St Peters Street, George Street and before but will then pass under the St Albans School arch and down the road to the Fighting Cocks pub, enter the park, go along the cycle track and enter the grassed area in front of the Roman wall facing the Cathedral and lake.**  The parade will pause as we go under the school arch to allow any change over of flag bearers if necessary. |
| 14.45 | **First group enters the Park**  Marshals to direct to position. We will be facing the wall and lake.  MC’s to announce each group as they arrive.  Groups to give us a couple of ‘fabulous facts’ in advance about the group from the last year – a couple of Group ‘highlights’ that the MC can read out when they introduce them into the arena  Band/musicians to be positioned in front of stage playing for the duration of the arrivals  Colour party to stand on the stage as Groups enter  Crowds to be kept ‘entertained’ by MC’s (Mexican waves etc) |
| 15.00 | Band end  **Official welcome**  Representative from each group invited to bring to the stage one of their group scarves to be placed on our District ‘scarf rack’  Music played during scarves being brought forward. |
| 15.05 | **Ceremony Begins with Promise renewal** |
| 15.35 | National Anthem |
| 15.20 | All Groups representatives come and take back their scarf off the scarf grid |
| 15.30 | **Instructions for World Record Attempt** |
| 16.00 | Farewell! |

**Parade Order**

1. District Flags
2. Band 1
3. VIPs
4. 16th
5. C/Heath
6. 18th
7. P/Street
8. Sandridge
9. 20th
10. 17th
11. 2nd
12. Flamstead
13. Band 2
14. 1st
15. Redbourn
16. 3rd
17. 4th
18. 9th
19. Markyate
20. 5/13th
21. L/Colney
22. Explorers
23. ASU and Gang Show