



What has happened at the Eastbourne District Scout First Aid Team in 2008 so far?

Spring 2008 Newssheet

Looking back at last year

2007 will take some beating for being busy, some of our members helped provide support at the WSJ, one member described it well when he said "that he could not remember working so hard for so long and had so much fun doing it at the same time as seeing how much enjoyment the young people got from the event".

Whist at the WSJ we met members of other first aid teams, the friendships formed at this event has lead to some EDSFAT members offering their assistance to the Irish Jamboree this year.

EDSFAT Training

Some years ago the District Commissioner of the time had the vision to say that he "would expect a team such as EDSFAT to have an Automated External Defibrillator" (AED), we started training a few members to see what was involved. We have now started a members training package in readiness for the purchase of the AED subject to the approval of the District Executive (an AED is a large purchase for EDSFAT and we need to save-up for it).

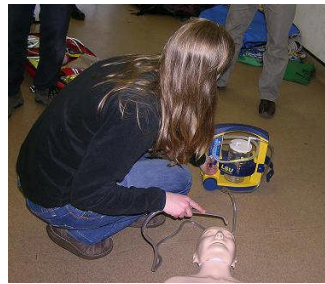
To facilitate the training we purchased an AED training unit (looks and feels like an AED but without the 'shocking part').



The image shows Heather giving chest compressions while Barry gets the training

AED ready.

If you would like to receive our "from time to time Newssheet" directly by email please let us know at scout_team@hotmail.com.



This picture shows Lizzie demonstrating the use of an aspirator (a suction unit to remove bits and pieces from an unconscious

patient to help clear their airway).

Being Seen

As we start the season we check over the reflective markings of the EDSFAT vehicles and equipment. The marking of boxes and equipment, when working in the rural environment at night, helps to find things more easily.

We have a few pieces (about 30) of silver self-adhesive, nominally 1 inch by 9 inches, left over, if your Fellowship has a use for some please contact us at edsfat@btinternet.com and we will pop some in the post to you.

First International Order

EDSFAT is self-funding and as part of our fundraising you will be aware that we have an on-line shop, we have recently fulfilled our first order to the USA for a pair of reflective badges.

Other News

You may have spotted our small mention in the first edition of the Fellowship eNews @ <http://www.scouts.org.uk/fellowship007/Resources/October%202007.pdf> and our slightly larger mention of page 8 of http://www.scouts.org.uk/magazine/april_may08/complete_focus.pdf (we even managed to sneak a picture into someone else's article on page 7).

scout_team@hotmail.com

shop.edsfat.org.uk