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be prepared . . .

As we approach the season of goodwill at the end of a challenging year for so many people, I would like to focus on the good news that continues to reach me from all across the County.

The interim census that we undertook in September shows that our youth membership has increased by a further 8%. In many Districts this is being reflected in the opening of new sections, units and Groups. Adult enquiries to join are increasing, although at a variable rate around the County, and the challenge is to convert as many of these as is possible into active support so that we can offer even more young people the opportunity to experience Scouting. To those of you that are rising to this opportunity go my thanks for I do realise the additional burden that this can place on you, in the short term at least, but you do so knowing that the longer term benefits for our young people will be considerable.

Our current youth membership also appears to be more active than ever. Recipients of Queen's Scout, Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's Awards are on the increase and this will have been reflected in the County Presentation afternoon that was held at the end of November. Obviously congratulations go to all those young people concerned, but we must not forget that behind each Award winner are Leaders/Adults from the section concerned and the Parents, Guardians and other family members who have supported them. Thanks to all of you.

So what about some New Year resolutions? Here a few suggestions:

1. Keep up the good work!
2. Remember why we, as Adults, are here. For the benefit of YOUNG PEOPLE.
3. Talk, but more importantly, listen to each other. Ensure that we all communicate effectively.
4. How can we get our young people to have a real voice in the County?

5. Think differently if it will improve Scouting and allow more young people to join.

I am sure that you could add many more of your own.

My sincere thanks to everyone for all that you have done over the past year and I know will continue to do in 2010. Best wishes to you all for a happy and hopefully relaxing Christmas.

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Health and Safety Advisor

Following the retirement of Adrian Brown, we need to recruit a Health and Safety Advisor for the County. Do you have skills in this area, or know anyone who might be able to take on this very important role? The person appointed does not necessarily have to have a current Scouting role, so if you have any friends or relatives who you think may be interested and would like to find out more about the role, please contact Marié in the County Office on 01342 826491 or at countyoffice@eastsussexscouts.org.uk Thank you.

The County Chronicle

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***We wish all our readers
a very merry
Christmas and best
wishes for a happy and
successful new year***

---AWARDS---

Congratulations to the following who have recently gained service awards:

Bar to the Award for Merit

Anthony Bremer, ACSL 1st Hampden Park, Eastbourne & District

Graham Clark, SL 23rd Eastbourne, Eastbourne & District

Award for Merit

Val Godwin, GSL 1st Willingdon, Eastbourne & District

Terry Moon, Group Chairman 1st Crowborough, Ashdown

Mike Standen, ACSL / Group Contact 1st Old Town, Eastbourne & District

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Susan Barber, BSL 1st Polegate, Eastbourne & District

Gillian Cherriman, GSA 1st Seaside, Eastbourne & District / APTSE, Hailsham & Heathfield

Mark Chessell, ASL 1st Hampden Park, Eastbourne & District

Peter Clark, ACSL 1st Brede / DC SL, Hastings, Rye & District

Christopher Dawson, CSL 1st Northiam, Hastings, Rye & District

Jean Firth, BSL 1st Willingdon, Eastbourne & District

Keith Griffiths, SL 7th Hastings / DSL, Hastings, Rye & District

Helen Hayler, CSL 4th Hastings, Hastings, Rye & District

Cathy Lucas, DSFM, Eastbourne & District

Paul Smithson, CSL 1st Old Town, Eastbourne & District

Barbara Sutton, ACSL 1st Polegate, Eastbourne & District

Linda Thompson, AAC Member, Eastbourne & District

----- Situation Vacant -----

LTM

Eastbourne District

Contact CTM for an informal chat

Hi. The Beaver Fun Day next year is organised as far as Perry and I can go, we are now waiting for you to let us know the number of your Beaver Scouts attending. Activities have to be bought or brought in, these are subject to the numbers we get. The sooner we know and the more we have attending we can increase or decrease our plans. This is your Beaver Scouts opportunity to visit Broadstone Warren and take part in activities they may not have tried before, so come on, fill those forms in and get them back to us a.s.a.p. You will also shortly be able to book your places on line at www.eastsussexscouts.org.uk but you will then need to send the money to me to confirm the number of places you need. The booking closes on 28th February 2010, this is to allow us time to order in the activities and get the badges produced. All monies must be received by this time. I have a large number of adults who have volunteered to help on the day, all we need now is your numbers! Please remember ALL ADULTS ATTENDING MUST BE CRB CLEARED, so you will need to get them to fill their forms in a.s.a.p to give enough time for them to be processed.

