



DC's Column

Apart from the diversion of snow causing disruption to meetings, February has wizzed by and I cannot believe I am writing for the March newsletter.

February has proved to be a delightful month, I firmly believe my role is about supporting you and it was a tremendous pleasure to take part in the Electra Awards evening and recognise the achievements of young people who are really enjoying being part of a very successful Explorer Unit. Congratulations to all the award recipients and my personal thanks to the whole adult team who make it happen.

I have also caught up with Beaver Scouts at 1st Anderida having a great time being part of the parish life at St Luke's Church pantomime, I did not dare ask them for their views on the Dame (aka the Vicar) but he was hilarious. Well done Beaver Scouts and thank you to Darren Reace for giving up so much time to let them join in the fun.

The cold weather was certainly not dampening the Scouts enthusiasm whilst receiving sound tuition from EDSFAT for their Emergency Aid 3 badge. It was good to see the knowledge being imparted to them. The next time I found them they were having a great time at Lloyds Lanes, bowling and with Laser Quest. Thanks go to Barry Selth for another fun event, and despite the computer glitches managed to manually come up with figures to identify the winning teams in time for everyone to know the results before time to head home, which was no mean feat. A first for me too, several people were amused to hear I had never ventured into a bowling alley before but I had to admit being brought up in a country village in the 60's, such opportunities were just not available!

I know some of you were concerned about the date of the plans for our 2010 celebration, I have tried to listen to all the points of view expressed and at the last GSL/ADC meeting it was agreed to revert back to the original date of June 18th-20th 2010. Please now do all you can to support it, put the dates firmly in your diary. The organisers have 16 months to make it happen and you have 16 months to ensure you and your young people enjoy a fantastic

opportunity to gather together, have fun and celebrate.

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)

Service Award

The 15 Year Service Award has been awarded to Valerie Godwin, which shows tremendous dedication and support to Scouting which is truly appreciated. DC.

Gold Chief Scout's Award Presentations

Many Congratulations to Jack Tucker-Feltham from 1st Old Town Scout Troop and Joel Reading of the 23rd Eastbourne Scout Troop on receiving their Gold Chief Scouts Awards at Bexhill High School on 30th November. Also many thanks to all the leaders and helpers in these groups who have helped these young people along the way to achieve their awards.

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Tenpin Bowling & LaserQuest

I wish to extend my thanks to everyone who supported this year's competition. There were 24 Scout teams and 4 Leader teams who, in the nicest possible way, battled it out to become the champions. The winners were:

Scout Bowling – Muppets Unleashed (1st Seaside)

Top scorer – Blue Dyer (1st Seaside)

Scout LaserQuest – The Golden Shots (1st Willingdon)

Top scorer – Sirius Roszak (1st Willingdon)

Leader Team – Seaside Slickers (1st S/S)

A list of the winners are being sent out along with individual score sheets.

From my point of view, apart from a few hiccups, the evening went well and the behaviour of the Scouts was very good. Hopefully, I will see you all next year!

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(SL – 1st Hampden Park)

Scouts Emergency Aid Stage 3 Training Day

On Sunday 1st February forty three scouts attended the Emergency Aid Stage 3 training day organised by EDSFAT. Thanks to Ian, John and the EDSFAT team, the Scouts had a very good day and had the chance to learn lots of valuable first aid skills. All the Scouts passed their badge many thanks to EDSFAT for making the day such a success by making it fun with lots of hands on practical experience.

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Acorn Hike

We are putting out an early plea to everyone in the District that may be able to help with this year's Acorn Hike over the weekend of 27th/28th June. Everyone knows how much hard work it takes to put on our District Hikes and the more help we can get the better. So please, even if you are only available for a morning or afternoon of this weekend, we would be grateful. As you know we especially need help on bases. You will be given everything you need for the base so you don't have to worry about sorting that out. So bring along your deck chair and your picnic and enjoy a day in the great outdoors and watch the young people enjoy themselves. That's what it's all about! PS - If I have convinced you what a fabulous day you will have, which I am sure I have, contact Graham Clark on 768318 or clarkgraham@sky.com. Get the sun tan lotion out! Bev Levett (ADC S)

District Diary

- Mar 9 CSLs Meeting
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- Mar 13 ES Team Meeting
- Mar 14/15 PLs Training Camp
- Mar 18 Appointments Meeting
- Mar 23 Bushy Wood Management Mtg
- Mar 28 Cub Scout Skills Day
- Mar 28/29 County Overland Hike
- Mar 30 District Executive Meeting
- Apr 17-19 County Scout Camping Comp.
- Apr 26 St George's Festival of Scouting

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