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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting March 2011

News From The DC

It was good to see so many of you at the recent Autism Training. It was a very good evening run by Pete Comper who made the session fun and very informative. Thank you to all who gave up another evening for Scouting.

Claire Davis has decided to give up the Role of ADC Beavers. Many thanks Claire for all your time and hard work running District activities for the Beaver section. I am sure that Claire will still have lots to do running the Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack at the 6th Hastings. I am looking forward to this year's St George's Day, Sunday 17th April, as it is being run by the Network Scouts and I have been told that the event will be for the Young People. I know it falls during the School holidays, which was unavoidable this year, but I hope that you will encourage your Group to go. This is the one time that the Town sees us parading all together, and with the Guide Sections joining us we make an impressive sight along the Sea Front.

Unfortunately there was a mix up with the dates for the Tourist Day out and the Beaver Birthday Bash. The Tourist Day will go ahead as planned on the 2nd April and the Beaver's day will be re arranged for another date.

The next Drop in Training will be on Tuesday 15th March and Wednesday 6th April.

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Information from the DDC

Autism Training

Thank you to all those who came along to the autism training on the 23rd February. Pete Comper ran an excellent evening which was informative, fun and educational – I think everyone went away with some ideas on how to work better with children with autism. We had 24 leaders attend across most sections which was a great turn out.

Air Rifles

Do you or your group own or keep air rifles at home? New guidance to prevent under-18s accessing airguns could mean a £1,000 fine if you fail to secure your air rifles properly. The Government introduced a new offence last week to stop under-18s gaining unauthorised access to airguns. From 10 February, owners will be liable for a fine of up to £1,000 if they fail to take reasonable precautions to prevent their airguns from falling into the hands of children. Further details can be viewed at http://www.shootinguk.co.uk/news/514870/Airgun_security.html

ClinkS Leaders Meeting

There will be a ClinkS leaders meeting on the 3rd May at 8.15pm at the 1st Hastings Scout Hall. It is vital that each group attending ClinkS has a leader representing them at this meeting. Please bring a pair of gloves to the meeting, Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Older Cubs / Scouts – Sailing Opportunities

Judith and I have met with Hastings Sailing Club who have offered some opportunities for sailing in the sea this summer. For £7 per session, per person, Hastings Sailing Club would offer some sailing in the sea to Scouts, Explorers and older cubs. Further details are attached with Tom Tom. Times maybe negotiable with the Sailing club. If you are interested, please let me know so I can pass on your details.

Cubs

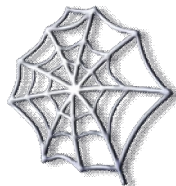
The cub leaders meeting booked for 5th April will not longer be taking place – please could you remove this from your diaries.

County Mystery Trip

Please find attached to Tom Tom the details for the county Mystery Trip. This is going to be an excellent day and I would really recommend that you put this out to your cubs asap. The closing date for Martin to receive entries is 8th April 2011 so please make sure you do not miss this. Obviously with it being a Mystery Trip, I have no idea where we will be going or what we will doing but I can assure you from previous trips Martin has organised, these are really good days out. Strongly recommend you get this out to your cubs asap.

New Web Site

Chris Rogers is on the final stages of getting the new website up and running. He would still like as much feedback from anybody (adult or young person) as it is for you. What would you like to see on it? What would be really useful to you? Is there anything on the old website we can do without?



If you wish to give Chris your opinion then please do so by going to: <http://www.hastingscouts.org/new/> and click the 'Feedback' button on the right hand side.

You can also access the new website by going to our existing site and clicking 'Try the new website' on the bottom of the home page.

**Apologies - For a 1 page Tom Tom this month.
More articles for next month please.**

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

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