You will soon be making plans for next year, please invite Perry or myself to your activities or special events, we would love to come and meet your Beaver Scouts and see some of the things you get up to.

I am sure you are all in the throws of getting ready for Christmas, not only with your Beaver Scouts but also with your families. Perry and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and wish you all the best for 2010.

We look forward to seeing you at your Group and District events as well, of course, at the Beaver Fun Day!

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& Perry Puddefoot (CBSL)

Several things have happened since the last newsletter. Firstly I reached a milestone birthday (I was born on the same day as the M1 opened!) and duly celebrated with family and friends, a reminder of the importance of family life, something we must not forget when taking part in or organising Scouting events.

On the Cub Scout side, I have attended several events and meetings but two stand out for me. The first was a Sixers' Forum in Eastbourne. It was a chance for all packs in the District to provide a couple of sixers to put their point of view across. The maturity of the discussions, the concentration of the participants and the fun element all provided a very fruitful morning's activity. This is certainly an event that I would recommend other Districts try – I think many leaders would be pleasantly surprised by the ideas and comments put forward. Having recently attended a couple of adult meetings, I feel that we as adults could sometimes try and emanate the enthusiasm of the youngsters – I'm sure fun and humour add a lot to most situations, perhaps we get a bit too serious occasionally.

Secondly, like many others, I attended a Remembrance Day Parade with my group at Rottingdean. Despite it being cold and windy the turnout was large and the Cubs paraded proudly in their uniforms – without coats! An outdoor service followed attended by a wide cross section of the local community but youth members definitely in evidence. Despite being cold (I was absolutely frozen!) the Cub Scouts and indeed Beaver Scouts and Scouts were immaculately behaved and generally taking an interest. A credit to the movement.

Both these events show that the youngsters in our care are capable of much more than we expect. Sometimes we as leaders don't do things because we think the Cub Scouts won't cope or won't understand. Both these events clearly show that they are capable of more than we expect. My thought here is always aim high, expect the

most of all the young people in our care. We must continue to provide challenge and fun for all the Cub Scouts in East Sussex. Be adventurous at times and then reap the benefits.

BOOK THESE 2010 DATES NOW:

Saturday May 15th – Cub Scout Activity Day at Broadstone Warren. Full details in January. Cost - £12.

Saturday 11th to Sunday 12th Sept. - Bivouac Camp at Parkwood Campsite. Limited numbers. Booking commences in May.

Remember, if you have a Cub Event you would like me to attend just let me know. I am keen to get out and about seeing the great Cub Scouting that goes on around East Sussex.

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International Affairs

Firstly a big thank you to you all for inviting me to your report back evenings. I was very impressed at the high quality of International experiences that groups all over the County have provided for the young people this year.

Looking forward, I have had a couple of requests for Travel Abroad folders for next year, it is never too early to request a folder so if you are thinking of travelling overseas in 2010 please get in touch and get a folder. A form TA (Travel Abroad) needs to be complete for all trips abroad, from a day trip to France to a 6 month trek around the World.

Jamboree Update - In the last edition of the CC we announced that John Easton from Crowborough has been selected as Unit Leader. We have now interviewed and appointed the Assistant Leaders who are Graeme Monk from Bexhill and Kate Gurl and Louise Collis both from Hove. I must say that choosing four people to represent the County in Sweden from the long list of applicants, has been one of the most difficult tasks I have had to do in Scouting. Well done to every one who came for an interview I am sorry that I could not send you all to Sweden.

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Thank you

To everyone who has put in the time and effort to complete their training. As a County we have kept Gilwell Park busy! I would like to thank everyone who play their part for me as CTM, especially the LTM's and TA's who put in a lot of hard work.

