



## DC's Column

Where has 2009 gone? I really cannot believe I am writing an article for the December newsletter but here I am and for the vast majority of you it will be sent to your mailbox electronically. BUT are you going to receive it, ARE you going to read it. Why do we have a newsletter, which I have to say is the envy of some others? Scouting is busy, it creates lots of news, events, activities, awards, opportunities and we need to be able to COMMUNICATE with you all, in a quick and timely manner at low cost. Print it off if you need to, still put a copy on your notice board to reach a wider audience but please READ it! I will be watching very closely to make sure you all still get the newsletter via your GSL and their INBOX. Let me know if you are happy with this arrangement. At this point, I must thank Roger for his continued support as our Editor and trust that this arrangement will make the job lighter for him with little paper/envelopes and postage to worry about.

Across the District we all came together on Remembrance Sunday at moving events in Stone Cross, Polegate, Willingdon and the Town Centre. We are always warmly welcomed and there is no doubt that today's conflicts are bringing us a painful reminder of the need to understand and remember the sacrifice made for our peace.

This month above all others has made me realise how many people go the extra mile to support Scouting for our young people. There are so many in our District who hold more than one appointment, there are many who always offer to help out when a call is made. One day, November 14 speaks for itself. What a brilliant day! (I won't talk about the weather). It started seeing Scouts and Explorer Scouts wanting to go to WSJ2011 in Sweden earnestly listening to John Easton, County Contingent Leader explain what will be in store for them as they apply for a selection place. This was followed by Art & Crafts events for both the Beaver Scouts at Bushy

Wood and the Cub Scouts at Oakwood School. It was fascinating visiting both events and being able to see how two events can showcase the difference in style and age ranges between each section and yet both have very similar themes with Christmas approaching. To everyone who supported Tracey and Nicola, thank you, it was obvious you were enjoying it and I know the Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts certainly did. Finally I made a dash to the Arndale Centre where tickets sales for the Car Raffle were showing great results, at close the of the day we had raised £770 and many smiles on Scout Fellowship faces showed.

So the extra mile is very evident and certainly happening at the moment as we are making detailed arrangements to host the Queen's Scout and Chief Scout Gold Award ceremony at the Royal Hippodrome Theatre. Thank you so much for all the efforts you make in so many ways to ensure our Scouting is vibrant and successful.

Twice this month I have met many people who have supported Scouting in the District in past years, first at the Kingfishers 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary party and at the official opening of Gerry's Garden at Bushy Wood, both of which were special and unique events. It was very evident that they still hold Scouting very close to their hearts. All were very interested to hear of our current successes and work underway and many of them are still quietly supporting us in their own way. It was intriguing to talk to people who recalled the early days of the purchase of Bushy Wood before buildings of any kind were established. I wonder what we will remember as milestones in our Scouting journey.

I must also mention our Cub Scouts from the 11<sup>th</sup> Eastbourne who were fantastic stars of BBC TV South East and Children in Need raising over £700 for a sponsored 'doughnut eating' at Drusillas. Truly living out their Promise to help other people, great fun, great publicity on the night for Scouting and for one Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Carla, fame forever with her face in a doughnut!

Finally, as the year draws to a close and we look forward to centenary celebrations, enjoy your Christmas events within your Groups. Please enjoy the break and rest from Scouting. I wish you all a truly happy Christmas with your family and friends and an exceptionally good New Year in 2010.

If you wish to contact me, please feel free to do so, either by phone on 01323 646350 or email at [dc@eastbournescouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@eastbournescouts.org.uk).

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## 2010 Programme

Enclosed with this issue of Scouting News are copies of next year's District Programme and Meetings. As usual, please feel free to reproduce these as required and distribute them accordingly. Suggestion: enlarge the Activities Programme 140% to A3 for display on your notice board.

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## 2010 Directory

Copies of the new District Directory were distributed to GSLs at last month's GSLs Meeting. As usual, a copy has been provided for every Section and so all Section Leaders should now have received theirs. Also, this year, for the first time, copies were provided for Group Executives. I hope you like the new design, and do let me know if you'd like a pdf version and I'll happily e-mail you one.

