



Eastbourne Scouting News

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DC's Column

Our 100 Challenges are underway and I am hearing that our intrepid young people have taken them up and certificates are already coming off the printers. The 100 pennies for the Mayor's Charity are rolling in and I am looking forward to the presentation on March 9. I know the Mayor will be intrigued at the wacky containers. Timewarp in Tents at Bushy Wood is promising to be a fabulous weekend, and booking forms are on the website, www.edsc100.org.uk. Don't miss out; get your Group signed up now!



My appeal to you all to support ShelterBox and its appeal has to date raised over £439:00, which is really amazing. It means with Gift Aid we know at least one family in Haiti has a temporary home and equipment thanks to your efforts.

If you go down to the woods today, you may be in for a surprise! Two buildings have new roofs, the Traverse Wall is all but complete and shortly you can look up to the skies to a Climbing Wall. It is really heartening to see these developments helping to give our young people new experiences to test their agility and skill and the whole site taking on a new energised look and feel.

Plans are underway for a special St George's Day celebration too, it is taking time to arrange but

make sure the date, April 25th, is in your programme and as soon as we can, the details will be posted on www.edsc100.org.uk.

Finally, thanks to everyone who completed the census on time, I am really delighted to tell you that from 856 in 2009, our current membership stands at 962. If we all worked hard I think we could turn edsc100 into edsc1000, now that would be cause for a future celebration, and I believe it is a target to aim for. So how about it?!

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Christine Skinner (DC)

Challenge 42

A Beaver Scout's report on number 42 of the 100 challenges -

The 1st Hampden Park Beavers went to the signal box. First we got into our lodges then blue lodge got their coats on and started to walk there. When they got there we talked to a man called Baggy. At the signal box we saw 30 long metal hard handles. They are red, black and white and when Baggy pulls them the trains start to move. We learnt that there's a big screen and when a red light comes up it means that a train is coming. I thought it was very good.

Nikhil Raja-Jones
1st Hampden Park

Nights Away Permits

It's been a while, so we thought it would be a good idea to remind you of some points in the Nights Away Permit Scheme.

1. The format is the same for **new applicants & renewals**
2. The process begins once the **application form & intended date** has been received
3. Copies of all paperwork are required to be sent in at least **2 weeks** beforehand
4. There is no "standard" length of permit
5. Final decision is DC's approval
6. It is the **permit holder's responsibility** to arrange renewal before expiry date. **Do not** wait for a reminder. The expiry date is on the permit
7. If the permit expires then the applicant must arrange for another permit holder to attend the event
8. Remember we are Nights Away Advisers...we are there to help & support

Any advance notice of events is appreciated so that we can avoid disappointment & arrange a visit.

NB: There will be NO assessments done on 23rd-25th April or 18th-20th June

Please help us to maintain the **excellent standard** of this vital activity that Eastbourne has achieved.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to visiting your events.

Tracey, Paul, Bev & Nicola
District Nights Away Advisers

Scout Section News

Bowling and Laserquest:

The Scout Bowling and Laserquest Competition was held on Friday 19th February. Twenty teams from around the District took part. First place in the bowling was 1st Old Town 'O Factor', second was 2nd Willingdon 'Strikers'. In the Leaders competition first place went to 1st Hampden Park 'Hoi Polloi' and second to 1st Old Town 'Old Town Haspins'. Laserquest winners were 'Wise Willingdon' from 1st Willingdon. The highest scorer in the bowling was Cameron from 2nd Willingdon with 107. It was great to see 2nd Willingdon, one of our new troops, taking part and doing so well. Keep it up. Many thanks to Barry who again put in so much hard work organising the event and also managing to sort out food for 100 people and getting all the orders spot on. It all ran very smoothly.

Scout Leaders Dinner:

Saturday 12th February saw the first of our Scout Leader Social events of the year - a New Year meal at the Happy Dragon in Pevensy Bay. It really was our New Year do this year as it was the Chinese New Year's Eve. Sixteen of us enjoyed a lovely meal and the chance to have a chat socially, which you don't often get the chance to do.

March Activities:

The Scout Section has the Camp Cook Competition on 20th March. This is a chance for all the Scouts to show off their culinary skills. We also have 2 leaders, Graeme Conway and Paddy Boorman, testing out a fishing trip with a group of Scouts one Sunday in March. They have bravely offered to spend a day on the beach fishing with the Scouts to give them a chance to have a go at some sea fishing. The idea is it will then be opened up to other Scouts in the District to have a go. We will await a report from Graeme and Paddy next month. Many thanks for people who donated fishing equipment last year to my group after the

newsletter item. It will be well used. If anyone has anymore lurking in your loft or garage all items will be gratefully received!

Programming:

Troop programmes have been coming in for the coming term. There is a lot of activity going on, new places to visit and people to visit us. The Centenary Challenges are being added into programmes and it's great to see how each Group tackles them. We are still looking for new ideas of places to visit. If anyone has anything they can contribute to help a Troop, please let me know.

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Challenge 100 Certificates

I Hope everyone is enjoying the Challenges. We have already heard some interesting stories. It would be great if some of the young people were to report on some & send them into the newsletter (another challenge too!)



Certificates can now be ordered by emailing the names of the recipients to me. (Please note change of email address). Please check spellings of names & don't forget to state Group & section. Also include the name & address of the leader the certificates are to be sent to for the 25s. Others will be sent to the relevant people. 25 is presented by the Section Leader, 50 by the GSL, 75 by the ADC & 100 will be at a District event by the DC & DDC. Good Luck & most of all, HAVE FUN!

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Change of e-mail Addresses

Please note the following changes of e-mail addresses for Tracey and Gordon Titherly, which take effect immediately:

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District Diary

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)
Apr 14 Appointments Meeting
Apr 19 District Team Meeting
Apr 21 Explorer Scout Team Meeting
Apr 25 St George's Day Celebration
Apr 26 Scout Leaders Meeting
May 8/9 Centenary Oakleaf Hike (CS)
May 10 GSL/Commissioners Meeting
May 12 Appointments Meeting
May 15 County Activity Day (CS)
May 16 County 'Super Beaver Day'
May 17 Cub Scout Leaders Meeting
May 20 Beaver Scout Leaders Meeting
May 23 QSA & Gold CSA Reception
May 24 District Executive Meeting

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The deadline for contributions for the April edition is 21st March.

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