LTM Hove & Portslade

I am pleased to formally welcome Bob Purcell as LTM for Hove & Portslade. Bob has agreed to take on this role which I am very grateful for and I know he has already started to get involved with sorting things out. Bob has a vast amount of Scouting experience and I am sure you will all welcome him so he can give you the support you need. As with most areas, he is short of TA's so if you think you have what it takes and are willing to share some of your experience with others please contact Bob either by phone, 01903723513, or email robert@purcell4468.fsnet.co.uk

LTM Lewes

I am pleased to formally welcome Phil Collins who has been appointed as LTM for Lewes District. Phil also has a vast amount of experience in Scouting and has been a member of the Adult Training Team for many years. He has made a positive start to the role and is making progress. We are aware this could be slow to start with but it is happening so please be patient and give Phil the support which I'm sure he will welcome. He can be contacted on 01323 504334 or email philip.c@tesco.net.

Past Modules

A few modules have taken place since the last newsletter and I would like to say a couple of things about module 18 in particular. Apart from module 16 this module takes the most co-ordinating as it relies on the participants returning their choice forms on time so it can all be put together, but particularly the organisation of the skills instructors. Many people just didn't return them which as time went by meant they had to be chased causing problems with the final plan. Anyone applying for this course in the future must make sure their choice form is returned by the date that is stated, at the latest. The course was run brilliantly by Melanie who took it over

from me for the first time. Well done Melanie and thank you for making it so successful.

Module Weekend

We tried for the first time to run a module weekend in September. This proved very successful with most courses being full to the brim. On the Friday evening we put on modules 14/15 to which I welcomed Don Kent (County Special Needs Advisor) who has now taken on this course and from the comments received and my own observations, has made it his own. Module 18 was on the Saturday and we finished on the Sunday with modules 8/9. May I thank everyone who made these modules the success they were, which includes the tutors, course leaders and the participants. Without the tutors and course leaders we would not be able to run these courses and without the participants obviously there would be no need for them, so once again a big thank you for giving up another weekend for Scouting.

Understanding Autism

Pete Comper is still available to run this for anyone in Districts or Groups. Please contact him for details - Pete.Comper@eastsussex.gov.uk

First Aid

A reminder that as from 1st January we are returning to delivering 1st Response first aid training and it has been agreed that all courses will be 'full' ones. There will be no refreshers. This has given me the chance to find other people who have the qualifications to deliver this module for us so it allows us to put it on in more areas around the County and also doesn't put too much added pressure on those who have been delivering it for us so far. Please note, though, they can only continue to travel around the County if you support them. Please always remember the training scheme is County based and there is often a need for participants to travel to a venue.

Important - Wood Badges & CRB

I have been informed by HQ that you must have a valid CRB disclosure recorded on My Backpack when an application for a Wood Badge is submitted. The application will be returned if this is not the case. This is in addition to having a valid First Aid qualification.

Latest list of completed Wood Badges. Congratulations to you all.

Ashdown

Edward Mower - ESL

Eastbourne

Peter Comper - DSNL
Darren Cheetham - ASL 1st Seaside
Tony Warwick - ASL 1st Anderida
Andy Hill SL - 1st Anderida
Joanna Bishop - ABSL 1st H/Park

Hove & Portslade

Jason Brown - SL 3rd Hove

Seahaven

Sharon Bishop - GSL Peacehaven & Telscombe Cliffs

County Team

Perry Puddefoot - CBSL
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Action Pact

Adults Only Weekend – Dartmoor

26th to 28th February 2010

Due to popular demand "Action Pact 2010" the adult's only, childfree weekend is in the planning stages so put the dates in your diary now. The accommodation is booked and we will be heading to Dartmoor. The weekend is intended to be a walking/social weekend. Our outline programme is to arrive Friday evening, have a full day's walking on Saturday followed by a relaxing evening. There will be a half-day walk on the Sunday returning home Sunday evening. The walks will be tailored to your individual needs. The area also has some climbing and mountain biking.

The cost for the weekend is £55.00 which is fully inclusive; all you need to organise is how to get there. (Please feel free to bring your own beer, wine etc to help you unwind).