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## Eastbourne Scouting News

As usual, Eastbourne Scouting News will not be published in January. The deadline for contributions for the next edition (February 2010) is 21<sup>st</sup> January.

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## ESN Distribution

Further to the notice in the last issue, this topic was discussed fully at the last GSLs Meeting. The result is that from this issue onwards, the great majority of you will now receive your Newsletter via e-mail from your "line manager" instead of directly from the Editor. Apart from saving money, this makes for a far more streamlined and reliable system and will not only guarantee that everyone entitled to receive it will actually do so, but will also avoid copies being posted unnecessarily to those who are no longer involved. Therefore, apart from the individuals who will receive it direct, the following people will also become distributors: GSLs will distribute to their Group; the Fellowship and BWMC Secretary will distribute to Fellowship (both e-mail and paper recipients) and to BWMC members (who do not get it from elsewhere); the Warden will distribute to the Deputy Wardens; and the Appointments Chairman will distribute to the AAC (who do not get it from elsewhere). Hopefully that covers everyone (and more!), so if you do not receive your copy, you now know who to contact – assuming you've received this issue if course!

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

It is with great pride that EDSFAT is able to announce the purchase of a new front line ambulance. The new vehicle will replace the ageing Iveco which has been with EDSFAT for 7+ years. The new ambulance provides a dedicated treatment area with equipment readily to hand. It is also fitted with a rear ramp to reduce manual handling and to assist casualties into the vehicle. We are now in the final stages of preparing the vehicle for the event season next year including adding our name and logo to the side and rear. This new ambulance will also ensure that we are compliant with the current (and future proposed) emissions limits set for the new London Low Emissions Zone. This will ensure we can still provide first aid cover to campsites such as Downe in Kent.



If anyone would like to have the ambulance brought to a Group evening for the young people to have a look around, please drop us a line to arrange a date and time.

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## **Bowling / LazerQuest Competition**

Entry forms for the Scout Bowling / LazerQuest Competition on 19<sup>th</sup> February are being circulated separately direct to Scout Leaders. Please can you ensure that this is returned to Barry Selth (ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Hampden Park) by the 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the latest. The team forms should be brought with you to the competition. Please note that the start and finishing times are earlier this year which is due to Lloyds Lanes earlier evening entertainment. This means, however, that we get a slightly cheaper evening which includes a meal, taken at the end of all the games but before the presentations. So get practising, and get your forms to me on or before the closing date!

Barry Selth (01323 500716)

## **District Diary**

- Dec 9 Appointments Meeting
- Jan 9/10 WSJ Selection Camp (S & ES)
- Jan 12 Bushy Wood Management Mtg
- Jan 13 Appointments Meeting
- Jan 18 District Team Meeting
- Jan 23 Awards Evening (ES)
- Jan 25 Scout Leaders Meeting
- Jan 25 Cub Scout Leaders Meeting
- Jan 26 Beaver Scout Leaders Meeting
- Feb 1 Census Returns
- Feb 1 GSLs/Commissioners Meeting
- Feb 4 Awards Panel Meeting
- Feb 6 Sixers Forum (CS)
- Feb 7 Bronze CSA Reception (BS)
- Feb 8 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting
- Feb 17 Appointments Meeting
- Feb 19 Ten-Pin Bowling / LazerQuest (S)
- Feb 22 District Executive Meeting
- Mar 8 Scout Leaders Meeting
- Mar 8 Cub Scout Leaders Meeting
- Mar 17 Beaver Scout Leaders Meeting
- Mar 17 Appointments Meeting
- Mar 20 Camp Cooking Competition (S)
- Mar 23 Bushy Wood Management Mtg
- Mar 27 Skills Day (CS)
- Mar 27/8 Overland Hike (S & ES)

We would like to wish  
all our readers a very  
Happy and Peaceful  
Christmas and hope  
all your wishes and  
aspirations for 2010  
are fulfilled.

