

DC's Column

Our Centenary events are gathering pace fast, the Challenge certificates are rolling off the presses so please do not leave yours to the last minute as it takes a considerable amount of time to ensure they are all done, correct and distributed.

The Oakleaf Hike was a brilliant event and all the Cub Scouts appeared to be very tired and happy when I met them on Sunday morning. The event is now subject to a review by the Cub Scout forum and we will see what format the event takes for the next century! My thanks are due to all those adults who helped organise and man the event and all those who walked with the Cub Scouts.

A good number of Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts had a fun packed day at Broadstone Warren, organised by their ACC's. These events are special and I would encourage you to ensure as many of your young people as possible get the opportunity to take part. Check the 2010 activities list in the District Directory for the next events that are due and make sure your Group is represented at your ADC meetings to pick up the latest information for any additional events.

Sunday May 23rd at Uckfield Civic Centre was a very special day for our Chief Scout award recipients and our Queen's Scout Award recipient, Tony Carmody. All the parents and supporters there witnessed the best of East Sussex Scouting and Eastbourne

in particular. I felt very honoured to be amongst their company and to note that out of 42 recipients 21 came from this District. Tony's certificate was presented and the citation, duly signed by the Queen, was read out and met with pride by his family and everyone present. These young people are a credit to themselves and to you, their leaders. They were presented with their awards by Martin Gerrard, the Regional Commissioner, who was equally impressed by our presence but as I explained to him, I am here to motivate and support you, the success of our young people is your guidance and their commitment, so thank you to everyone who has played a part in helping these young people achieve due recognition and a welcome credit on their CV's.

I am conscious this is the last newsletter before Timewarp in Tents. I cannot believe it is nearly here. The numbers booked in are tremendous and the organisers led by Ian Watling are pulling out all the stops we can to make it a Centenary event to remember for the next 100! So enjoy it for all it represents in our Scouting.

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)



Centenary Challenge 42

Write a report on a Scouting event for the District Newsletter

St Georges Day Parade

Jordan and I met the leaders and Beavers on the sea front. Squirrel chose me to carry the flag. It was heavy but I enjoyed it and I felt proud. We all marched along the seafront to Princes Park. We sat down and listened to people talking about St George and the Dragon. We all said our Beaver promise. Now for the fun part. We did a District conga, the Hokey Cokey and a big pass the parcel. The last thing we did was to eat cake, crisps and have a drink. I enjoyed it, but it was not as good as last year and it was very, very cold.

Joshua Willoughby - 1st Hampden Park

St Georges Day Parade

Mum took me and my brother to the seafront to meet the Beavers and leaders. I stood at the back with Sam. We marched along the seafront to the park. We could hear the band play. All the Beavers did the conga and the Hokey Cokey and pass the parcel together. We had a drink, crisps and cake. I didn't enjoy it as much as last year.

Jordan Willoughby - 1st Hampden Park

District Diary

- Jun 1 Bushy Wood Management Mtg
- Jun 4 Explorer Scout Team Meeting
- Jun 6 County ES Ultimate Frisby Comp
- Jun 9 Appointments Meeting
- Jun 10 Awards Panel Meeting
- Jun 12 CS Sixers Forum

Jun 18-20 Time Warp in Tents

- Jul 3-4 Acorn Hike (S & ES)
- Jul 5 District Team Meeting
- Jul 9 District AGM
- Jul 10-11 Gilwell 24 (ES)
- Jul 14 Appointments Meeting
- Sep 6 Scout Leaders Meeting
- Sep 6 Cub Scout Leaders Meeting
- Sep 10 Explorer Scout Forum
- Sep 11-12 County CS Bivouac Camp
- Sep 14 Beaver Scout Leaders Meeting
- Sep 15 Explorer Scout Forum
- Sep 15 Appointments Meeting
- Sep 18-19 NETEX (ES, NS, Leaders)
- Sep 19 'Have a Go Day' Broadstone Warren
- Sep 20 GSL/Commissioners Meeting

Old Newsletters

Further to my article in last month's issue, could I please make an appeal for some past copies of our District Newsletters. . . . Two issues in particular that I would be pleased to acquire are June 1997 (light blue) and September 2001 (bright yellow). Also, any issues at all from the period 1988 to 1994 would be very gratefully received. Please have a rummage and see if I can relieve you of any unwanted copies. Thank you.

Holiday - Please note that I will be away for two weeks immediately following TWITs, i.e. from Monday 21st June to Tuesday 6th July, so any e-mails received during that time will not be acknowledged until my return.

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Anderida Scouts Clean Up!

On Weds 19th May, twenty nine of the 1st Anderida Scouts in one hour walked from Normans Bay Caravan Park, along the beach to Pevensey Bay. Whilst on their walk they each carried a bin bag and wore protective gloves and between them all they collected about 1000ltrs of rubbish. The rubbish included plastic and glass bottles, tin cans, paint tins, lots of parts of fishing nets, varying items of fishing tackle and odd shoes. A local resident passed comment: "That in all his many years living along this stretch of beach he had never seen anyone collecting rubbish!" He then thanked the Scouts with a donation towards their chips. This effort by each Scout has not only gone towards part of their 'Community Challenge Award', but was rewarded at the end of the evening by some well earned chips from the "Roses Fish Bar".

Tony Warwick (ASL 1st Anderida)



BUSHY WOOD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

Well here we are - the centenary year of Eastbourne and District Scouts and what an exciting year it's been so far. Bushy Wood has a climbing wall and an archery range! St George's Day was back in the open and rumour has it there's this big camp planned for this month!

I think it's brilliant the way the Bushy team have been working hard over the last couple of years to develop Bushy and manage it not only as 'OUR' District campsite but also as a business that will ensure that young people have somewhere to escape but also financially secure the future of Scouting in Eastbourne and District. There has been great excitement surrounding the climbing wall at Bushy. I'm the first to admit I never thought it would happen and its got me thinking. I've spoken to Marc on a number of occasions and he's got some great ideas, Bushy can be both a local District Campsite and also an Activity Centre attracting not only Scouts from Eastbourne but Scouts, Guides, schools and college groups from all around the country.

So how can we help? As one of the 100 challenges, the young members of the District had to collect 100 pennies for the Mayors charity. 100 pennies? For a Cub or Scout that was a worthy challenge, but for Explorers, Network, Leaders, parents and friends I'm setting the bar a bit Higher. DON'T SPEND A PENNY AND SAVE A TONNE OF BROWN STUFF!

Starting from when you read this I challenge you not to spend a penny until OCTOBER 9th. That's just over four months of not spending a penny! (Now I'd hate to discriminate so if you don't want to save other coin's such as 2p's 5p's and even £10 notes! I won't mind).

9th of October I hear you ask... What's the significance of that day? Well I'll tell you! It's the only Saturday the Arndale Centre had available when I'm not camping with the explorers or doing a bonfire parade with the band.

The Arndale Centre were really keen to have us in the main square raising money for Bushy Wood so I couldn't refuse. Here's the Challenge again. Between now and October 9th save all your coppers, ask friend, family your Cubs, Scouts, their parents, anyone who has fond memories of Bushy, and on October 9th deliver them to the Arndale Centre where I will be collecting them as well as having a fundraising stall for Bushy Wood. See if we can help raise money to develop Bushy and support its Growth.

For more information please email me at bushyappeal@googlemail.com or call me on 07870 408913. Thank you in advance

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