Places are limited so to get your name on the list or for further information please contact Ian Lamb or Albert Hinton at athinton@btinternet.com, ☎:01273 549835 or 07801 563353 or write enclosing a SAE to: 38 Chester Terrace, Brighton, BN1 6GB

NEW COUNTY WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that the East Sussex County website has been re-launched with a new look and much improved functionality.

The county team were keen to provide a website that could welcome public visitors with a clean, professional look, whether they are looking for general information on Scouting in East Sussex or are looking to find out how to join. The other main aims were to provide a useful resource for leaders, and to take the opportunity to replace the existing training website.

The new website accommodates public visitors with links to the recruiting material on scouts.org, and enables parents to fill in an online form if they have a membership enquiry. Contact details and a simple online form are also provided enabling them to get in touch with the county office.

Perhaps the area of the site with the greatest potential though, is the Members Area.

The Members Area can only be accessed once you have registered as a user; there is a process whereby once you have registered we will check your credentials to ensure you are a genuine member before approving your access. This is normally completed within 24 hours as it usually only involves a quick check of the relevant District directory, which are all held at the county office. As you would expect, all personal data is correctly handled and is only used for County Scouting purposes.

Once your access is approved, when you login to the website you will see a 'Members Area' menu, and a 'Training' Menu.

The Members Area contains at launch a 'Member Profile' which allows you to edit your information, and a directory for the County Team and District Commissioners. It also has a downloads area which contains useful templates for all sections, as well as a section for photographs and news for members.

Currently under development is an events system which will be used to publicise and handle registrations for County events.

The Training section is being built in stages; at launch we have a directory of training contacts and a new online booking system for training courses. It displays currently available courses, the places available on each course, and even if you apply for a fully-booked course you go on a waiting list and will automatically get a place if someone drops out. Course venue information is now also available online.

In the future we will be adding training material, module information and handouts, as well as photos of modules 'in action'!

The website has a mailing facility, which we intend to use this to keep everyone up to date with County news, updates and information regarding training and upcoming events. We know communication is important and are keen to make sure we do our bit.

We do, of course, ask everyone to ensure that those without internet access or with special needs are given due consideration to ensure they have a means of accessing the information and tools available on the website, either by acting on their behalf, or by passing news on. Please contact Gordon Titherly, County Training Manager, for assistance with booking people in this position onto training courses.

This is hopefully just the beginning for the new website, and we have a number of ideas for other useful additions. We welcome feedback using the page provided in the members area, but please bear in mind that the site developer is a volunteer with other Scouting responsibilities, the impossible we can do, but miracles take a little longer!

SO, please go to the website at www.eastsussexscouts.org.uk and use the link on the left hand side which reads 'Register for the Members Area' to sign-up.

NETEX

The first Netex challenge camp was held on Saturday 21st September. The camp, organised (rather expertly) by EDSFAT was held at Bushy Wood and offered an opportunity for teams of Explorers, Network and Leaders to participate in challenges against each other. Interestingly though, there was also a competition for the winner of the weekend as a whole. Because of this twist, from the word go, the camp had a palpable sense of competition, with the Explorers wanting to upstage the Leaders, the Leaders not wanting to look like fools and Network trying to forge a reputation as the elite. Had Network actually had a contingent there, they may have stood a chance. EDSFAT laid on a blistering array of challenges and entertainment, ranging from timed patrol tent pitching, to laser beam obstacle courses, and not forgetting of course the obligatory wide game. The highlight of the weekend though had to be the First Aid incident, this was far and away from the standard resusci Annie and tying a sling most of us are used to. We're talking blood, gore, heart attacks and an all too realistic mock up

of a car accident. This was quite clearly EDSFAT's party piece, and they must be commended as it was genuinely shocking, and a valid insight into what it would actually feel like in that situation. All in all this was a very well thought out, acutely executed and enjoyable challenge camp. EDSFAT plan on running this camp annually, and with time I can see this being a real calendar highlight. When the date of the next one is released I implore you all to book it in your diary IMMEDIATELY, camps like this need our support and more fundamentally it's a great way of gauging where we as Leaders, Explorers and Network need to hone our skills.

