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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting April 2010

News From The DC

It is hard to believe that April is here already, with it the hope of sunshine and good weather. The seasons change so quickly, as do the Leaders Scouting. This brings me to say a sincere THANK YOU to Christopher Dawson, who has run the Cub Pack at Northiam for many years, and who has kept the Group running. Chris has now moved to Kent and will be continuing his scouting there. I wish him good luck, and hopefully he will keep in touch.



St George's Day Sunday 25th April; I have been asked to pass on from the Guides who are organising this year's event, that flag pots **WILL** be needed after all. They can be dropped off at the White Rock Theatre between **1-2pm ONLY** on the day. Flag Bearers only will enter the theatre from the side entrance in Schwerte Way, please make sure they know this, everyone else by the main entrance. Please will you write on a piece of paper the name of your Group and the total number of people there on the day, and put it in the box provided when entering the Theatre. The words of the songs will be projected on screen, avoiding the need for programmes for the Young People. All Leaders will be sent a programme soon. The collection will be taken during the service; a representative from each Group is needed to put this in a box by the stage. The collection will go to Gods Golden Acre, children in South Africa, which the Guides are supporting in their Centenary year.



Shouting for Scouting; there are still a few Groups that haven't let me know what they will be doing at this event. It is important that we ALL work together to show what Scouting has to offer the Young People and Adults in our District. I am sure that even if the Leader of your section can't make it, there will be assistants, members of your Exec Committee or Parents that can. There will be plenty of things for everyone to see and do, so please encourage your members to go along. A lot of the activities will be free, so it won't cost a fortune!

There are lots of Leaders in our District that are doing their training at the moment, but we don't seem to get many at the drop in training sessions. I must remind you that it is a requirement of your appointment that you do the training, and the Appointments Advisory Committee and myself will soon be looking at who is not doing so. You may be asked to attend a meeting to review your appointment.

The next drop in session is on Thursday 22nd April, (**note change of date, previously Wed 21st**) then Tuesday 11th May. I hope to see lots of you there.

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 Please note;

Congratulations

Our very own District Commissioner Judith has just been awarded a Silver Acorn in the St George's Day Awards for 2010. The Silver Acorn is in recognition of specially distinguished service and is not normally awarded for less than 20 years service.



Our congratulations to Judith and although she would be the first to say that we don't do Scouting for the awards, it is very well deserved.

Be Prepared to Vote, Scouts Urged

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The Scout Association has launched a bid to get young people more involved in the general election amid fears up to half may not be registered to vote.

Around 10,000 Scouts will be eligible to cast their ballot for the first time in a general election this year and a website has been set up to encourage them and others to do so.

Just weeks ahead of a general election, recent Electoral Commission research found half of all 17- to 24-year-olds remained unregistered in test areas.



Alongside advice on registering and volunteering and a forum for politicians to take part in online discussions with young voters, the site explains why politics matters to young people.

The association is also sending information by post to 50,000 members to boost turnout.

Wayne Bulpitt, The Scout Association's UK Chief Commissioner said: "In Scouting we believe it is extremely important for young people to engage in democracy. Every vote counts.

"We not only want our young members to see why they should vote but how politics impacts on the causes and concerns that they have."

For more information please click the link.
<http://www.activecitizens.net/>



Hastings Lions Half Marathon

21st March. Another resounding success and thanks go to those Groups, Explorers & Leaders who traditionally look after the Water Stations and help out with various

other duties along the route.

Please make a date in your diary for next year Sunday 20th March 2011.

Leaders, why not run it! Great fund raiser, or even organize a team of Scouts (min age 11yrs) for the Mini Run. It's only 2.5km along the promenade.

For more information go here:
<http://www.hastings-half.co.uk/>

Girls in the Limelight

Good Luck to the Guides in the Girls in the Limelight show.
It's on 15th to 17th April.
Don't Miss It!



Go here for poster:
<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/GITL.pdf>

Book now on 07542 026366 and see the latest gossip on www.girlsinthelimeight.co.uk

Becci Marchant BecciMarchant@care4free.net

Cub Information



The closing date for the District Football Tournament is the 25th April – if your pack is planning to take part, please let me know asap and complete the form attached with last months Tom Tom or go here..

www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubfoot2010.pdf

Change of Email

Please note, my email address is now ddc@stuartold.com. I can still be contacted on 07734 861796.

Stuart Old DDC

Brede Scouts do Coffee (and Tea etc)

Brede Scouts are starting a Community Coffee Morning. First one on May 4th 2010 and then 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at Brede Scout Hut 10.30am - 12 noon. Proceeds to 1st Brede Scout Group.
Rhiannon Oliver Honorary President



Note stuck on a Church Notice Board.
Scouts are saving aluminium cans, old mobile phones and other items to be recycled.
Proceeds will be used to disable children.

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Items for May 2010 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore
tomtom@hastingscouts.org
By Wednesday 5th May at the latest.

Beaver News



36 Smuggling Beavers, from the 18th, 14th and 1st, went on a treasure hunt to look for missing treasure at the Country Park. They had to tackle muddy streams, steep hills and even a ghost pirate, but all survived and lived to tell the tale and were rewarded with a goodie bag for their exciting and dangerous adventure.

I have booked two coaches to go to the Activity Day. The cost is £4.00 per head, if you would like to book places please forward to me a cheque made payable to Hastings, Rye and District Scouts to me at 93 Lower Park Road, Hastings TN34 2LE. I cannot hold places until a cheque has been received.

A reminder that I look after the District Hi Vis vests which any Group/Section can borrow. We have about 150 of mixed sizes. Please phone me on 07878802152 to arrange collection. and return.

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