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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting **May 2009**

News From The DC



What a great sight, a long column of Scouts and Guides parading along Hastings Sea Front, we were certainly out in force, a fantastic way to show that Scouting and Guiding is alive and kicking. Many thanks for giving up yet another afternoon, and for encouraging the Young People in your Group to take part. The Fellowship did a brilliant job of organising and running the event, and I say a sincere Thank You to them. Zoe Barber and Matt Binns were excellent hosts for the afternoon, well done and Thank You. Congratulations to everyone that was presented with a Service Award,

Keith Brownhill, 50 Years,
Janice Harmer, 20 Years,
Kitson Wellard, 10 Years.

I would once again like to remind you about the Drop in Training Sessions held every 3 weeks. There are a lot of Adults that should be doing their training that we never see, I appreciate that it means another evening spent on Scouting, but it is a requirement of holding an Appointment, and it is something that you agreed to do when taking out an Appointment. If you have a problem getting to these sessions please contact me and we can try to make alternative arrangements.

Having had my "monthly moan", I have been very impressed with your programmes when I have visited, the Young People always seem to be enjoying what they are doing, and this is shown by our increasing numbers. Well done, Scouting is thriving in Hastings, Rye and District, and it is all down to you!

Drop in Training Session Dates;

Thursday 21st May,

Tuesday 2nd June,

Thursday 2nd July,

Tuesday 21st July,

Held at the 1st Hastings HQ, Oxford Road, St Leonards, anytime between 7.30 – 9.00pm

I would just like to say thank you to Janice Harmer for agreeing to take on the responsibility of District Badge Secretary.

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Peace Poster Competition



Each year the Lions International Club hold a Peace Poster Competition. It is open to any artist who will be 11, 12 or 13 by 15th November.

It is an International competition with artists competing in District, Regional and then Global contests.

There are simple rules like no words, no photographs, no attachments, and size should be A2 approx. If you have a budding artist in your Group or Section and would like more details then please get back to me.



South East Winner
2008

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The Scout & Guide Shop



The Scout & Guide Shop is at 8 Alexandra Parade, Park Avenue, Hastings. Contact the Scout Shop at **429054** Or **429206 (home)**

scoutshop@hastingscouts.org

If any groups wish to place orders for halved or bordered scarves, or any form of adult scarves the deadline for ordering will be June 1st. This is to ensure that they are received prior to the closure of the shop.

Orders can be placed by E-mail via the District website, our direct E-mail or at the shop.

Here is the list of the current stock held:

3 rd	10 child	2 adult
4 th		1 adult
6 th	6 child	
7 th	11 child	
9 th	13 child	1 adult
14 th	30 child	2 adult
18 th		1 adult
24 th	12 child	
Rye	9 child	
Northiam	20 child	
Brede	26 child	1 adult
Explorer		10 adult
Westfield	10 child	
Network		10 adult
Fellowship		9 adult



Gang Show - Auditions



We are down to 200 days until curtain up, the programme is set we just need a cast and a long list of backstage volunteers.

Auditions will be at St Paul's C of E Primary School, entrance Amherst Road on Sunday 12th July with additional singing and dance auditions on Sunday 19th July. Times on attached poster.

Leaders please tell your young people about this activity and display the poster!

Rehearsals begin on Sunday 6th September and we will also be rehearsing on a Wednesday. Show dates are 19,20 & 21st November. Tickets go on sale 1st June at the White Rock.

Fiona Adams

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Canadian Expo Quiz Night



Canadian Expo 2009 Quiz evening Tuesday 12th May at the Rugby club 7.30pm for 8.00pm start, teams of up to six £5.00 per team. Raffle, bar open all evening.

Book a team with **Colin Ward** 07980171877 pay on the night.

colinward3@sky.com

'And the Winner Is.....'

The 25th Awards Night for the Hastings Half Marathon took place on Friday 17th April, at The Hastings Centre.

A large Audience of over 300 witnessed a range of Awards and Surprises, which were presented by UK International Derek Stevens, (The First Winner of The first Hasting Half), assisted by the Mayor of Hastings Cllr. Maureen Charlesworth, The President of Hastings Lions Club, Val Vint, and supporting Sponsors.

Throughout The Evening there was a continual Theme of those who have supported The Event over the 25 years, and Awards were made to:-



The **1st Westfield Scout Group** for manning the three mile Drink Station for 25 years.

