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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting June 2010

News From The DC

What a glorious day Sunday 23rd May was, the sun shone, Alexandra Park was full, and there we were showing the people of Hastings that Scouting is very active in the town. We had many enquiries to join on the day, and I am still getting them. Thanks to everyone who gave up yet another Sunday, it shows that by working together we can make things happen. The Scouts that will be representing our District at next year's World Jamboree deserve a special mention, they organised and ran a tuck shop and tombola, and all money raised will go to the Jamboree fund. Well done all of you, you did a brilliant job.



Super Beaver Day



It was a very early start for the Beavers attending the Activity Day at Broadstone Warren, but an exciting start as our Double Decker turned up to take us on our journey.

Nearly 100 Beavers from Hastings arrived at Broadstone Warren and the day got off to a start with Hula-hula, The Beavers were allowed to wander around the site but themselves, they were able to have a go at Climbing, Pot Holing, Sumo Wrestling and loads of other activities. When our coach turned up at 3.30 100 tired Beavers got on the coach to go home.

From what I have heard from my Beavers they all had a really great time and felt grown up at being able to wander around the site on their own.

Please also remember to book for the District Beaver trip to Knockhatch on the 10th July. For booking form [click here:](#)

www.hastingssscouts.org/other/beaver/beaknoc2010.pdf

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The District Cub Camp last weekend at Bushy Wood went very well; with Cowboy and Indian themed challenges and activities all weekend. Once again with everyone working together the Cubs were kept busy. Thanks to the Scout Active Support members who arrived on Saturday to run bases, although the weather was a bit damp! Spirits were still high.

Once again Stuart, Kevin, Pete and Ray have run a successful District activity. Thank you.

The Summer Holidays are fast approaching, and if you are taking your Group away I hope you have a good Camp. Please don't forget to let me have your Nights Away Notification forms, preferably with more than 24 hours notice!

I hope to see you at our District AGM on Wednesday 30th June, 8pm at Carr Taylor Vineyards.

I will be on Holiday from 12th – 22nd June, if you have any problems / queries contact Stuart on 0773 486 1796 ddc@hastingssscouts.org .

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Other Cub Activities

For main report see Page 3

For the Cub Shooting Competition go here:

www.hastingssscouts.org/other/cubs/cubshoot2010.pdf

For the Cub Bowling go here:

www.hastingssscouts.org/other/cubs/cubbowl2010.pdf

For the Cub Charity Walk go here:

www.hastingssscouts.org/other/cubs/cubmonkey2010.pdf

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Website Improvements

Our own www.hastingssscouts.org website has needed an overhaul for some time and we are lucky that Chris Rogers, a member of our District has offered to update the website in the near future. Chris has been in Scouting from Cubs/Scouts/Explorers and now a Young Leader.



He will be making the site more user friendly and adding new items, such as an interactive diary and Groups being able to make their own changes, having their own e-mail addresses etc, etc.

From time to time he will be sending out questions to find out what we need as a District Website. Please do e-mail Chris if you have any suggestions, ideas etc.

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PS.. In the meantime the site is still there with loads of useful stuff... so please make use of it.

Busy Busy Scout Active Support



On Saturday 10th April a group of us from Scout Active Support (SAS – the new and uncool name for what was the Scout Fellowship!) climbed Mount Caburn, which is a hill just near Lewes on the South Downs. It's an old Iron Age hill fort with a 360 degree view from the top. The weather was kind and the food at the Trevor Arms (Glynde) was good too. The beer was Harvey's, so no comment required!!



We saw Sparrow hawks, Buzzards and a Kestrel on the way, for those of you interested in birds of the feathered variety.

Any lopsided photos were because I balanced the camera on a post which was not quite level and set the timer whilst I ran back into the shot but also the hill was steep in places!

The three people (generations) on the seat are Loraine, my wife, Danielle, our oldest daughter and Millie, our granddaughter.



One of the girls, Becci put on her facebook page for the day 'Am off to climb a mountain with the SAS today' which sounded a little more grandiose than it really was perhaps but it looked pretty impressive!!



Since the Civic Ball members of the Scout Active Support unit have been at a couple of major events, as well as helping 'behind the scenes'.

We took the swingboat to the County Beaver Day at Broadstone Warren and we also brought it to Shouting for Scouting in the park, along with the Human Fruit Machine where we had a lot of fun. There are some tug-o-war photos of the two SAS teams – the first is the original team and the second is the slightly larger team, with extra members drafted in at short notice to try and match the similar unforeseen increase in the



explorer team numbers!! A whole lot of cheating went on, but who cares – we had fun!!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=113215198703667>

We (SAS) have a group page on Facebook – use the link above and have a look. Many thanks to Michelle Brown for setting it up and making it work.

I also note there must have been at least six of our members pictured in the local Observer, counting votes for the General Election.

We are looking forward to camping this weekend at Rolvenden, where we shall investigate various ways to relax!



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Items for July 2010 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore
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By Monday 5th July at the latest.

Our thanks go to Trade Paints Ltd for printing and distributing this newsletter.

Cub News and Information



District Swimming Gala

This has been booked for Saturday 9th October 2010 – details will follow, please put the date in your diary.

District Cub Camp

Last weekend, 100 cubs and 25 leaders went off to Bushy Wood for the District Cub Camp 2010. The theme was based around Cowboys and Indians.



Friday afternoon and evening was time to setup the camp – it is surprising how peaceful Bushy Wood can be without any cubs there. On Saturday the cubs started arriving early and we opened the camp at 11am with a flag break and a few games. After a filling lunch, we started our cowboys and Indians bases. There were loads of different bases including Indian Sweat Lodge, campfire cooking, firelighting, making Indian headdresses and many more. Unfortunately the rain arrived in the afternoon and a lot of the bases took place inside. Despite this, the cubs were able to find their way around between the indoor and outdoor activities and most tried the majority of things on offer. After dinner, the Kent Scouts Hullabaloo came along to entertain us. Cubs and leaders joined in with the dancing and the singing. After a shattering day I must admit I thought the cubs would all sleep well – I was wrong! Some did not go to sleep until 1.30am and then the first lot were up at 3.30am!

The weather was better for the rest of the camp. On the Sunday we ran some



individual challenges and team challenges for the cubs. Ray also ran a trading post game – it was an eye opener watching the cubs barter with the leaders and each other. Sunday evening we had a campfire – thank you to all the adults who ran a song – it is not easy in front of that many. On Monday we tidied through the camp and then had a mass water fight before the parents arrived. By 1pm, it was quiet across the site again.



A huge thank you to all those that helped put the camp together including the leaders, the SAS for coming out and supporting our activities on the Saturday, the explorers who helped out at the camp, Judith and Colin for organising all the food and the staff at Bushy Wood. But most of all, thank you to all the cubs who made this possible.

Activity Day

7 packs, 97 cubs from our district went to Broadstone on Saturday 15th May for the County Activity Day. All of the Broadstone activities were available for them to try plus loads more. The rifle range seemed to be the most popular – the queue seemed to prove this. A great day was had by all. Martin will



be sending out the information regarding the Bivouac camp within the next few days. Please could I urge you to apply for this early if you are interested as spaces do tend to go quickly

Cub Football

It is with regret that we are going to postpone the cub football due to the lack of interest. This will be postponed until September, I will let you know a date once I rearranged with St Pauls School. If you are thinking of entering please let me know.

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