



The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting July 2009

News From The DC

The County Cubby Bug Ball was brilliant and enjoyed by all that went. Sincere thanks to Angela Johnson who made a fantastic District flag at very short notice and to Jane and Mike Hart and Colin Adams who helped me feed the 5,000 (actually it was only 90, but it seemed like more).



AGM season is underway, I have been to some and I am pleased to see that you are using these as a chance to encourage Parents to go along by putting on some form of display or entertainment.

Please remember that to take your Young People away, whether it is for one night staying in your hall, or a few nights away at camp, you MUST have someone with a Nights Away Permit, and they MUST be with them all the time. A Nights Away Notification form MUST be sent to me at least 7 days before the event, and Fourteen days to the host DC if you are staying out of our District. All relevant permission forms MUST be signed by the Parents / Guardians. This is HQ policy, and MUST be adhered to with NO exceptions.

I will be having a meeting for GSL's / Group Contacts, AND Scout Leaders, on Monday 14th Sept, 7.30pm at the 1st Hastings Scout Hall, Oxford Road, St Leonards. PLEASE put this date in your diary, it is important that all Groups are represented. I can arrange for someone to cover for you if it is your Troop night, just let me know in advance.

The next Drop in Training will be on Tuesday 21st July at the 1st Hastings, 7.30 – 9.30pm.

There will be a meeting for ADC's on Monday 7th Sept, 7.30pm at my home.

If you have any old / unwanted badges could you please let me have them for the Scouts / Explorers to take to Canada for swapping. I will get you some Canadian badges if you want in return.

I hope you all have a good summer break, and look forward to seeing you all in September.

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Gang Show - Auditions

19th, 20th & 21st November 2009
Auditions are on 12th July at St Pauls School

<i>Entrance Amherst Road</i>	
<i>Beavers</i>	<i>12.30-1.00pm</i>
<i>Cubs</i>	<i>1.15-2.15pm</i>
<i>Scouts</i>	<i>2.30-3.30pm</i>
<i>Explorers/Rangers</i>	<i>4.30-5.30pm</i>
<i>Network/Leaders/18+</i>	<i>5.30pm-6pm</i>

If you cannot make the audition but still wish to be in the show please ring the Gang Show Mobile 07593746381 BEFORE 12th July, leaving your Name, Address, Contact Phone Number, Scout Section.

There will be additional auditions on the 19th July again at St Paul's School for Solo singing and Dance. These times will be released on the 12th July. You must attend the 19th to be selected!

We are again looking for help, so if you can spare a few hours either sewing, painting, chaperoning then please contact me. Also if you would like to sponsor an item for the show (at a very reasonable cost) please let me know.

Whilst parents are waiting for their child to audition why not tell them to get their car washed by the Scouts/Explorers who are going to Canada. This is also happening at St Paul's School on the 12th.

Tickets for the show will go on sale soon at £9 for an adult and £6 for children. Don't delay buying them and remember we sold out last year on the Friday Night!

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Scout Fellowship members made a human fruit machine last weekend and took it to the Mayors Summer Fayre where a good time was had by all and we raised a bit of cash too – see photo! Fellowship members were also present at the fayre in other roles, so a good presence at a high-profile event.

We had a quiz the night before and although we were few in numbers we still had a good evening and my team won, which suggests the questions were nice and easy!!

On 18th July the highlight of the year happens - we are holding our annual charity Barbecue. We would love to see crowds of people turn up - it's open to all scouters and guiders and please feel free to bring friends and family along – every adult is a potential member after all! It's at the Marchant's house, 20 The Meadows, St. Leonards from 4pm till you (or we) fall asleep! Bring a bottle and a fiver and we'll supply food. Bring money for the raffle – we have some good prizes again this year! The charity we are supporting this year is Asthma UK (in memory of Gary Old who passed away 10 years ago) so whilst the aim of the evening is to have a good time, we do also want your money!



Our human fruit machine is available for hire by other groups (including those outside scouting) wishing to make money at a fete etc. Give me a ring if you're interested. It collapses to two large boards of about 6'6" x 4' and some 8ft beams. You'll need a cordless screwdriver and transport - we don't plan to deliver! You also need about 5 people to operate it, plus the fruit.

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There is no August edition, but items for September 2009 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore chairperson@hastingscouts.org By Friday 4th September at the latest.

4th Go to Gilwell Park

On Sunday 21st June, 15 Cubs, 8 Beavers and 12 leaders/young leaders from the 4th Hastings group went to the Beaver and Cub Funday at Gilwell Park. We boarded the coach at 7.30 in the morning for the 2 hour drive there.



