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The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting November 2009

News From The DC



Congratulations to the 11th Hastings who did so well at the District Swimming Gala, they were overall winners for all sections. It was a good evening and great to see so many of you there. I would like to thank Stuart and Jenny Old for once again organising the event.

Not long now until we will be entertained with the Gang Show, I hope you have got your tickets already, if not there is still time. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to man the stage door.

The interim census that was done in September shows an increase in our District once again, with the biggest rise in the Cub Scout section. I am getting enquiries almost daily from people wanting to join, all we need now is more Leaders so that we can open more sections and we will be well on the way to reaching the thousand, (901 at the moment, not including Fellowship).

On Wednesday 21st October there was a very good presentation from the 6 Young People that hiked in Scotland as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. We saw photographs, displays and had a day by day commentary of their expedition. Well done to all of them they put a lot of time and effort into the planning and executing of both the expedition and the presentation. They are true Scouts and should be very proud of what they have achieved.

I hope to see some of you at the Drop in Training, please note that we now finish at 9.00pm not 9.30pm. The next Drop in is on Wednesday 4th November, then Thursday 26th November.

A date for your diary; we are planning a PR event in Alexandra Park on Sunday 23rd May 2010. All Groups are invited to take part, either by having a stall selling something, or running a game etc, I will leave it to your imagination. It will be an ideal opportunity to promote Scouting and get other Youth Groups involved in the event. More details to follow.

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Gang Show

**SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!
19TH, 20TH & 21ST NOVEMBER
2009**



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Beaver News

Please find attached leaflet for the Beavers and Cubs Christmas Party. Our next Beaver Leaders meeting is 22nd February 7.30 at the 18th



Future events:-

- March - Smugglers Trail
- April - St Georges Day Parade
- May - Beavers County Fun Day
- June - Mini Golf tournament
- July - District Trip to Knockhatch
- September - District Sleepover

A reminder that I look after the District Hi Vis vests which any Group/Section can borrow. We have about 150 of mixed sizes. Please phone me on 07878802152 to arrange collection. and return.

Claire Davis ADC Beaver Scouts

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District Swimming Gala

We done to all those that took part in the Swimming Gala this year. A huge thank you also to the Fellowship and the Network for their help and support in running the event – after three years the process is starting to become more polished and maybe one year I will be completely organised before the event! It was fantastic to see so many young people take part in the event and thank you also to all the leaders and helpers for giving up their Saturday evening to make this possible. If anyone has any suggestions (positive or negative) regarding how we run the gala, please let me know asap.



The provisional date for the 2010 gala will be Saturday 9th October – please put the date in your diary.

BEAVERS

- 1st Place 11th Hastings
- 2nd Place 1st Hastings & 6th Hastings
- 3rd Place 18th Hastings

CUBS

- 1st Place 11th Hastings
- 2nd Place 1st Westfield
- 3rd Place 6th Hastings Kestrels

SCOUTS

- 1st Place 11th Hastings
- 2nd Place 3rd Hastings
- 3rd Place 6th Hastings

EXPLORERS

Total combined points 54

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Scouts JOTA Report

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Seventeen scouts from 18th, 1st, 24th Hastings and Brede completed the communicator badge on the Saturday of Jamboree on the air, they completed the requirements for the section on amateur radio. They all found out how to log radio stations, understand the laws regarding amateur



radio, how radio waves work, the phonetic alphabet which was needed when talking to other Scouts around the world. There were lots of conversations with other radio stations mainly in Europe the furthest was a station in Russia, fortunately all conversations on air are in English. We also had internet on the air running which gave us contacts

further afield such as America, Canada and Australia, our District Commissioner had a long conversation with a Commissioner in Melbourne. Before lunch everyone joined in a wide game called foxhunt which involved finding your way to an unknown destination using a map and two way radios. In the afternoon the bases continued to complete the requirements. During the day we had steam television up and running this was powered by steam from boiling water on a



camp fire! Yes it is possible. The day ended with presentations of the communicator badges.



Thanks must go to the leaders who helped on the day, the three Scouts from 1st Brede who hold an operators licence and to Brede Amateur Steam Radio Club who organised most of the bases.



Colin Ward

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Items for January 2010 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore
chairperson@hastingssscouts.org
By Tuesday 5th January at the latest.

Fellowship IS Active Support

fellowship

"Active Support becomes the new name for The Fellowship. Scout Active Support Units are:

- Practical
- Supportive
- Pro-active
- Adaptable
- Sociable
- Approachable



Why the new name?

The Fellowship has played an important role in The Scout Association for over 30 years and Scout Active Support will continue this tradition. In fact, over the last ten years, the phrase Active Support has run across all Fellowship communications, whether in the magazine, online, on resources or on merchandise. Although it is a new name, for this reason it should not feel new. It also describes the service Fellowship offers today much more accurately – a dynamic and practical support framework for local Scouting.

'The new name, Scout Active Support, we hope, is much more reflective of what these valuable groups of adults actually do – provide great support to local Scouting. As a concept, active support is not something new, and it is essential we keep the elements that are working well



from Fellowship.'

Glenn Walker, UK Adviser Scout Active Support

More Info : <http://scouts.org.uk/activesupport>

Active Support will be Introduced in Hastings, Rye & District early 2010 WATCH THIS SPACE

Flexible, adaptable teams of volunteers
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Cub Information

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District Cub Camp 2010

Anyone interested in being involved in the planning of the District Cub Camp 2010 is welcome to a meeting at our house (Avenida, Winchelsea Road, Guestling) at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November. Please let me know if you are intending to come along – there is lots to plan and any help is very much appreciated.

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A train station is where the train stops. A bus station is where the bus stops. On my desk, I have a work station...

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