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## The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting February 2012

### News From The DC

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Our County Commissioner, Ian Kirby OBE, presented 49 Bronze and Silver Chief Scout's Award Certificates to Beavers, Cubs and a few Scouts. Congratulations to them all, and Thank You to their Leaders, who, without their hard work the Young People would not have gained this Award. Thank You also to everyone that helped on the day.

All sections have now had their Leaders meetings and I was very pleased to see so many of you at them. Plenty of ideas for District activities were suggested, and the ADC's are looking into doing some of them.

I would like to congratulate Andy Pope, Scout Leader 11<sup>th</sup> Hastings, on his new Role as ADC Scouts. Andy has been involved in Scouting for quite a while, both as a Young Person and a Leader. Andy has many good ideas and I am sure that he will get round to meeting you all soon.

The County Chief Scout's Award Presentation will be held at St Mary in the Castle, Hastings on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. I hope that we will see many recipients from our District. Information will be sent out from County soon.

Don't forget to send Stuart Old your booking forms for the Swimming Gala, closing date 26<sup>th</sup> February. This year after the Cub and Beaver Gala, there will be a chance to see either Kevin ADC Cubs, Sarah ADC Beavers, Stuart DDC, or Judith DC ceremoniously pushed into the pool fully clothed. There will be collecting buckets with our names / pictures on and the person's bucket with the most money in will be the "lucky" one pushed in. So it will be your chance to "get your own back". This is to raise some much needed funds for the Cubs trip to Paris in May. Please let your Young People know that this will be happening.

Well done to the Explorers and Leaders that have just returned from their survival camp this weekend. Despite the snow they slept in their shelters at Forge Field, Westfield, true Scouts all of them. All survived and got home safely, no doubt to a hot bath and a warm bed.

Next Drop in Training will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, then Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30-9.00pm at the 1<sup>st</sup> Hastings HQ, Oxford Road, St Leonards.

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**Judith Collins 07742 950636**



### Information from the DDC

#### cubs Information



#### Paris 2012

There are loads of Fundraising events coming up over the next few weeks. Please ensure that all the cubs going on the trip are aware of them.

To summarise:-

Walk to Paris (Sponsored Hike)	26 <sup>th</sup> February
Smartie Tube Challenge	Ongoing
Bag Packing – Tesco	10 <sup>th</sup> March
Disney Party	11 <sup>th</sup> March
Family Fun Afternoon	1 <sup>st</sup> April
Bag Pack – M&S	14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> April
(Please note change of date)	
Bag Packing – ASDA	21 <sup>st</sup> April

The final payment for £60 is due to me on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, some still owe the last payment, please do chase up on these. Finally, please check all passports are valid until at least the end of November 2012.

### District Information - Swimming Gala

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Please find attached again, details for the Swimming Gala on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. The format will be the same as in previous years, Beavers and Cubs from 5.30pm to 8pm and Scouts, Explorers and Network from 8pm to 10pm. There will be the opportunity for a free swim along with the competitive races. Please note, the **closing date for this event is the 26<sup>th</sup> February**, if you would like taking part certificates, a list of participants must be received by this date. See you all there.

#### Stuart Old DDC

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### County First Response Course

Please don't forget!

We have another County First Response Course in Hastings on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 24<sup>th</sup> Hastings 9.45 – 5.45pm.

Leaders need to book via the East Sussex Scout Training website or via Gordon Titherly, County Training Manager if any problems.



## Beaver News



Thankyou to all Leaders who came to our last Beaver Leader meeting and hope that those who could not make it will be able to come to our next meeting on Tuesday 17th April 7.30pm at the White Hart, Guestling.

We will be holding a Disney themed District Beaver & Cub party on March 11th 2-5pm at 24th Hastings at £4 per head. Fancy dress optional, I shall be sending out flyers shortly. If you can let me know numbers asap.

Don't forget if you want to come on the Beaver\Cub activity day at Broadstone Warren June 16th I will need approx no's soon as Kev Barton needs to organise coaches.

Our Beaver Diamond Jubilee Street party is being held on Sunday 1st July more details will follow once confirmed, please put this in your diary it's going to be a fantastic day.

Thank you to all of you for your ongoing support and hard work.

**Sarah Griffin ADC Beavers**

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## A Joke or Two

I wondered why the frisbee was getting bigger, and then it hit me....



So I went to the dentist. He said "Say Aaah." I said "Why?" He said "My dog's died."

I went to the doctors with a jelly stuck in one ear and custard in the other. The doctor asked, 'what seems to be the problem?' I said 'you have to speak up, I'm a trifle deaf.'

**Tommy Cooper**

## Badges

Badges may be ordered by the following methods:

E-Mail [badges@hastingsscouts.org](mailto:badges@hastingsscouts.org) .

Post to Hastings Badges  
c/o 23 Kite Close  
St Leonards on Sea  
East Sussex  
TN38 8DR



No orders will be taken over the Phone.

Please list quantity/section/stage/badge required

Badges will then be available for collection from the New Guide Shop open on Monday evening's at St Helens Church Hall, The Ridge, Hastings. TN34 2RA

**Badges can be posted** -There will be a postage charge, up to 30 Badges = £1.00, above 30 = £1.50

This will be included on invoice.

**Badges are not stocked at the Guide Shop and can only be ordered using the methods above.**

**Janice Harmer—Badge Secretary**

## Scouts Information



As a Scout Leader it is obvious to me that the district has numerous resources which I know are there but I didn't really know how to get my hands on.

With this in mind I have volunteered to start to put together a list of District Kit and Instructors which we could all call upon to offer wider programmes. Could I ask that if you are holding any District kit or any of your leaders have qualifications which could be of use to the wider good, that you let me know. I'll then attempt to get this circulated.

Don't worry there are no current plans to centralise the kit or put on Instructors but it would be really useful for us all to know what resources we could call upon if wanted.

Many Thanks

Andy Pope

11th Hastings & ADC Scouts

[thepopes@talktalk.net](mailto:thepopes@talktalk.net), 01424 428626 "

## Exercise Bikes

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**Do you have an exercise bike that you are willing to lend for a day?**

The Cubs going on the Disney Trip in May are hoping to cycle from Hastings to Paris – on static exercise bikes!!!

We need to borrow about a dozen. If you have one you can lend, please contact Jane Hart on 01424 716599 or [chatabox66@yahoo.com](mailto:chatabox66@yahoo.com) ASAP!

Thank you.



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Articles for the March 2012 edition should go to [tomtom@hastingsscouts.org](mailto:tomtom@hastingsscouts.org)

no later than

Sunday 4th March 2012. Thanks.