24th Hastings Scout Group for manning the six mile Drink Station for 25 years.

4th Hastings Scout Group for manning the nine mile Drink Station for 25 years.

6th Hastings Scout Group for manning the Start/Finish Drink Station for 25 years.



These awards were made together with various other people who had been involved with the Hastings Half Marathon for the last 25 years.

The Hastings Lions Club would add again their thanks to all who help them to put on this Event for Hastings, and supplied the Awards and Prizes, as without YOU it would not be possible.



Eric Hardwick M.B.E.

Race Director

26th Hastings Half Marathon on the 21st March 2010.

Enter now at Visit <http://www.hastings-half.co.uk/>

Fellowship



There will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 27th June 7.15pm. Holy Redeemer Hall (3rd Hastings HQ). Teams up to 6, cost £2 per head.

To raise funds for needed Fellowship equipment. See attached poster.

If you would like to book a place contact **Jane** on 716599 or chatabox66@yahoo.com



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

Items for June 2009 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore

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By Wednesday 3rd June at the latest.

Shiver me timbers matey ! Scouts do Golden Hinde Sleepover

London Trip

The day began at 8am meeting at Hastings railway station ready to catch the train to London Bridge, once having occupied a carriage we all settled down to a pleasant journey.

We arrived at London Bridge station from where it was a short walk to the Golden Hinde, Sir Frances Drake's ship, which was the first English ship and Sir Frances being the first English Captain to sail around the world. On her return she brought back treasures captured from the Spanish.



Here we left our bags and made our way along the Thames, past HMS Belfast and across Tower Bridge to the Tower of London. The banks of the Thames and the streets of London were busy with tourists and locals but we managed to arrive in good time.

The Scouts were able to split into small groups and make their own way around the Tower, visiting the Crown jewels, Traitors Gate and the other attractions inside.

From the Tower we proceeded back along the Thames toward St Pauls Cathedral to cross the Millennium Bridge to the Tate Modern. Here we walked past Shakespeare's Globe Theatre back to the Golden Hinde. Once we were back at the ship it was time for us all (including the Leaders) to dress as the crew for the ship. Some of us were Officers, some Barber Surgeons and the rest lowly Gunners! Wearing our costumes we were assembled into the hold of the ship to await our orders.



After a few minutes wait Sailor Jack stumbled down the steps into the hold, from the tavern where he had spent all his money. Having satisfied himself that we are the new crew he asks that we cover for him while he sleeps off his hangover in the corner of the hold. It's not long before the Barber Surgeon comes down to see what all the noise is about. After more questions about who we are, the Barber Surgeon divides us into our groups, lines the officers up and calls for the Master. In comes the Master looking for Sailor Jack, sniffing him out the Master finds Jack napping in the corner of the hold. After telling Jack off the Master leads the officers to his cabin for a workshop on Navigation at sea and the life as an officer on the Golden Hinde. From here the Master Surgeon leads us back to the hold for a workshop on the life of a Barber Surgeon. Lessons in amputations of arms and limbs follow from the Barber Surgeon giving an insight to the types of wound that may happen in a battle at sea. Finally Sailor Jack gives a workshop in Gunnery and how to load the 14 cannons or Minions as they were (small 4 pound cannons). Once we had all been instructed on our tasks it was time for battle against the Spanish Armada sneaking up the Thames!

The three actors put on a fantastic job entertaining us all and giving fascinating insight into life on the Golden Hinde. Before long it was time to get changed again and settle down for the night sleeping on the gun deck between the cannons! (Not an easy task when the gun deck is about 1.5 meters high). Lights out was at 11pm and considering the walking and excitement of the day we all went to sleep quite quickly.

Breakfast consisted of bread and cheese with a sampling of flapjacks, chocolate crunch squares and fruit (hardly any fruit was taken, I wonder why!). After clearing away our kit, we headed back to the Millennium Bridge and crossed the Thames to St Pauls Cathedral on our way to the London Museum. We spent a few hours there until it was time to head back to London Bridge Station and lunch at McDonald's before catching our train home. It was a great weekend and our thanks go to Bob and his actors, who looked after us at the Golden Hinde and to Kevin Barton for organising the weekend.



Richard Spice DSL.