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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting

June 2011

News From The DC

It was good to see Cubs and Scouts working together at the recent district ClinkS camp.

Everyone got on well and had a good weekend. Congratulations to 1st Northiam who scored the most challenge points during the camp.

I have been to a few Group AGMs, some have been very well supported by Parents and some unfortunately have not.

The Groups that have the Young People doing some form of entertainment after a short business meeting seem to have a better turn out as this encourages the Parents to attend to watch their Child. It may be worth thinking about if you struggle to get support from your Parents. Please remember to let me know when your AGM is. Don't forget the District AGM on Monday 20th June, 8pm at St Paul's School.

As we are approaching the holidays I would like to remind you that I should receive a Nights Away Notification form BEFORE you go on any camp or sleepover; this is relevant to ALL sections. Not all Leaders are doing this.

The next Drop in Training is on Tuesday 21st June then Wednesday 13th July, 7.30 - 9.00pm at the 1st Hastings HQ, Oxford Road. They will start again on Tuesday 20th September. Please make sure any Leaders in your Group that are doing their training know about these dates and encourage them to attend.

If you know of anyone in your Group that doesn't receive Tom Tom please let Gareth know their email address at tomtom@hastingscouts.org, they will also get any information that is sent out to the District.

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Explorers pack their bags (and every one else's!)

On Saturday the 4th of June Phoenix and Hydra Explorers went to Asda to bag pack for the customers. We were there all day and raised around £555!!

It's great to see so many people who support our organisation and would just like to say thanks to Asda and all the other big supermarkets that help us in our fundraising.

Our next bag packing date is the 16th of July and it's at Tesco from 10am until 4pm. It would be fab if you could come along to support us. Thanks.



Izzi Mills :)

Phoenix Explorers



Colditz Challenge 2011



The Colditz Challenge 2011 is running this year on July 9th and 10th at Broadstone Warren. All of the paperwork and details are available at www.colditzchallenge.org.uk. As always we can only run if people are willing and able to run bases in the evening, so any volunteers would be appreciated and there will be some teas, coffees and biscuits at the end of the night :-)

Many thanks
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Badges

Badges may be ordered by the following methods:

E-Mail badges@hastingscouts.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



You can't have everything....where would you put it?



May Bank Holiday weekend, 90 cubs and scouts and 30 leaders and helpers took over Bushy Wood Campsite for our ClinkS camp. After an evening of preparation for the leaders on the Friday, the Scouts and Cubs all arrived first thing on the Saturday morning. They set to work in putting up their tents and then working in their patrols setting up their cooking areas. After lunch there were a number of individual challenges followed by a patrol cooked evening meal and a campfire.

For each meal, event and activity the patrol were awarded a number of points on how well they were working together and how successful they had been. Points were also deducted from teams who returned their food boxes in a messy state. A points table was

regularly updated and displayed so each patrol knew how well they were doing.

Following a patrol cooked breakfast on Sunday we had a Scouts Own by Jane Hart and then patrol challenges. Pete Clark organised an 'It's a Knockout' event in the afternoon followed by a Trading Post run by Ray Billenness. After cooking their evening meal the cubs and scouts had a wide game from Del Smith followed by a fireworks display (thanks Gav!). On the Monday, the kitchens were dismantled and the tents taken down and put away. Whilst the leaders finished the last bits of clearing up, the cubs and scouts (and a couple of the older children!) took part in a huge water fight.



All the leaders worked really well together and I hope that you all found it a good camp. A huge thank you to all those who helped put the camp together and to Pete and Jane for their First Aid and Judith and Mike Neeson for the cooking for the leaders.

A leaders comment was "PS: I haven't eaten so well for years, thank you so much :)!"

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The final points and positions were:-

Position	Patrol Number	Points
1 st	15	305
2 nd	7	297
3 rd	10	296
4 th	1	270
5 th	8	263
6 th	9	262
7 th	12	247
8 th =	2	245
8 th =	4	245
10 th	3	239
11 th	14	227
12 th	13	224
13 th	6	202
14 th	5	201
15 th	11	191



I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

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Articles for the July 2011 edition should go to tomtom@hastingssscouts.org no later than Monday 4th July 2011

Sweden 2011

As many of you will know, Sweden is hosting this year's 22nd World Scout Jamboree. It's only 51 Days until we go!! (1st June)

The leaders were picked back in September 2009, I felt very honoured to have been picked as one of the four Leaders to represent East Sussex! The selections for the 36 Scout places took place during February/March 2010; postponed slightly because of the heavy snow, Scouts and Explorers from all over the East Sussex area took part. By April our team had been chosen. And we have called ourselves the Saxon Unit with 5 Scouts from our Hastings and Rye District.



Since then, we have had several camps and team building days, we have settled well into 4 Patrols with 1 Leader overseeing each. Most recently we met up at Pickets Wood, near Nutley where we received our UK kit. It was like Christmas with all the very excited Scouts being given all their goodies! Some didn't change out of it for the rest of the weekend!



The Leaders recently spent a weekend at Gilwell along with all the UK Contingent Leaders and the IST Members for a weekend packed full of information concerning Pre-Jambo, Jambo and Ho-Ho. Our Pre-Jamboree experience will be in Copenhagen, Denmark where all 89 Units of the UK Contingent meet up for the first time for 3 days, over which we are told, will be a unique experience.

On the 27th July we have a coach transfer to the main Jambo site across the 10 mile bridge linking Denmark to Sweden called Öresundsbron, joining the autumn town in the Sub-Camp called Sarek which is luckily for us is fairly near the drop off point as the Jamboree site is about 2.5km across!

The Jamboree comprises of 3 towns, 4 forests, 18 Sub -camps containing 40,000 Scouts from 216 countries. It runs over 10 days, with a day of travelling either side. We will have an opening ceremony and a closing ceremony just like the Olympics!

During the Jamboree there will be a Culture Festival Day where all the groups/countries put on a show of their traditions and cultures. On the other days we will take part in Module activities in five different zones – Earth, People, Quest, Dream and the Global Development Village. There will also be a camp in camp where each of our 4 Patrols will leave the main site and experience a smaller camp with other groups somewhere within 2 hour's travelling distance of the main Jamboree site.



The Hastings participants

After the closing ceremony at the end of a fantastic 2 weeks, we will be whisked off to the Netherlands along with 21 other UK Units (800 Scouts) to experience Ho-Ho (Home Hospitality), staying with a Scout Group or Scouting family for 5 days, but we don't have all the details about this yet!

In September we will all be reporting back with presentations – so watch this space!!



The Saxon Unit

Graeme Monk
Assistant Contingent Leader
East Sussex Unit.