



# TOM TOM



## The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting January 2010

### News From The DC



I hope you had a good Christmas, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Looking out of the window watching the snow falling makes me long for warm summer evenings and camp. It won't be long before you start thinking about where you will go, I know some of you have already. If you haven't already got a Nights Away Permit, why not apply for one this year. Just fill in an Application Form and send it to Mike Hart, our District Nights Away Advisor and he will let you know what you have to do. You don't have to be a Section Leader to apply for one.

There are some Groups in our District that desperately need Adult help, and some Groups that have an abundance of Leaders, so if there is an Assistant Leader out there that would like the challenge of running a Section please contact me or Stuart Old. I know that you get attached to one Group, especially if the Leaders get on well but I can assure you that it can be just as rewarding being part of another Group (been there, done it, and got the t shirt!)

There hasn't been a Tom Tom since the Gang Show, which seems a long time ago now, so Thank You to everyone involved in such a wonderful, entertaining show. Especially Fiona, Steve and Kitson, for all their hard work, it is very much appreciated.

There is a Drop in Training evening on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January (weather permitting), and on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Both at the 1<sup>st</sup> Hastings HQ, Oxford Road. 7.30pm – 9.00pm (note the time change finishing at 9.00 not 9.30). Please encourage anyone doing their Training to go along.

All Scout Troops should have had someone visit to talk about the next World Jamboree. Please send any application forms to Ken Scott ASAP. All applicants will be contacted and invited to the information evening on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, and the selection weekend will be held at Guestwell on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

As it is nearly time for the annual census to be done, I ask that you are honest with your numbers. If we are to show that a "Scout is to be Trusted" then we Adults must show the way by our own example. We must remember that our members are insured from day one, and not when they are first invested. Neither does the cover lapse when moving from one section to another.

The Census also helps identify where there may be problems that need particular support.

This November we are hosting the County Chief Scout's Award Ceremony, and it would be fantastic to have lots of recipients from our District.

I look forward to seeing you all during this term; please remember to let me know the dates of your Group Exec meetings and either Stuart or I will attend.

Happy Scouting!

Judith Collins 07742 950636

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The great thing about snow is it makes your lawn look as good as your neighbours.

### Beaver News



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.

The Cub and Beaver District Christmas Party was a fantastic success, we had 101 Children playing fun games, pass the parcel and doing the conga finished off with lots of party food and visit from Father Christmas.

Thank you to all the Leaders who helped you were fantastic.

Claire  
Claire Davis ADC Beaver Scouts  
[clairedavis@homecall.co.uk](mailto:clairedavis@homecall.co.uk)

### Cub Information



Cubs Leaders Meeting

There will be a meeting for all cub leaders, assistants and helpers on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 8.15pm at Walkers Wine Bar, Robertson Street, Hastings. Please ensure that all packs are represented.

Stuart Old DDC [cubs@stuartold.com](mailto:cubs@stuartold.com)

### Training

Booking on Training Courses - Modules and First Response - now has to be done on-line. Go to the County Website - [www.eastsussexscouts.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexscouts.org.uk) - log-in and follow the links. If a leader has no email Gordon Titherly will ask the GSL to do the booking.

The First Response Course 23rd January has plenty of spaces and a lot of Leaders need to update their First Aid!

Ann Brownhill District Secretary  
[secretary@hastingscouts.org](mailto:secretary@hastingscouts.org)

### SAS Cheese 'n' Wine Party



PLEASE DON'T FORGET  
AGM  
&



Cheese 'n' Wine Party  
Celebrating the beginning  
of Scout Active Support  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010

AGM 7pm Cheese 'n' Wine 7.45pm onwards  
At Becci's

4 Greenfields Close, St Leonards-On-Sea  
Bring wine and cheese

biscuits and other accompaniments will be provided

Please RSVP to Becci on  
01424 756212 or 07703 531180

## 9th Go to Chessington

The photos are of our Cubs At Chessingtons World of Adventure celebrating 100 years of Scouting at ChristChurch, St Leonards.



Two Cubs having an exhilarating ride on the Rameses Revenge!



And a small group of the 9th Cubs on a crazy yellow car!

Graeme Monk  
Akela

## EDSFAT News

EDSFAT Assists SECAMB



During the recent snowy weather Eastbourne District Scout (Fellowship) First Aid Team - EDSFAT was called upon to assist South East Coast Ambulance Service (NHS ambulance service) - SECAMB. EDSFAT provided use of its Land Rover ambulance as well as providing an experienced crew including the EDSFAT Basics doctor and an ambulance technician. This enabled the full off-road capability of the vehicle to be utilised for accessing areas and patients that were inaccessible by the normal ambulance service vehicles.

The vehicle responded to a number of 999 calls in the Eastbourne/Seaford/Newhaven area where they were able to access steep snowed in and icy roads as well as transport a patient to the Royal Sussex County hospital in Brighton.



SECAMB were extremely appreciative of EDSFAT's assistance at such short notice and in difficult conditions.

John Clark  
(EDSFAT Chairperson)  
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scout\_team@hotmail.com

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shovelling the path while it's still snowing

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Items for February 2010 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore  
[chairperson@hastingssscouts.org](mailto:chairperson@hastingssscouts.org)  
By Wednesday 3rd February at the latest.

## Badges

Badges may be ordered by the following methods:

E-Mail [badges@hastingssscouts.org](mailto:badges@hastingssscouts.org) .

Post to Hastings Badges  
c/o 23 Kite Close  
St Leonards on Sea  
East Sussex  
TN38 8DR

Badges

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

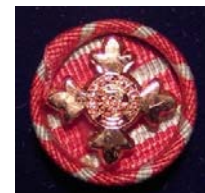
**Badges can be posted** -There will be a postage charge, up to 30 Badges = £1.00, above 30 = £1.50

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

## Helen gets an MBE



I'm sure you've read the Observer but Helen Bird received an MBE in the New Year Honours list for services to the Community in Hastings. This included Scouting, the church, above and beyond her duties as the Mayors PA and charity work. Helen spent New Year in Scotland with her Grand-



daughter and family. Shown are a couple of photos from New Year.



## Help!



1st Brede Scouts are looking for an Assistant Scout Leader.

Please contact:

**Rhiannon Oliver**

Honoury President of 1st Brede Scout Group  
[rhi-davidoliver@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rhi-davidoliver@hotmail.co.uk)



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