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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting

November 2014

News From The DC

Not long to go before our Gang Show, rehearsals are going really well, and the cast are looking forward to being on stage. I hope you have booked your tickets.



We recently held a promotion event at Priory Meadow for both the Gang Show and to recruit new members. With the help of Mickey and Minnie Mouse, who attracted a lot of attention, we had lots of enquiries to join and even a couple of Adults, which is brilliant. Thank you to everyone that helped on the day.

On Sunday 23rd November there will be a County Chief Scout's Award Presentation at St Mary in the Castle, Hastings. This year lots of the people that usually help at this event will be at the Show rehearsals, so I would be really grateful if anyone could spare a few hours in the afternoon to help. I need help with putting out the chairs, setting up the refreshments, making the tea / coffee etc, showing people to their seats, manning the fire exits during the event and clearing up afterwards. Times are 1.30pm – approx 5.00pm this is a full uniformed event. Please let me know ASAP if you are able to help.

Compass is still causing a few problems, but HQ is gradually sorting things out. Please be patient, we will get there in the end! See Ann's write up about DBS checks.

I had the pleasure of helping to invest 21 Cubs at the 17th Hastings, Robsack Wood last Thursday; the Beavers were invested before half term. They all looked very smart in their new uniforms, well done to Angela Johnson, GSL at the 1st Hastings who has got this Group up and running again after it had been closed for the past 20 odd years.

The next Drop in Training is on Wednesday 12th November at the 1st Hastings, Oxford Road, then on Tuesday 9th December at the 18th Hastings, St Luke's, Silverhill. 7.30 – 9.00pm.

Our District Chief Scout's Bronze and Silver Award Presentation will be on Sunday 8th February at Hastings Museum. Please let Sarah, ADC Beavers and Kevin, ADC Cubs have the names of any that have gained their Awards. More information about this event will be out soon.

Judith
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District Air Rifle Competition

60 Cubs from 8 Packs took part in the competition. Well done Brede A team winners of the competition. 2nd place was 24th Hastings B team. 3rd place was 24th Hastings B team.

A big thank you to all leaders who gave up their Saturday to help with this.



District Cub leaders meeting on the 13th November at 24th Hastings at 8pm see you all then .

Kevin Barton ADC Cubs.

Scouting is Going Paperless (almost)

There is now only one application form to complete to become a Member of the Scout Association – Adult Information Form – can be downloaded.



There is no data capture on the form so to apply for a CRB/DBS clearance the new leader will take their Identity Credentials to their GSL /Section Leader. Together they will enter them via Compass.

Please keep an eye on your emails to see when you can logon to Compass. It shouldn't be too long now!

Ann Brownhill
District Secretary

Hello to 17th Hastings Robsack Wood

I'd like you to say Hello! to the newest Beaver Colony and Cub Pack in the District,

17th Hastings 'Robsack Wood. The numbers have grown from 6 Beavers to 14 within a matter of 6 weeks 12 of which were invested last week. Two more joined us on Thursday making the total so far 16 with a possibility of more young people joining us soon.



Westfield Scout Group Centenary 2015

1st Westfield Scout Group is celebrating its centenary next year with an event on 9th May at 3.00pm to which everyone who has been connected with the group is invited. We would like to find out more about the history of the group. I know that many of you have had links with Westfield over the years and we would love to hear any stories or memories. Do you have any old photos that we could scan and display to show the group over the years?



If you can help contact

Frances Richardson on frances@crc-technology.com or

Rose Bond on rosebond@btinternet.com

Frances Richardson

Gang Show Information



Rehearsals continue to go well for this years Hastings Gang Show, the cast are working really hard, learning their words and dance moves!!

We would love to see all groups at the show, so if you haven't booked your tickets, you need to hurry, as they are selling really fast!

