



# TOM TOM



## The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting **March 2009**

### Cub News

#### **Cubbly Bug Ball**

The closing date for final numbers, T-Shirt order forms and final payments is 31<sup>st</sup> March. Please make sure you do not miss this deadline as at this point the T-Shirts and other equipment will be ordered to the number of people booked in. A copy of the form is attached to Tom Tom – please send these back directly to Wendy Walker.

Please find attached with Tom Tom details of the Cubbly Bug Ball food and coach that we have arranged. Please note that the coach places are first come, first served and the cost is £9 per person. Reservations will only be accepted with payment. For the centrally cooked food, please could you advise us of any dietary needs as soon as possible so that we can plan the menu. The closing date for both is the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

#### **Paris Spaces**

There are two adult spaces available for the Paris – these are available first come, first served to any adult in the district (I must sell them). If you are interested, please let me know by calling me on 07734 861796. The bad news is that you will be allocated some cubs to look after, especially for getting on and off the metro.

#### **Cub Football**

Details on the Cub Football are also attached for the event on the 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Pauls School. Closing date for entries is 21<sup>st</sup> March. Late entries will not be accepted.

#### **District Cub Leaders**

Peter Clark and Kevin Barton have both now been appointed as District Cub Leaders. Between the three of us, we aim to visit every pack within the next couple of months to see how you are getting on. We are not coming to 'check up' on you, so please don't panic – we are more coming to say hello. We have some more activities planned for later in the year – as soon as details are finalised, the information on these will be sent out.

#### **Stuart Old**

#### **ADC (Cub Scouts)**

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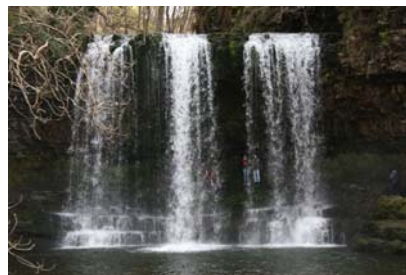
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### Action Packed Action Pact

I thought you might like to know that this year's county Action Pact was very well attended by our district!

This year was the Breacon Beacons. About 30 leaders from the county meet at a bunkhouse near Breacon on Friday evening on Saturday different teams walked different routes over the hills meeting back at the bunk house in the evening for a meal and socializing! on the



Sunday we all headed off together for a walk along a river through a wooded valley with four large waterfalls the last of which could be walked behind while the water crashes down in front of you. A brilliant weekend!

For any leaders who fancy doing this next year, It will provisionally be at Dartmoor. Check the County Chronicle for details.

Also a well done to Andy Bishop, Graham March and Andy Weddell for passing their hill walking Assessments over the weekend!

#### **Graeme Monk SL 9th Hastings Scout Group**

### Training

Mod 37 on Thursday 12th March 8pm at 24th HQ for all members of the Appointments Advisory Committee and GSLs/Group Contacts.

### District News

#### Headquarters/Camp Site

As you know we have been actively looking for new premises which would suit everyone. This has been almost impossible because everyone wanted something different. Also suitable premises just have not come on the market. Therefore we have made the decision that instead of premises (which we have managed to do without for 4 years) we will actively look for a Camp Site that would be of more use to all our younger members. If anyone does know of a suitable area for a Camp Site then please let us know.

#### St George's Day

This year is on Sunday 26th April. Please make a note in your diary. More information will be sent out nearer the date.

#### New District Scout Leader

Keith Griffiths has been appointed DSL for Hastings. Keith has been involved in Scouting for quite a few years and we are sure he will make a valuable contribution to the Scout Section.

#### Drop In Training

The next drop in Training sessions are Tuesday 10th March, Thursday 2nd April and Tuesday 28th April. These are all 19.30—21.30 and will be at the 1st Hastings HQ Oxford Road

## In Case of Emergency

### Message from the Ambulance Service

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.



## Brede Leader Archives Ralph Reader

Jonathan Rhodes (SL 1st Brede) and Ewan Murray (Scout Association UK Technical Adviser for Staged Performances) have started the marathon task of Editing and Updating the Ralph Reader Archive which is held at Gilwell.

The archive, which contains well over a thousand songs and sketches written by Reader for Gang Shows between the early 1930s and his death in 1982, was bequeathed to the Scout Association in his will and this is the first time that it has been fully explored!

*"It is a fascinating, if daunting project" says Jonathan whose own Youth Musicals have been performed all over the world. "Most of it is faded type-written scripts, much written over by Reader in rehearsals, and quite a lot of it only exists in Reader's scribbled handwriting. Editing the sketches is not that difficult, either they are still funny or they are not but the musical numbers present a much bigger challenge. Some of them, such as the Minstrel Show numbers are so politically incorrect as to be nothing more than historical curiosities but many more just need 'tweaks' of lyrics here and there to make them sparkle for the 21st Century. Sorting out the tunes is the hardest part of the process. Most of them have not been heard since they were performed way back when and many of them only exist as a few scribbled lines of score - again in Reader's handwriting. Fortunately, Ewan is much more competent musician than I am so they are his department and the lyrics are mine!"*

At the end of the process, the Scout Association is going to make the material available to Scout Leaders via the Association Website and Ewan and Jonathan will be producing a book of the most popular pieces which will be available from both Scout Shops and Bookshops nationwide - "But don't hold your breath" says Jonathan, "It could take us a year or two yet, there's a heck of a lot of it!"



## Gang Show

Auditions will take place on Sunday July 12th @ St Pauls School-times to follow with a further audition for dancing and singing on Sunday July 19th.

Rehearsals will start on Sunday 6th September. Show dates are November 19-21st.

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## The Scout & Guide Shop

The Scout & Guide Shop is at 8 Alexandra Parade, Park Avenue, Hastings.

Normal Opening Times

Mondays 7.15pm until 9.30pm, and the 1st Saturday in the month from 9.00am until 11.00am, (term time only).

Contact the Scout Shop at **429054**

**Or 429206 (home)**

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# Shop

Regretfully it has been decided to close the Scout & Guide Shop from the end of July.

This decision has had to be made purely for financial reasons. As you all know the Scout Shop moved from Scoutcroft Headquarters when it was sold. Subsequently the rent for the shop has been paid for by the interest from this sale. Unfortunately as we all know we are now in a recession and interest rates have plummeted and so our income from the interest will no longer cover the rent.

As Trustees of Hastings District Finances, the Committee is responsible to maintain a positive response to finance as laid down by The Charities Commission and The Scout Association. We would be in breach of these rules if we allowed this to go on indefinitely.

This decision in no way reflects on Janice and her team who have worked tirelessly to make the Shop work and have put in their own time, freely, for quite a few years. We thank Janice, Kevin and all their team for all their efforts.

A Badge Secretary will be appointed at a later date.

**Gareth Moore District Chairperson**

## The Annual Census

# Census

What a great result for the District – an increase in Membership of 157 bringing the total for the District to 896.

The biggest increase was recorded by 9<sup>th</sup> Hastings – 41- followed by 4<sup>th</sup> Hastings with 25 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Hastings, 20.

Only 2 groups dropped in numbers.

The momentum of the Centenary Year has certainly been taken on board.

Well done, everyone!

**Ann Brownhill District Secretary**

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**Items for April 2009 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore**

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By Sunday 5th April at the latest.

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