Oh and in case you were wondering, Hastings, Rye and District Explorers won the inter-Explorers competition, and the Hastings, Rye and District Leaders won the inter-Leaders competition. As for the overall winners of the weekend, let's just say the student, is not yet the Master.

Luciano Frige, (AESL Hastings & Rye)



"Chit - Chat"

Hello again

Well, we have had an interesting couple of months! There has been quite a lot going on. We have had our first look at SAS Scout Active Support, this has been met by a variety of anticipation and some "what the heck-----!"

I think that SAS will help both Groups and Districts with some issues although it may not help with all the problems. It will be down to the local managers to utilise the SAS Units to the best of their abilities. I have to admit that here in East Sussex we should not have too much trouble with the transition.

I would like to say a BIG Thank You to all the "Fellowships" for their enthusiasm at the last meeting. We had a very GOOD discussion about the SAS and what it may bring. Every Fellowship was represented and having our CC present was useful, as he had come hot foot from a Regional gathering and was able to fill in some of the blanks and answer some important questions. We had a long chat about the "CRB" changes and how this may affect us as Fellowship/SAS teams in the future. The report back from EDSFAT re: the NETEX event was VERY positive, although John did explain that the take up was limited.

Next time maybe we as SAS/Fellowships can help with the promotion of such an event? 2010 should see our Districts getting ready for the WSJ2011, please use your Fellowships to help with the selection camps as I know they really do want to be a part of the WSJ experience at whatever level they can.

Remember the knowledge they have is ALWAYS useful so please use them.

I have been encouraged by some comments from leaders around the County, who have contacted their Fellowships (for the 1st time) and have had the help they requested and more. (let's hope they call

again) So THANK YOU for involving your Support Unit.

Well that's it for 2009, I hope you all have a ☺

Thank you for your support and may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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22nd World Jamboree Sweden 2011



22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011
22nd Jamboree Scout Mondial Suède 2011

As Mark introduced me in the last Chronicle, I thought it only right that I penned a few words for the next ones, leading up to, during and perhaps if I still have any sanity left, one after the Jamboree in 2012.

A lot has happened in the few weeks since the leaders selection process and before I go into what has been happening and what is planned over the next few months, please let me introduce the team; Kate Gurl and Louise Collis are from Hove and Graeme Monk is from Hastings so with me from Crowborough, we've got a fairly even spread across the County. We have already got excellent back-up support from Mark Lloyd (ACC International) and Becci Marchant (ACC Explorer Scouts), in addition to the support already shown us by District Commissioners, DESC's, GSL's, ESL's and SL's across the County. The experience amongst the Jamboree team is excellent and I'm really keen to get the young people on board so that we can start building the unit to go to the Jamboree in 2011.

Districts have already planned their selection procedures and are scheduled to run from now until March so that all those who hope to be selected will know if they have been successful by April 1st 2010. We can then get our first meeting underway.

For those of you that may be new to World Scout Jamborees (I know I am one of those!), take a look around the web site

www.worldscoutjamboree.se and see what the Swedish people are putting on for over 40,000 people during July and August 2012.

Over the next few months leading up to the Jamboree, we have day meetings as well as camps organised, but if you want someone from the Unit to come along to your section to talk about the Jamboree, please let one of the leadership team know and we'll see if we can get someone there.

The next report will hopefully include the names of all those who have been lucky enough to have been selected. I am sure you will have someone you know who will be attending the next World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2012 and so you'll be able to share in their excitement and anticipation.

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2007 Centenary Scarves

Hi all, I am seeking any unused (i.e. no badges on) 2007 centenary scarves (the purple ones with the stars on), in either adult or youth sizes. The 11th Eastbourne are off to Austria in 2010 and I have a cunning plan for fundraising whilst we are there so need to get as many as I can (and yes I am aware scout shops are flogging them for silly money - am negotiating with them too). Ideally I'd like them as a donation to us as a gesture to support our fundraising, but if anyone is a bit strapped for cash will happily make a donation. So, if anyone has any kicking around they do not need, please bear us in mind. Many thanks, Marc.

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Due to lack of space in this edition, the

"DID YOU REALISE?"

