



DC's Column

Christmas is but a memory! I loved the Beaver Scout trip to the cinema to see Arthur Christmas, I have never seen so much popcorn consumed in such a short time! A few day later I joined several adults at the Cumberland Hotel for the leaders event which was a really enjoyable evening. No popcorn but a lovely meal. It would have been good to see more of you there and I will canvass you all later in 2012 about attending a future get together. Thanks to Nicola and Sacha for those opportunities.

I hope you are all back in the throes of Scouting ready for the challenges and excitement of 2012. Very early in the New Year we saw our latest District Explorer Scout Unit (Helios) open with Hannah, T-J and Malisse leading the Unit. This now means the waiting lists are virtually non-existent and we have good coverage across the town making it easier for young people to attend, particularly from the eastern parts of town and the opportunity of Explorer Scouting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays plus of course, Kyros the ES Young Leader Unit working Monday -Friday in your local groups.

And then.....Goldilocks & the Three Bears, Avatar Scout Network turned this panto into a hilarious adult version. If you were not there you missed a treat. Well done to all of you.

Not be outdone our Active Support Units held their Christmas/New Year celebrations in January. EDSFAT had a tremendous black tie OSCARS night combined with a fabulous formal dinner at Bushy Wood. EDSAS members gathered for a lovely Sunday lunch at Chalk Farm hotel. Afterwards I presented Frank Woods with his 40 year Long service award, a truly remarkable record and it was good to be able to present it amongst so many who have shared that time with him, supporting Scouting in the District.

But now to 2012 and it's time to have fun and celebrate Scouting as only we can!

Plans are under wraps for the District Camp **ALL WILL BE REVEALED ON 6TH FEBRUARY AT THE ADC/GSL MEETING!** So please make sure your Group is represented, harass your GSL to be certain the details reach you and your young people.

We proved with TWiTS what a great atmosphere we can create, we have had a two year rest to charge our batteries

It will be different, we are attempting something never seen at Bushy before, but it will be FUN!!! We need you all there to make it happen, no drop outs, no excuses, come and enjoy!

Thank you to those of you who have entered your contact details on to the District website. If you are one of the few still to enter your details, please do so. There is a clear link to each Scout Group entry so it's not difficult to do.

We will be using the website to upload all the District camp details so do not delay.

Plans are also underway for St George's Day and the draft proposals will be discussed at the ADC/GSL meeting and once confirmed will be uploaded to the website.

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

Christine Skinner (DC)

Appointments

District Appointments:

Helen Preston	District Beaver Scout Leader
Laura Pratt	AESL - Spiro ESU
Tony (TJ) Johnston	AESL – Helios ESU
Gordon Titherly	ESU Assistant- Kyros ESU

Group Appointments:

James Packer ACSL	1 st Anderida
Suchanat Raspu	CS Section Asst, 11 th Ebn
Brian Peirce	BS Section Asst, 11 th Ebn

Welcome and thank you for taking these roles to support Scouting in the District DC

Service Awards

The following Long Service Awards have been received which shows considerable dedication and support to Scouting, which is truly appreciated. Both Viki and Neil have completed earlier service to Scouting in groups outside Eastbourne and we appreciate their continuing service for us. DC

5 Year service

Rob Kent First Polegate
Victoria (Viki) Allen 2nd Willingdon

15 Year service

Neil Pennells 11th Eastbourne

25 Year service

Mike Standen 1st Old Town

40 Year service

Frank Woods EDSAS

Explorer Awards and Quiz Night

Eastbourne Explorer Scouts will be holding their annual Achievement Awards and Quiz Night on Saturday 11th Feb, 6pm-9pm at Willingdon School, Broad Road. This will also feature a World Scout Jamboree 2011 Report from some of the Eastbourne contingent. All are welcome, the quiz has cash prizes and last year was a great success. Entry £2 for over 18s, £1 for under 18s and under fives are free. Please contact Sacha before 9th February if you would like to attend.

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'Win a Car' Raffle



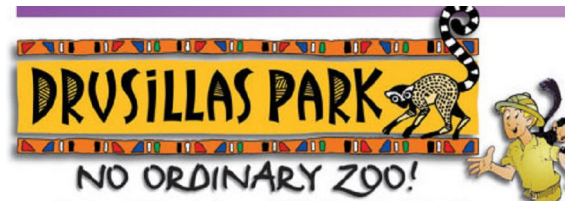
We raised £679 at our day in the Arndale Centre selling 'Win a Car' raffle tickets. Many thanks to the loyal band of people who once again turned up to help sell the tickets.

Darrell Harris (District Secretary)

Helios ESU

On behalf of Eastbourne Explorers and the leadership team I would like to welcome the newest unit to join us. "Helios" ESU met for the first time on 3rd January with eight members and are already gaining numbers. They will be meeting at Priory Road Scout Hut, Langney, every other Tuesday from 7.30-9.30pm and we look forward to giving even more young people the opportunity to continue their Scouting.

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Drusillas Park are offering a special discounted rate of £9.50 per person (and a 1:6 free leader ratio) for groups again this year. Their usual summer admission price is £16.50. To qualify for these discounted prices prior booking is necessary.

They are also able to offer discounted packed lunches or BBQ's, goody bags and fun workbooks. Animal encounter sessions may also be available depending on time of year and availability (prior booking for these will be necessary and will incur an additional cost of £1 per child).

There is no maximum limit to the number of people you can take but for education sessions they are limited to a maximum of 30 children at a time in the classroom.

To showcase what Drusillas have to offer, you are invited to their Open Day, which is being held on Saturday 3rd March 2012. If you would like to attend (and take a guest free of charge) please let them know so that they can book you in and post you an admission ticket.

If you would like to attend the open day, book a group visit or have any enquiries regarding their service please email carla.dray@drusillas.co.uk or telephone 01323 874117.

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