When we arrived there were Beavers and Cubs everywhere and we soon got inside and joined in the fun. Simulators, Aerial slides, Archery, Low Ropes, Trapeze, Fun fair, crafts, Abseiling and that was just before lunch! After lunch 3 G swing, climbing wall, Hot Wheels, ice creams, gift shop, tuck shop, grass sledging, rope making our Beavers and Cubs disappeared in all directions and the leaders settled down with a well earned cup of tea. At four o'clock when the activities closed we rounded them all up (only losing 1 beaver and 1 cub, both found at lost and found!) and piled them all back onto the coach. Some fell asleep in minutes others chatted loudly about what they had done. Everyone agreed it had been a very successful day and we will be going again next year. Here are some of the pictures and comments from the children.

3G Swing Made me go aargh! Felt like I'd lost my body! Pulled all the ropes till we found the one that made us drop! Tom, Duncan & Ben M (Cubs)

Simulator Got launched in the air out of my seat! The first time I'd done this it was great! It made me feel like I was in a spaceship! I felt like I was going upside down! Ellis & Stephen (Cubs) Freddie & Louis (Beavers)



Zip wire It went really fast I nearly fell off my seat! We whooshed down the hill really fast! Abigail & Elleece (Beavers)

007 It went really fast! Lily Ellie and Abi were all screaming! It's weird! It bounces you up and down ! I squished everyone! I went on twice and got squished both times! It suddenly drops! Luke, Lily, Joe & Jasper (beavers) Ben J, Albie & Cameron (Cubs)

Trapeze This was scary and I was all shaky when I came down but I'm glad I did it! Climbing the pole was hard and it wobbled a lot but I faced my fears and did it! I loved jumping for the trapeze it was great fun! The pole wobbled loads! Henry, Josh A, Kimberley & Tabitha (Cubs)

Waltzers We span round really fast! It was well Scary! Josh G & Owain (Cubs)

Crate Stacking We had to Balance, it was hard we got quite high! Harry (Cub)

The leaders said:

I loved the Zipline it made me feel weeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee inside! Ash I didn't enjoy finding a smelly beaver (not one of ours!) but I handed him over to Steve! *Graham*

Going on the stilts was fun! I handed the smelly beaver over to lost property! *Steve*

It was fun but tiring, can't wait till next year! Helen & Carol Never again, 23 Beavers and Cubs are tiring, Well not till next year anyway!

Stewart

Rye Scouts Make 100!

On Monday 22 June in front of Rye Town Council, members of 1st Rye Captain Cory's Own scout group presented to the Mayor on behalf of the Town of Rye a group neckerchief, with group name tape and county & district badge, this was part of our centenary celebrations as a symbol of the groups past present and future commitment to being active citizens of the Rye community from whom we have received much valued support over the past 100 years Bill Perfitt. GSL 1st Rye Scout Group



The Scout & Guide Shop & Badges

The shop's last opening night will be Monday July 20th.

Shop

Following are places to buy uniform online....

This is the official Scout Shop.

<http://www.scoutshops.com/acatalog/scouting-uniform.htm>

The following also provide official uniforms.

<http://www.scout-and-guide-shop.co.uk/scouts.html>

<http://www.scoutguidestore.co.uk>

Badges

We are currently working out the new ordering system for Badges. This will be up and running for the beginning of September. Final details will be circulated in August.

Janice Harmer—Badge Secretary

District Football Competition

Sunday saw the return of the Scouts football competition, and what better weather could we have had!

The day did get off to a tricky start when three of the nine teams entered failed to arrive. This was soon overcome and the matches started at around 10:30. The competition took the form of a league during the morning and early afternoon, followed by a knock out.



With two pitches on the playing field of St Paul's C of E School, the matches were played simultaneously. Each team played five matches during the league before the knockout. The 3rd Hastings lead throughout winning all of their matches. It looked as though luck was not with the 7th Hastings, losing each of their league games. Only during the knockout did their luck change when they scored against the 18th Hastings knocking them out into 6th place overall (bad luck 18th, here's looking to a better result next year!).

As for the final, the match could have not been closer. The 6th Hastings battled hard against the 3rd Hastings and it looked as though the game would end in a penalty shoot out, until with 30 seconds to go the 3rd Hastings scored winning the match 2:1.

Many thanks go to Fiona Adams for all her help on the day and in helping organising the event along with Adam Weddle. Thanks also go to Jesse Blackford for refereeing, Andy Bishop and the Explorers, for the fantastic bar-b-que food that was on offer and the East Sussex Fire Brigade, which made frequent visits to entertain everyone with their inflatable goal in between their 'shouts'.

Richard Spice DSL

Beavers News

On the 11th July 60 Beaver Scouts will be descending on Clambers for a two hour exciting play session followed by some chips and a drink.



And on the 5/6th September we will be holding our Annual District Beaver Sleepover at William Parker Scout Hall - there are already loads of exciting activities planned. Hopefully all sections should have received details but if not please give me a shout and I'll send further copies.

Its nice to hear that the Beaver sections have been making the most of the good weather and holding meetings outside - its really good publicity.

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