Don't forget for every 10 tickets bought, you will receive 1 free. (you will need to call the box office to get this offer)

Also this year, we are selling some great Gang Show merchandise in the foyer:

Wristbands in 3 different colours - £1 each

Camp blanket badge - £1.50

Pin badge - £1

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Sally Kerby Cast co-ordinator & secretary



The greatest surprise were the numbers of Cubs wanting to join. From 9 to 24 in the same 6 weeks and all were Invested, with Judiths help, last Thursday. We also have a contingency of new Leaders, Charlie, Tracy, Kellie and Andy our Parent helper for the Cub pack and Kim, Rachel, and Fran, parent helpers for the Beaver colony.

All the young people attend Robsack Wood Academy and they and their parents heard about Scouting after taking part in a joint Community Venture with the 1st Hastings, Cubs and Beavers in the Robsack area. As you can see after many months of negotiations and planning we are finally up and running.

I would like to thank Judith for the tremendous support she has given, once again, over the last few months, and also to the new Leaders and Parent Helpers whom I'm sure have no idea what they've let themselves in for!

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Date for your Diary



Swimming Gala
7th Feb 2015,
5.30pm - 10pm
Summerfields

Over 100 talented Hastings Youngsters take to the White Rock Theatre Stage for a fabulous night of entertainment

HASTINGS GANG show 2014

Thur 27th - Fri 28th November 7.00pm 2014
Sat 29th November 2.00pm & 7.00pm 2014
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TICKET PRICES ADULTS €11.50*
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* A 10% discount on tickets is offered to Scouts and other Sea Force members of S. and W.M.S. (UK) who have paid their 2014 AGEDD to Sea Force.

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Young Leaders

Your next training opportunities are as follows, all at 24th Hastings, ARK William Parker.



Module K (First aid) can be gained by attending the First Response course on Sunday 7th December 9 am to 5 pm. This course is also available on Sunday January 11th at the same venue.

Module A (Getting started) is on Saturday January 24th, 10 am - 12 noon.

Modules G & H (Programme planning) are on Saturday February 7th.

Modules I (What did they say?) and J (Awards and badges) are planned for March.

You can see the latest information about Young Leaders at www.hastingsexplorers.org.uk

Any Young Leaders who are not currently working with a Section, please contact me, as there are several Leaders looking for help at present.

Roger Plumb

Duke Of Edinburgh's Award



Congratulations to Franklin Bexhell on completing his Silver D of E.

I know a lot of others are working towards Bronze, Silver and Gold, but you are not all presenting your evidence and asking for it to be approved. You should do this by uploading it to your e dofe account and then sending me an alert.

Please make sure that you log on regularly; if you leave it for more than 90 days the account will automatically close, and you need to contact Marie Carr at Broadstone Warren (01342 826491) to reactivate it.

I know some of you have completed sections of the award, but not uploaded your evidence, in particular your assessor's report. This is now the only way to get your achievements recognized.

I've put some more information about this on the website www.hastingsexplorers.org.uk, but if you need any help with it, please email me roger.plumb@mypostoffice.co.uk or give me a ring.

There is now a new form to apply to join the Scheme, as Derek has moved house.

Roger Plumb



Active8 You Are Invited!

Active8 bookings are now open! It's free and open to APLs, PLs, Explorers, Young leaders, Network, Leaders, Trustees, Exec members – in fact if you have a role in Scouting in Kent and the counties

that make up the South East Region then you can attend. Please note that young people under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

You can now book your free place to come along! Registration is simple – simply go to www.kentscouts.org.uk/active8bookings Spread the word!

It all takes place at the unique setting of The Historic Dockyard, Chatham on **SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2015** from 10am until 4pm. Slip 5 will be packed with information stands, campsites, activities, equipment to buy and a whole host of practical information and advice.

There will be seminars running throughout the day on a variety of subjects including media, branding, safeguarding, fundraising and more details of these will be out soon.

So don't delay book your place today! Check out www.kentscouts.org.uk/active8 to see the profiles of the exhibitors – and keep looking as bookings come in. We will have some "on the water" activities too – so keep watching out for more information.

You will also get the chance to look around the dockyard and check out HMS Cavalier and their sleep over facilities.

Put the date in your diary and register now to come along – it's free, it's fun and it's going to be a fab Scouting day out!

Beccy Martin

County Projects Manager

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