

The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting November 2008

News From The DC

First I would like to Congratulate Roy Gaved on being presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years in Scouting and the Hastings Lions Club. Roy has dedicated a lot of time to both and is a worthy winner. Well done Roy.

It was good to see so many take part in the District Swimming Gala. Well done to everyone. Thanks to Stuart Old for once again organising a successful event and to the Fellowship for their help during the evening.

Brian Lamb, ADC Group Support, Adam and Richard (District Scout Leaders) have been going round the District running an evening for the Troops. This is to get to know everyone and to let you all know about the District Programme planned for Scouts next year.

There hasn't been many District Activities for Scouts for a while, so I hope that you will support these events as a lot of hard work and planning has gone into them.

I have it on good authority that this year's Gang Show is "fantastic", so don't miss out, support our Young People by going along and giving them a good audience. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Canadian Expo 2009 Quiz Evening

Tuesday 2nd December
Rugby Club William Parker School
7.30pm For 8.00pm Start
Raffle, Bar Open
£5.00 Table Of Four
Contact **Colin Ward** 07980171877



Network News

Poseidon Network Unit

We've had a good year this year with many varied activities planned. Unfortunately not all have taken place due to the weather or various other commitments. We have arranged our meetings on a weekly basis varying the days so everyone has the chance to make a meeting. We had our first unit camp over the May bank holiday which was a bit of a disaster and for once this wasn't down to the weather! We camped at Kiteye in Sidley and unfortunately whilst the unit was at the rifle range, travellers got into tents and stole personal possessions. We knew they were staying 2 fields away from the site and after this incident didn't really feel that our stuff was safe on site so we left. Still the Friday night was a nice evening round the fire!

We had 5 of the unit take part in the swimming gala with varying success and we have run a couple of nights for explorers.

We have a few really good nights left this term to include a night hike and laser quest. For any explorers who are 18 or will be 18 soon please contact me or Alan Mayatt and we will arrange for you to come along to a Network meeting. The guys assure me they will be looking to start working towards their Queens Scouts in the New Year and I'm planning a camp (hopefully this one will be a success!) for the spring. I can be contacted on 01424 756451 Mobile 07968298339 or E-mail clairelc6676@fsmail.net. We hope to see some new members soon.

Claire Collins

Swimming Gala

On Saturday 11th October we held our annual Swimming Gala for all sections. We had a fantastic turn out with nearly 200 swimming and many leaders, assistants, helpers and parents cheering on. Everyone had a chance for a free swim (for Andy Bishop this did not seem to be optional!) and everyone took part in three races. Many of the races from the Beavers to the Network were close and everyone taking part did their best. It was really great to see so many young people taking part – hopefully next year there will be even more!

| Beaver Competition | | Cub Competition | | Scout / Explorer / Network | |
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| 1 st | 11 th Hastings | 1st | 18th Hastings | 1st | 3rd Hastings |
| 2 nd | 6 th Hastings | 2nd | 9th Hastings | 2nd | Hydra Explorer Unit |
| 3 rd | 1 st Hastings | 3rd | 6th Hastings Kestrels | 3rd | 6th Hastings |

With so many people there, this caused chaos with the certificates hence the delay. You should all have these by now. However, if you are aware that you are missing any, please email cubs@stuartold.com and I will arrange to get these sorted.

Thank you to all those who took part and to the Fellowship for helping on the night – would not have run without you. Any feedback (positive or negative) would be gratefully received so we can try and perfect this for next year. I did learn that Potatoes don't float – I'll try and remember this for next year!

I have a collection of swimming goggles, towels and jewellery from the gala – if you know of anyone that is missing anything, please let me know asap.
Stuart Old.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

During the weekend of 18th, 19th October 27 scouts from 1st Brede, 1st Battle 3rd Hastings and 4th Hastings and 21 Cubs from 11th and 4th Hastings successfully completed the Communicators Badge.



On Saturday the Scouts learnt various skills including how to tune a communications receiver, log stations, morse code, regulations for using amateur radio and speaking on amateur radio.

Sundays Cub Scouts enjoyed

learning about braille, secret messages, using phones, emails and text messaging, emergency calls and of course speaking around the world on the radio.

The furthest we spoke to was Russia and inside the arctic circle, while logging stations we heard one in Australia.



Thanks go to the leaders from the groups who attended for their help in running the weekend and to Brede Amateur Steam Radio Society who ran the radio station and some of the bases.



Colin Ward

Gang Show

Its hard to believe that in three weeks time the show will be on at the White Rock. Ten weeks ago we had over 150 people audition, Krista has given out over 1000 different pieces of costumes and the guys down the theatre are wondering



Some of this years cast

where on earth are they going to put us all, both on and off the stage. We have ordered 1050 bottles of water and the Clare family are well into their preparations to feed us all. The rehearsals have been great, full of fun enthusiasm and laughter. The parents have also been supportive and will continue to be over the next few weeks (I Hope).

Please bring your groups, family and friends along to support this District event, tickets are selling well but please let us all give it one final push and make the show as successful as it can and should be.

The mayor also popped in on a rehearsal.

Fiona Adams
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3rd Hastings Half Term Camp



P.L's and A.P.L's from the 3rd braved the frosty mornings and sub zero temperatures to camp out during half term. The camp took place from Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th October at Irelands Farm A21

and experienced one of the coldest mornings so far this autumn!

