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## The Newsletter of Hastings, Rye & District Scouting **October 2008**

### News From The DC

I am still getting plenty of enquiries about joining Scouting. It would be very helpful if you could let me know when you are full, so that I don't waste anyone's time, and the Young Person is not put on a waiting list. Also, if you have a waiting list, why not try to get the Young Person to go to another Group that has spaces, so that they can start their Scouting Adventure. I know it's not always possible, but it is worth trying.

It is not long until the District Swimming Gala, (11<sup>th</sup> October) have you entered a team or two? Events like these take a lot of planning, and need your support. It's not too late.

Unfortunately until the repairs are done on the 6<sup>th</sup> Hastings HQ, the Drop in Training Sessions will move around the District. Times and venue will vary. Please make sure all Leaders in your Group that are doing their training are aware of the place, date etc. The next sessions are; Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> Hastings, Christ Church Hall, Old London Road, Ore, 7.30pm – 9.15pm.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> Hastings, St Luke's Church Hall, Silverhill, St Leonards. 7.30pm – 9.15pm.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> Hastings, William Parker, at the earlier time of 6.30pm – 8.15pm.

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### Gang Show - Gang Show

*So good we named it twice.....*

Our very own Gang Show will take place on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd. Performances are at 7.30pm each night with a matinee on Saturday at 3pm.

Tickets are available now from the White Rock Theatre. Call in or phone 0870 1451133 (0800 5875007 if booking for more than 10) or e-mail via website

[www.whiterockhastings.org.uk](http://www.whiterockhastings.org.uk)

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### Family Camp 2008

On August Bank Holiday an intrepid (given the recent and predicted weather!) group of the District Scout Fellowship went Camping on a farm at Rolvenden, Kent. We arrived on the Friday and set up in a field with beautiful views over the valley to the Kent and East Sussex Railway. The weather was kind whilst we got set up and we spent a pleasant first evening relaxing around a roaring fire.

Everyone coped well with the sparse facilities (in addition to the three caravans, there were flush toilets and hot showers!) and the weather was better than predicted. Volley ball, kites, radio-controlled cars and trivial pursuit (Yes the girls won) were all attempted along with twists, (dampers if you're a guide apparently) marshmallows and jelly on sticks around the fire.

On Saturday we all went separate ways, visiting various local places such as Brede Flower Festival and the nearby town of Tenterden; some opted for the swimming pool. Saturday evening we enjoyed a barbecue and again ended up around the fire. On Sunday, after a leisurely morning we walked (well, most of us - those who didn't have babies or weren't due to have one very soon!!) to the local pub/restaurant for a carvery lunch and enjoyed a good meal in pleasant company. Following lunch we sort of took over the local playpark and most of us reverted to a young age for half an hour or so! Later in the afternoon we helped Amanda celebrate her birthday with a shared tea, complete with jelly and ice cream. Amanda had to follow a blindfold string trails, with assorted obstacles of course, to her birthday presents. Vicki and Martin even managed to find us in the evening, after a long day with the flower festival, not to mention a number of services to conduct. Everyone self-catered and most brought their own cooking equipment, though three large gas barbecues were available for general use. This seemed to work really well in the circumstances and in this way everyone was able to manage their own choice of food and costs. Everyone was able to please themselves what they wanted to do during the camp and everyone mucked in with the few chores that did need doing. Unfortunately the weather, true to form decided to turn wet the following morning, just as we were packing up, so, like last year, we came home with wet tentage. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all.



### Child Protection

There are several leaders in the District whose CP is out-of-date.

There is a Child Protection Re-

resher Course on Monday 19th January 2009 20.00-21.30 in the Hastings/Bexhill area which is a progression from the original CP Course and will contain new and interesting material.

Ann Brownhill District Secretary

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Whilst we were at camp, one of our members, Ann Sandeman took part in the Relay for Life and raised loads of money for Cancer Research. Ann visited camp briefly to deposit her children with Auntie Becci (to allow her to complete the event) and relieve most

of us of any spare money! Well done Ann.

