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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting

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News From The DC



What a fantastic sight it was to see so many at our St George's Day Parade and Service. I thought that our numbers would be down this year being at the end of the School Holiday, but not so. I would like to say Thank You all for being there and encouraging your Young People to attend. The Service was arranged by Jonathan Rhodes, from 1st Brede Scouts, and from the comments I have heard you all enjoyed the afternoon.

Thank You Jonathan for all your hard work. It took a team of people to make the event happen, so Thank You to all of them, and of course the Young People that took part on the Stage.

On Sunday 27th April the Cubs had a Five a Side Football Tournament, the rain stayed away until the afternoon, but the weather did not deter the Cubs. Congratulations to the 24th Hastings (scratch team), who won the Trophy. Well done Stuart Old for organising another successful District Event.

Unfortunately I was unable to go to the Cinema with the Beavers last weekend, but I have heard that they had a good time. Thank You Claire for arranging this.

Some of you have given me the dates of your Group AGM's, don't forget to let me know when you are having yours, I would like to attend if I can.

Scout Leaders/ Assistants/ Helpers; please remember there is a District Scout Leaders Meeting on Wednesday 21st May, 7.30pm, at the 24th Hastings, William Parker HQ. Please make sure your Group is represented.

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Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)



JOTA is an annual event which Scouts & Guides all over the world speak to each other by means of amateur radio contacts. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via the radio waves.

JOTA will be held on the weekend of 18 / 19 October 2008 at Brede Scout HQ.

Open for Scouts only between 10.00hrs and 16.00hrs. Each day the Communicator Badge will be run. Open to a maximum of 20 Scouts each day. Cost £2.50 per Scout including a light lunch and badge.

Applications to **Colin Ward**.

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The Colditz Challenge

The Colditz Challenge 2008 will be held at Broadstone Warren Sat 5th / Sun 6th July 2008.

Go here for all the information to download...

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

Cub Information



Paris 2009

Please see below the link to the letter for the Paris 2009 trip for the cubs. Please note, spaces are strictly first come, first served. Deposit cheques should be payable to "Hastings, Rye & District Scouts." Spaces are available from the 12th May, please do not pass on deposits before this date as this is the only fair way to ensure that all cubs have received this letter.

<http://www.hastingssscouts.org/other/cubs/cubparisfinal.pdf>

District Cub Camp

With just three weeks to go, all (well most) is now in place for our cub camp. Please ensure that I receive back two copies of everyone's health form by the 15th May. You may come and put up tents from 6pm on Thursday 22nd May. Just a reminder, we need as many water containers and mess tents/dining shelters, chair and tables as you have please. Any questions, please give me a call.

District Cub Football

On Sunday 27th April the District Football finally took place with eight teams competing. St Pauls School was an excellent venue (thank you to Stewart Haylor for this). Every team had the opportunity to play every other team to compete for places in the semi-finals. The overall winners were the 24th Hastings (and their 'borrowed players') with the 1st Westfield being runners up. Thank you to the three Explorers, Ben, Ben & George for refereeing the games, Judith and the Clare family for providing the refreshments and to Pete Cronk for the first aid (which fortunately was not needed a great deal!)



In the afternoon there was a series of activities for the cubs to take part in including a quiz, crossword and football skills. The overall winner for these activities was Simeon Clarie of the 9th Hastings who scored 168 points. Second place was Jack Hoad, also of the 9th Hastings who scored 146 points. Well done to both of these cubs.



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St George's Day

Theatre full of Children Cheers Shakespeare!

(Acknowledging the cheering at the end of the Shakespeare quote : "This earth, this realm, this England")



In the melee after the St George's Day Service, I never got the chance to thank people properly so now is my chance.

As you are probably aware, this was my first time doing a District Event and I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for your wonderful support.

The readers who performed, the musicians, and choir; all the adults who gave so much time and expertise both at the Rehearsal and at the Service itself, and all the 'Flag Bearers' who probably thought I was mad leaving them onstage throughout - It was a good thing that you were onstage, I doubt that there were enough seats left in the theatre for you all. You did a great job, gang!

Special mention too to the Explorer Scouts who helped throughout the event - I was very impressed with your care, particularly making sure that the very little ones made it safely onto the stage - I look forward to getting to work with you again in Scouting activities, guys!

I hope that I haven't forgotten anyone but if I have please accept my apologies. Thanks to you all, my first District Event was a remarkably painless experience. You should all be very proud of what you achieved

Best wishes,

Jonathan Rhodes (SL 1st Brede)

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Criminal Records Bureau

CRB Checks (Disclosures)

Headquarters has decided that all adults should be required to renew their Scouting Disclosure at least every five years.

For those in appointments that are subject to a formal review (using Form AR) this new Scouting Disclosure should ideally be carried out at the time of their appointment review.

Some volunteers were in post prior to the introduction of Disclosure (CRB) checks in 2002.

The Association has, for operational reasons, not formally required that checks should be completed by those not changing their appointment or District. This means that some adults working locally may yet have to complete the Disclosure process. This matter should now be addressed.

All Districts have been asked to ensure that all adults with an open appointment will have completed a Scouting Disclosure check by 31 December 2008.

Ann Brownhill District Secretary

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Gang Show 2007

Gang Show Auditions will be on Sunday 7th September 2008. Show dates 20-22 November 2008

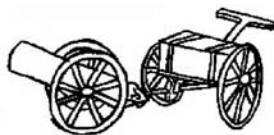
Go here for details:

<http://www.hastingscouts.org/other/gangsign.pdf>

Fiona (Producer) 0793 1212140 / 01424 732160 or email fadaadaa@sky.com or info@hastingsgangshow.org.uk



Hastings Gun-Carriage Tournament 2008



This is the third year of the Gun-Carriage Tournament in Hastings and support has been growing each year. The event will be taking place as usual on The Oval,

Bohemia Road on Saturday 27th September. The idea of the tournament is for teams of six to pull a 'mock' Gun-Carriage around the course, taking it apart and reassembling it to go over, under or through obstacles on route. Hastings Gun-Carriage Group currently has three mock Gun-Carriages which are used for the event and also for competitors' pre-event training.



Under the Net

The competition is open to any members of organised or uniformed groups and cubs, scouts and explorers have taken part in previous years. Teams compete with age sections; 7-10yrs, 11-14yrs, 7-14yrs or 15-18yrs.

Each competitor receives a medal and the winning team in each section receives an engraved shield to hold until the next year's event. The winning team in each category all receive an individual trophy to keep. Entry fee is £15 per team.

Last year's section winners were; Hastings Police Cadets, 1st Robertsbridge Scouts, Westerleigh Judokwai and Halton Boys Brigade. All are hoping to defend their titles this year.

If you are interested in your group taking part in this year's event or wish to know further information please contact the Hastings Gun-Carriage Group on 01424 852513 or e-mail hgcg@tesco.net

Beaver Bits



Diary Dates

District Beaver Sleepover 12th July 2008

District Mini Golf Tournament 4th October 2008

Date of next Beavers Leaders Meeting 30th June 7o'clock
18th Hastings Scout Hall, St Lukes Church.

On the 4th May 55 Beavers went to the Odeon Cinema Hastings to see Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium, We all had a really good time and the Beavers were all really well behaved.

Well done Beavers

Claire Davis ADC Beaver Scouts

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Items for June 2008 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore

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By Monday 2nd June at the latest.

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