Feature has been held over until the March publication

County Brecon Beacons Expedition 26th-30th October

Eleven Scouts and seven Leaders from six different Districts went to the Brecon Beacon Beacons in the October half term to do the Scout Hillwalker Badge. The venue used was the bunkhouse at Cantreff and the event was led by Albert Hinton, County Hill Walking Advisor and Assessor. The course was divided into three groups, led by Rob Burgoyne, Tony Thompson and Andrew Basford, who were supported by Ian Lamb (ACC Activities) and Dave Schildkamp. There were three walking days. Tuesday was chiefly in the wild area where high winds and mist at 2000 feet kept us off the tops and made navigation more challenging. Very few walkers were encountered apart from groups of squaddies from a nearby army base. Wednesday was the best day for weather and full advantage of the good views were taken with hikes in the far west of the Brecons including Fan Hir, Fan Brycheinlog and Bannau Sir Gaer, all at around 2500 feet. Of particular interest in the area were several old plane crashes and one group navigated to two of these sites. The first was an Anson lost in 1939, the scene of which being marked by a metal plaque and the second was a Vampire jet which crashed in 1953. Here the Scouts were fascinated because the fuselage parts are largely still intact. Amongst the birds observed on that day were buzzards, red kites and ostriches (ok – these were on a farm with llamas!) On the final day several peaks were climbed including the two highest in the area, Pen Y Fan and Corn Du, both close on 3000 feet. Unfortunately low cloud had returned so there were no views from the tops. On the final evening all the groups gave a short verbal report on their experiences and a presentation was made to Gerald for his excellent catering. Thanks to the organisation of Albert, assisted by Ian, it was a good course, helped by mild weather and enthusiastic Scouts. However, a word of warning to Scout Leaders. Next time, please apply in good time. This course was nearly cancelled because only four applications were received by the closing date. Fortunately 1st Little Common came up with five applications which saved the day!

Dave Schildkamp

National Scout Air Rifle Championships

This year was the 32nd National Scout Air Rifle Championships. Organised by Hampshire Scout Rifle Club, they were originally held at Walton Firs Scout Camp Site but moved to the National Shooting Centre at Bisley in Surrey a few years ago. The Championships have grown in popularity with approximately 760 competitors taking part this year. The event takes place over a weekend in October and competitors aged 12 and above from across the Country take part.

All competitors are expected to have fired air rifles before attending as this is a competition. Due to the various Classes of entry some competitors bring their own air rifles and pistols to the event. With the Championships now being held at Bisley, there is the opportunity to fire both small bore and full bore rifles as well as air rifles. I have attended the event with members of Pegasus Troop from Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs Scout Group since 2001. This year

members of Dragoons ESU also attended. Normally I go along to do the cooking for those attending but this year I thought I would have a go in the small bore competition. There were three entry classes for this competition, Class X for those who fire on a regular basis and probably have their own rifles and equipment, Class A for those who have fired before and Class B for beginners. Having fired small bore, albeit not since 1969, I entered Class A and to my surprise I won the Silver Medal for the Class. Well worth the entry fee!

Next year's Championship will take place in October with entries having to be sent in during July. If you would like to take part, and the Championship is open to Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Scout Network and Adults, details can be obtained from Hampshire Scout Rifle Club. John Dohoo is the contact [Assistant County Commissioner and UK Technical Adviser (Shooting)] at John.Dohoo@scouts-hants.org.uk

Ian Edmed

DC Seahaven District



Overland Hike



What is it: A two day competition hike on the South Downs for Scouts over 12 years old and Explorer Scouts. Teams of 4 walk 15 miles on the Saturday and 10 miles on the Sunday. They complete incidents on the way and are also judged on their camping and hiking skills.

When is it: 27 / 28th March 2010

Who is it for: All Explorer Scouts and all Scouts over 12 years of age. Each section competes in their own competition.

Why Bother: It's great training for D of E expeditions, preparation for the Chief Scouts Gold Award or Chief Scouts Diamond Award and many other awards

To find out more about this exciting event contact: Albert Hinton on 07801 563353 or Email: info@overlandhike.com

Look out for the rule book and entry form dropping through your letterbox near Christmas.