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## Beaver Mini Golf Tournament



Well it was a really wet and windy Saturday night but 45 Brave Beavers turned up for our District Mini Golf Tournament, held at the White rock Mini Golf Course on the 4th October.

Six Colonies were represented, Rye, Westfield, 11th, 5th, 18th and the 6th. All the Beavers had a really great time despite the weather. They finished the evening off with drinks and crisps.

All the Beavers that took part received a medal but the overall winner was James Vidler from the 18th Hastings Beavers,



Well done James, and well done to all the Beavers and leaders that turned up on a really stormy night, it goes to show that what ever the weather, what ever the age Scouting thrives on being out and about.



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## 6th Hastings Quiz Night

6th Hastings Scout Group is holding a Quiz Night on Friday 10th October 2008 7.30 for 8.00 start at the Rugby Club - £2.00 per head - teams of up to 6. All welcome!

## Smile :)

A down and out, tatty looking man walks into a posh restaurant desperately needing a meal. He asks the waiter if he can have a free meal and the waiter says, 'Absolutely not! This is an up market establishment and I'm going to have to ask you to leave.' The man says, 'If I can show you something amazing that you've never seen before will you give me a meal?' The waiter replies, 'OK, only if it is truly amazing and not crude.' The man pulls a hamster out of his pocket. It jumps off the table, runs across the room to the piano and begins playing songs. And, it is really good! The waiter is amazed and brings a hot meal to the man while the hamster plays. When the man finishes, he is still hungry and asks the waiter for a free dessert and coffee. The waiter says, 'No, sorry, unless you have money or another miracle, that's all you get.' The man says, 'OK!' and pulls a frog out of his pocket and sets it on the table. The frog begins singing the song that the hamster is playing on the piano! A man at another table rushes over and offers £200 for the singing frog. The man makes the trade and the fellow runs out of the restaurant with the frog to get him on the TV. The waiter says, 'Are you crazy? That singing frog is worth millions, not just £200.' The man replies, 'Not so. The hamster is also a ventriloquist. Now, bring that chocolate torte and coffee, please.'



## Scouts Association Rain Campaign



There's a dastardly move afoot for Water Companies to charge non-domestic customers (Scout Groups, Church Halls etc) for disposal of their rainwater. Although the local Water Companies have no immediate plans to implement a charge, Companies in the north and west do have plans to do so. If they are successful then it is only a matter of time until the rest of England is affected. This means that any Scout Group which owns it's own building could find itself with a charge based on site area.

To help stop this, there is an online petition set up. Please log on to

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/churchwaterbills/#detail>

Or even write to our MP.

For more info contact Head of Media Relations..

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## Cub Scouts Paris Trip May 2009



Cub Leaders - please see attached letter to hand to parents of Cubs who are attending the Paris Trip in May next year. There is a meeting for

those Cubs and their parents on Sunday 12th October at 6.15pm.

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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).

**We will be closed on Monday October 27th and Saturday November 1st for the half-term break. A reminder, Chief Scout Award Badges will only be sold to D.C./A.D.C's and Desc's.**

Contact the Scout Shop at 429054

Or 429206 (home)

[scoutshop@hastingscouts.org](mailto:scoutshop@hastingscouts.org)

## Fellowship Quiz Nite

Fellowship Quiz Nite  
Sat 18th Oct

7.30pm

Teams of up to 6 players, £10 per team.  
Bring own refreshments, tea & coffee provided.

Raffle

Venue to be announced in October Tom Tom

Contact Jane Hart for further details

01424 716599

[chatabox66@yahoo.com](mailto:chatabox66@yahoo.com)

Please book teams in advance

(not suitable for under 16's due to level of questions)



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Items for November 2008 Tom Tom should be with Gareth Moore

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By Monday 3rd November at the latest.

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