The Camp was designed to teach the Scouts about leadership and how to become a good P.L. or A.P.L. many of the activities and tasks were designed to test their leadership skills and get them working with other scouts they wouldn't usually work with.

One of the main activities was a 4km Hike to Westfield and back which they had plotted and route planned the day before, each group was led by a different Scout for different parts of the hike and 'map and compass' skills were tested to the max.

Other activities included teambuilding, pumpkin carving, fire lighting, wood collecting, tent erection and take down, Trangia cooking, charades and a game of bingo!

The camp fire was kept lit at all times as our only source of heat and in between activities we were huddled round with steaming cups of hot chocolate or soup trying to thaw out!

A Fun, but Freezing time was had by all and they all went home to a very welcomed hot bath!

Thanks to Ben Cruttenden, Imogen Adie, Edd Shields, and Michael Turner for your help on the camp.

Jo Hart
(Assistant Scout Leader)

Appointments & Training

Several Leaders' appointments will be up for review in 2009. Please make sure your Child Protection and First Aid are current.

There is a Child Protection Refresher Course at 3rd Bexhill Scout HQ on Monday 19th January 2009 and British Red Cross Basic First Aid Course in this area on Sunday 25th January 2009.



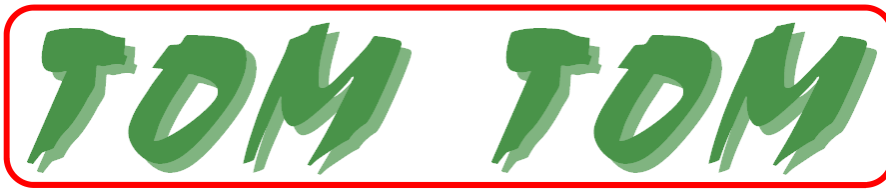
All the Course and Module dates for 2009 are now on the website - www.escsadultsupport.plus.com

Ann Brownhill District Secretary
secretary@hastingscouts.org

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

Items for January 2009 (No December Issue)
Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore
chairperson@hastingscouts.org
By Monday 5th January at the latest.

TOM TOM



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District Cub Scout News

Auction of Promises

29th November 2009 – 7pm – *Raising funds for Cubs Paris 2009 Trip*

There will be an Auction of Promises on Saturday 29th November at Concordia Hall. If you can donate anything to be auctioned, please let me know asap and by the 10th November. There will be an auction list going out before the event so please keep your eye out for this. On the 29th November, please come along and support the auction and bid on the items being sold. I am sure there will be some bargains. Optional Chilli con Carne will be served for £4 per person, soft drinks will be available and you can bring along your own alcohol. This should be a different night out – please support it.

District Cub Leader

Due to work commitments, Ray Billenness has decided to step down from the position of District Cub Leader. I would personally like to thank Ray for his help, assistance and guidance over the last three years - many of the district cub activities have been organised by him and he has been a great help to me.

14th Hastings Cubs

The 14th Hastings Cubs (Guestwell) are now searching for a new Cub Leader and leadership team. If you are interested (or know of anyone that maybe) please let me know asap. Guestwell has excellent facilities and with a Beaver colony to feed to the pack, we can not let this close. Please help if you can.

Stuart Old ADC Cub Scouts

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Paris 2009

For those who missed the initial meeting, you now should have all of the information that was given out. Please return the personal information forms as soon as possible. These must be received by the 15th November at the very latest please. The next payment of £30 is due to me by the 30th November. Pack leaders, it is your responsibility to get this to me by this date – please chase up your cubs for this payment.

As well as each individual, each pack needs to donate an item to the Auction of Promises. Leaders, please put your thinking caps on and get your donations back to me by the 10th November.

Sixers and Seconders Weekend 2009

Please find attached the information for the Sixers and Seconders weekend in 2009 to Portsmouth. Please note spaces are limited to 53 so please book on early. Spaces can only be reserved by receipt of payment. Please make cheques payable to "Hastings, Rye & District Scouts"

District Cub Camp 2010

I am looking for a team of 6 – 8 adults to plan and run the District Cub Camp in 2010. If you are interested, please let me know. The first meeting for the initial planning is likely to be before Christmas.

Stuart Old ADC Cub Scouts

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EDSFAT News

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

If you have events for next year and you would like EDSFAT to provide First Aid assistance we are putting together our calendar at the moment, so please let us know dates.

Whilst we are on the topic of events it is a good opportunity to update you on a few events we have been to recently.

Back at the beginning of September EDSFAT put together a display for the Gilwell Reunion as well as providing opportunities for leaders from round the country to restock their First Aid kits, hi-visibility jackets and Maglites.

September also saw two different bivouac camps. The first was the Eastbourne event up at Broadstone Warren, where Ian and Matt went along to teach the scouts how to prevent and then how to treat hypothermia. This was very well received by the Scouts. The second bivouac camp was the county cub event the same weekend at Bushy Wood. EDSFAT provided a few First Aiders who as well as providing First Aid cover helped out with all the activities.

The most recent event for EDSFAT was the East Sussex Mountain Bike Challenge at Broadstone Warren. This event saw 18 members providing First Aid all round the course, with vehicles placed at strategic positions to allow a response to any incidents if more than simply First Aid was required. A great day was had by all and the weather kindly held off!

It is hoped that the articles on common First Aid complaints will continue in next months newsletter.

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