



The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting

March 2008

News From The DC



What a fantastic turn out at the Arrowhead Awards on Saturday evening, it was standing room only. Once again Ben Richardson and his team gave us an evening to remember. Ben has now moved away from Hastings and I wish him well in his new home, and Thank him for all his commitment in making Scouting so active in our District. Well done to everyone that was nominated for an Award, and Congratulations to the Winners. Our independent judging panel had a difficult job choosing from the many nominations.

A cheque for £6000 was presented to Leo House on behalf of the County, thanks to everyone who helped to raise that fantastic amount.

Jo Hart has decided to step down as the Young Leader Unit Leader, I would like to Thank Jo for all she has done while working with this Section.

The Hastings Half Marathon is on Sunday 16th March, no doubt we will be out in force, either by taking part in the Marathon itself, or running a drinks station, whatever you are doing have fun, I hope the sun shines.

Drop in Training Dates;
Tuesday 11th March,
Wednesday 2nd April.
Thursday 24th April,
Wednesday 14th May (CANCELLED)

There will be a GSL / Group Contact's meeting on Thursday 3rd April, 8pm at the 24th Hastings HQ.

Welcome
Claire Collins as District Network Leader,

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Kids Outdoors

Kids Outdoors is a new initiative from The Scout Association to promote outdoor activities for all. The aim is to encourage a million new outdoor activities in 2008.

Go to the website www.kidsoutdoors.com and see what it is all about.

You can get ideas, post a blog (whatever that is) send in pictures of your activities, see whats happening, join Facebook etc. Early days yet but bound to gain momentum.

Please have a look.

2008 Arrowhead Awards



What a great evening! I hope you have all seen the great coverage in the Observer on Friday and the front page of the AdNews last Wednesday. Great recognition for the adults, everyone, that make Scouting work! For those that haven't seen the paper, it is also on the website - <http://www.hastingsobserver.co.uk/newshastings/SLIDESHOW-Scouts-honoured-at.3850207.jp> - so log on and check it out. There is also a slide show, click on the link at the bottom of the website.

The winners of the 2008 Arrowhead Awards are –

- Beaver Scout Leader of the Year - Sue Allen, 1st Westfield Scout Group
- Cub Scout Leader of the Year - Liz Cockerton, 3rd Hastings Scout Group
- Scout Leader of the Year - Emma Shaw, 3rd Hastings Scout Group
- Explorer Scout Leader of the Year - Kevin Cooper, Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit
- New Leader of the Year - Lee Southerden, 9th Hastings Scout Group
- Parent Helper of the Year - Jez Stevens, 3rd Hastings Scout Group
- Young Leader of the Year - Luke Verall, 3rd Hastings Scout Group
- Supporter of the Year - Fiona Adams, Hastings Gang Show
- Executive Committee Member of the Year - Kim Sleath, 3rd Hastings Scout Group
- Manager of the Year - Bridget Nichols, 1st Hastings Scout Group
- Team of the Year - 9th Hastings (Christ Church) Scout Troop Leadership Team
- Scout Group of the Year - 3rd Hastings (Holy Redeemer) Scout Group
- Scouter of the Year - Jo Hart, 3rd Hastings Scout Group
- Lifetime Scouter - Mike Hart, 3rd Hastings Scout Group

The young people that achieved their 100 tasks in the Centenary Challenges were also presented with their certificates and prizes. Leo House was also presented with a cheque for £6000 from all the fundraising done by Groups and Districts and the County over 2007. Certificates for those that were not there on the night will be presented to them at their Groups by a member of the District team over the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone that was involved on the night, and to those that nominated their leaders / supporters.

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Cub Information



Please find list below of District and County Activities. If you require any more information in the meantime then do not hesitate to contact me.

District Activities

District Five a Side Football Competition
Sunday 27th April

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubfootinvite08.pdf>
<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubfootrules08.pdf>

Disneyland Paris

2nd—4th May 2009 (Provisional dates)

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubdis08.pdf>

County Cub Events

Cubbly Bug Ball

June 12th—14th 2009

Booking form

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubbug208.pdf>

Information letter

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubbugletter1.pdf>

Cub Activities Day

Saturday 17th May—Broadstone Warren

Intro letter:

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubactlet08.pdf>

Booking Form:

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubactboo08.pdf>

Air Rifle Permission Forms for Activities Day:

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubactair08.pdf>

Bivouac Camp

13th—14th September 2008 - Bushy Wood

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubbiv08.pdf>

Supplement to the Little Book of Badge Requirements:

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubsup08.pdf>

Cub Record Card

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/cubs/cubrecord.pdf>

To access these links, select 'text' and copy link into web browser.

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Smile :)



Scout Leader John visited his 90-year-old grandpa who lived way out in the country. On the first morning of the visit, John's grandpa prepared a breakfast of bacon and eggs. John noticed a film-like substance on his plate, and asked, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandpa replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just go ahead and finish your meal."

For lunch, Grandpa made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have specks of dried egg on it. "Are you sure these plates are clean?" he asked.

Without looking up, Grandpa said, "I told you before, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them!"

Later, as John was leaving, his grandpa's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass.

John said, "Grandpa, your dog won't let me get by!"

Grandpa yelled to the dog, "Cold Water, go lie down!"

EDSFAT News

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



Things have started off quietly for EDSFAT, which is relatively thankful considering how busy we were up until December during 2007.

The first major event of the year was actually outside Sussex and took place in Buckinghamshire. The event was the "Southern 50 Challenge" which is a hike covering 30km, 50km or 50miles (80km) over a 24hour period, with participants from 14 (Explorers) upwards. EDSFAT were asked to provide First Aid cover for the finish. Treatments included mild exposure, strains and sprains and of course the obligatory blisters, some of the largest we had seen.

The temptation is to drain blisters but the correct policy, in accordance with the current First Aid manual and the NHS, is to leave alone and provide padding and protection to the area during the healing process as the body reabsorbs the fluid. The reasons are two fold: it prevents infection, and it retains the cushioning and protective fluid until the body has been able to repair itself!

That same weekend saw a number of EDSFAT members descend on Bushy Wood to undertake some of the never ending task of maintenance of equipment. The previous weekend also saw a number of EDSFAT members providing assistance at the Bushy Wood working weekend with members bringing some of the specialist trades required for some of the jobs.

The new April 2008 – March 2009 charging policy will hopefully be published with next month's newsletter. The policy is changing to a standard charge system for different types of events, enabling event organisers to budget more easily for their events. More next month.....

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Gang Show 2007

Gang Show Auditions will be on Sunday 7th September 2008.

Show dates 20-22 November 2008

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<http://www.hastingsgangshow.org.uk/>



NETWORK

New Network Leader

Our new District Network Leader is **Claire Collins**.

Contact Claire on clairelc6676@fsmail.net The Unit is called Poseidon and meets at the 6th HQ on Fridays between 20.00 and 22.00

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

Items for April 2008 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore

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By Monday 7th April at the latest.

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