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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting

May 2011

News From The DC

A Huge Thank You to everyone that attended this year's District St George's Day. I know it was during the School holidays and lots of you were away, but we still had a very good attendance. Well done to the Scout Network for arranging the "service", which was planned for all ages, it was good to see the Young People enjoying it. Lots of people were involved in the planning and running of the event, my thanks to all of you. The collection of £296.86p is going to the Scouts of Japan who are helping others that were affected by the recent earthquakes and tsunami in their Country. One person that helps every year and very rarely gets a mention is Helen Bird who plays the key board. THANK YOU HELEN, what you do is very much appreciated.

Not long until the District Clings camp at the end of the month. The numbers are lower than we had hoped and considering more Groups said they were interested it is a bit disappointing. Still, I don't doubt the ones that go will have a good weekend.

The new Cub Pack at the 7th Hastings opens on the 6th May, they will meet at All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Street, Old Town, Hastings, on a Friday evening from 5.45 - 7.15. The Akela is Mike Wilmshurst, 07878 417043, and I wish him and his assistant Tom good luck. If you have any Young People on your waiting list that are local to this Group please pass them on to Mike.

Don't forget our District AGM which is on Monday 20th June, 8pm at St Paul's School. Please use the entrance in Amhurst Road. Will the Explorers outnumber the Leaders again this year I wonder?

The next drop in training is on Tuesday 10th May and Wednesday 1st June, 7.30 - 9.00pm at the 1st Hastings HQ, Oxford Road, St Leonards.

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Explorers go Extreme Ironing (Yes, Ironing!)

On 27th April, Phoenix Explorers went down to the Old Town to do Extreme Ironing.



Ironing the Lifeboat?

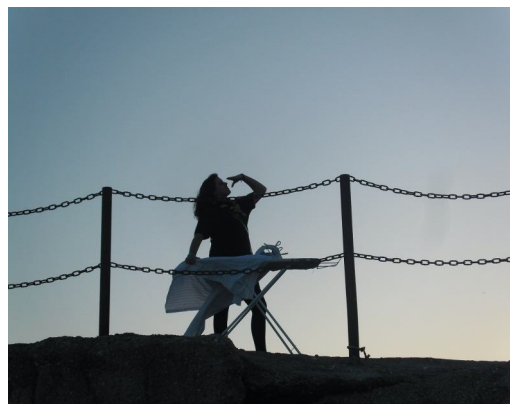
Extreme Ironing is where you get into teams and take an iron, ironing board and a shirt to the Old Town and iron in the strangest and most creative places. We also had to take pictures for proof. The most popular place to iron was the Life

Boat Station, some people even got to iron on the Life Boat. Extreme Ironing was a fun challenge and made for a good evening.



Crazy Ironing

Thankyou Leaders !!
 Izzi Mills :)



Very Artistic!

In my team were:
 Amy Sorrel,
 Megan Goodwin,
 Charlotte Kemp,
 Frank Sherwood and
 Me (obviously)

Lisa Mills
Phoenix Explorers



A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.....

Guestwell has a Refurb

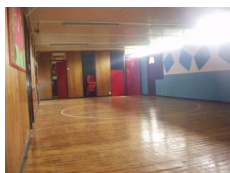
The Guestwell Leaders have been busy giving there HQ a lick of paint and a re-varnishing the floor, although it was hard work, it looks great.



There are a few changes in the way to book Guestwell, it can all done be done through the powers of the internet



www.guestwellscoutgroup.co.uk/Guestwell.htm all the booking instructions are on there and theres an up to date Calender as well so you can see which dates are free, and a new phone number in case like me you like to speak to someone. 01424 436581



Happy Camping from all at Guestwell :)

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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

Every Little Helps!

Just for interest, Scout Groups can now register to receive the Tesco's and Sainsbury's vouchers which can be redeemed for sports equipment etc.

Only takes a few minutes online with Sainsbury's www.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids and with www.tesco.com/schools you have to call 0870 010 0708.

Anything for free is greatly appreciated.

Lucinda Matkin 14th Hastings Guestwell Group

1st Westfield Get a Visit from the Shelterbox Tandem 10,000 mile Adventure



Shelterbox Tandem 10,000 visits Westfield Scout Group

Two Shelterbox volunteers, Huw and Carolyn Thomas are riding 10,000 miles round the world on



a tandem in aid of Shelterbox. On Tuesday 3rd May their route came to Hastings and they called in to talk to the Westfield Scout Group. They showed us some photos of their trip so far across



Huw and Carolyn Demonstrate a Shelterbox on the Tandem

Canada, America, New Zealand and Australia, and told us about their adventures. They also showed a video of some of the work of Shelterbox. Robin from the Senlac



Setting Off Again

Rotary group brought a real Shelterbox along as well so that we could see the actual contents, a



large tent, stove, pots and pans, sleeping bags and mats, mosquito nets, water purifiers and carriers, a tool kit and a pack of books and pens for children. It was a very good evening enjoyed by about 40 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and parents. You can find out more about the tandem ride and follow their progress around Europe in the next few months on <http://tandem10.wordpress.com/shelterbox/>

<http://www.shelterbox.org/about.php?page=9>

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7th Hastings again has Cubs



On May 6th the 7th Hastings Cubs reopened

with 12 Cubs which was good number to start with. The evening went very well lots of fun. The highlight of the evening was making volcano's which they all enjoyed .

Good luck to Mike and Tom

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The really frightening thing about middle age is the knowledge that you'll grow out of it.

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