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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting February 2010

News From The DC



I hope you all managed to survive the snow in one piece, and are now meeting as usual. I have visited a few sections and didn't realise how many Scout halls need to upgrade their heating! On Saturday 27th February we will be choosing the Young People to represent our District at the next World Jamboree; it is disappointing that there has only been 6 applications. I would have hoped that from a District of our size we would have had a lot more. I appreciate that the cost might be a deterrent, but as was explained when the Troops were visited the amount will be reduced by the District paying a portion, and hopefully Groups will help with fund raising as well. The cost should not stop anyone from applying. There is still time, please remind your Scouts / Explorers. On Sunday 23rd May we are having a "Shouting for Scouting" day at Alexandra Park. Hopefully every Group will be involved by having a stall or activity to raise funds and promote Scouting. We will be inviting other Youth Groups etc to join us so if you know of anyone that might be interested please let me have their details. There will be a meeting for Group Scout Leaders and Group Contacts on Wednesday 3rd March at the 1st Hastings Scout Hall, Oxford Road, 8pm. Please make sure that your Group is represented.

The next Drop in Training evenings will be on Wednesday 17th February, and Tuesday 9th March, at the 1st Hastings Scout Hall, Oxford Road, 7-30 - 9.00pm.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Dave Jackson, ex District Commissioner of Brighton, well known as an instructor on the County Camping courses, passed away on Monday 1st February. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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Beaver News

Congratulations to Louis Lipsham, Jasper Portch-o'Neill, Frederick Dean, Lily Pierce from the 4th Hastings who all got their Bronze Award, well done to you all

Our next Beaver Scout Leaders meeting is on the 22nd February 7.30 at the 18th. Please would you ensure that your section is represented.

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Fellowship News (or is it SAS News?)



Fellowship news:
 The news is that the Fellowship no longer exists. Following our final AGM held on 16th January, we reinvested



those present as members of Hastings, Rye and District Scout Active Support Unit (SAS). The vote for the SAS charity this year went to Shelter Box, which has been in the headlines recently with the Haiti disaster being a cause that has received Shelter Boxes.

Mike Botten has been appointed Manager of the new unit and has two Co-ordinators, Becci Marchant, who will look after finances and Danielle Marchant who will look after membership and administration. We no longer have a committee so we aim to have a couple of business meetings per year where all members are invited to attend and help shape the programme of events for the year.

Following the investiture was a social evening with everyone enjoying cheese and wine.

Members of the Fellowship offered their services to the community during the recent bad weather by contacting Arrow FM and leaving a mobile phone no for people to ring if they needed errands run, shopping, medicine, visits etc. There was some take up with members collecting a prescription and doing some shopping for those who were unable to get out in the snow/ice.

Great idea from Albert Hinton and well done to Becci Marchant, who took the calls (including the odd crank!) and coordinated things. Well done also to all those who went out and did the work. Proper Scouting care in the community and good for our image!

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The Annual Census - Thank You **Census**

Thank you for submitting your Census returns on time, almost 100% managed it! However several Groups did not send a list of their members. It is important that I receive these so that District and National records are kept up-to-date.

Ann Brownhill District Secretary
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EDSFAT News

News from EDSFAT [Eastbourne District Scout (Fellowship) First Aid Team]



It is with great pride that EDSFAT is able to announce the purchase of a new front line ambulance. The new vehicle will replace the ageing Iveco which has been with EDSFAT for 7+ years. The new vehicle provides a dedicated treatment area with equipment readily to hand. The vehicle is also fitted with a rear ramp to reduce manual handling and to assist casualties into the vehicle.



We are now in the final stages of preparing the vehicle for the 2010 event season including adding our name and logo to the side and rear.



The new vehicle will also ensure that we are compliant with the current (and future proposed) emissions limits set for the new London Low Emissions Zone. This will ensure we can still provide first aid cover to campsites such as Downe.

If groups would like to have the vehicle brought to a group evening for the young people to have a look around please drop us a line to arrange a time.

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Scout Air Rifle Competition

The competition is to be held on Sunday 18th April 2010 at the 24th Hastings HQ. Please show your support and enter at least one team.

All information here:
<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/scouts/Shooting.pdf>

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The Tom Tom newsletter has now been dragged into the 20th Century and has its own dedicated email address. Can all articles etc be sent to this address in the future:

tomtom@hastingscouts.org

Thanks.

Items for March 2010 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore

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By Wednesday 3rd March at the latest.

1st Hastings Celebrate 100 years!

We are celebrating our "Centenary Year" this year and would like to hear from anyone who was involved with the 1st Hastings "Hollington" Scout Group between 1910 and 2010. Do you have any photographs? any fond memories any funny stories? anything at all!! Please let us know.

You can contact us by e-mail, angela_1hastings@yahoo.com / or by telephone 07756893454. or you can write to us at the following address:

Angela Johnson 13 Evesham, Bristol Road, St Leonards on Sea. TN38 9AE.

We'll look forward to hearing from you. **Harti / GSL**

Girls in the Limelight

Girls In The Limelight is a show celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding. Can you download the poster and forward and distribute across the Guiding and Scouting Counties and spread the word that this is a show not to be missed – the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section in Hastings and St Leonards Division and are making history putting on a show to celebrating 100 years of Guiding!

Go here for poster:

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/GITL.pdf>

Also check out our website www.girlsinthelimeight.co.uk and see what we're all about and what we've been up to!

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Cub Information

Now that the snow has all cleared, I have re-arranged the District Cub Leaders for Tuesday 9th Feb at 8.15pm at Walkers Wine Bar, Robertson Street, Hastings. Please could you all try to ensure that your pack is represented.

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County Challenge Day – 15th May

Attached are the details for the County Activity Day which has also been emailed out last month. If your pack is considering taking part and you would like for me to organise a coach please let me know before the end of February approximate numbers and I will get this organised. The likely cost for a coach would be between £8 - £10 per person (depending on numbers).

District Cub Camp 2010

Please find attached initial details regarding the District Cub Camp 2010 which will be held between the 29th-31st May 2010 at Bushy Wood Campsite. I hope that all the packs will be taking part in this camp, please get the information out to your cubs as early as you can. Further details will be available at the cub leaders meeting on the 9th February.

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