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The DC's Bit

Well here we are in 2006, a new year with new challenges. I hope you all had a good Christmas.

In December Brian Smith hung up his scarf after running the 18th Hastings Scouts for many years, Thanks Brian for all that you have done for Scouting, and for our District.

I would like to welcome Stuart Old as the new ADC Cubs, and Andy Bishop as the DESC. I wish them well in their appointments and look forward to seeing what they have in mind for the future.

The position of ADC Scouts will hopefully be filled shortly,

This year celebrates 90 years of Cub Scouts with a County Camp at Broadstone Warren. It is not too late to take part in the biggest Birthday Party seen in our County for years, you have until March to get your Booking Form in. If you are not convinced than go along to the meeting at Oakwood School, Eastbourne on Monday 16th January. It will be a camp that the Cubs and You will remember for years to come.

The details and booking forms have gone out to Scout and Explorer Leaders for the Overland Hike, if you have not received one please let me know.

Mike Hart has agreed to take on the Nights Away Advisers job for our District (Cubs & Scouts). Many thanks Mike .

All permit application forms should now be sent to him. Nights Away Notification Forms to be sent to me please.

I must say a big Thank You to Helen and Peter for their help and support as District Cub Leaders you can have a rest now !

I hope that 2006 will be a good year for all and that Scouting in our District continues to thrive.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

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Camping for 2006

In December / January edition of Scouting there was a pullout detailing National Scout Sites and Activity Centres. If you missed the leaflet then log on to www.scouts.org.uk/nationalcentres.



If you are thinking of camping closer to home then Ollie Toovey has a list of over 200 sites within East Sussex.

Ollie Toovey

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Explorer News

" Happy New Year!



I hope you all had a nice Christmas break and are refreshed for the New Year?

Firstly congratulations must go to Adam Nicholls, Michael Durrant and Joe Aukett who successfully completed their D Of E Silver and Chief Scouts Award Platinum Award. The badges were presented at the Phoenix Explorer Unit open evening, where they gave a presentation to all those in attendance. They will be presented with their certificates in May, at the County presentation to be held in our District.

The Overland Hike is 25-26 March. If you have not received a booklet and application form, please let me know. The Hydra Unit are currently training approximately 3 teams in preparation, it would be excellent if all units could enter at least 1 team to this challenging and fun event.

Young Leaders - ALL Explorer Scouts who are working with a Colony, Pack or Troop as a Young Leader, need to have completed Module A with the Young Leaders Unit. Would all leaders ensure that any Explorer Scout working with your section has done so. If you need any clarification or support please give me a call.

I look forward to seeing you all soon when I visit your units. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help or support in the meantime

Andy Bishop

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

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Cubs News



There will be a leaders / helpers meeting on Tuesday 31st January at The Office Bar, Robertson Street, Hastings at 8.30pm. District cub activities will be announced at this meeting and therefore please make sure that your pack is represented. The meeting will finish by 10pm – time for a swift drink! All leaders & helpers are welcome to come along.

Should you need to contact me in the meantime, please either call me on **07734 861796** or email me at

cubs@stuartold.com

Busy Bee Camp (County Camp)

There is a meeting on Monday 16th January at Oakwood School, Eastbourne. Please make sure your pack is represented. I have been advised by Darrell that the school car park is currently unavailable and therefore cars should be parked on Maywood Avenue or in the car park by Willingdon Trees Community Hall at Holy Place. I would also suggest car sharing for this and I will have three spare seat in my car. If you need a lift, please let me know. If your pack has not yet signed up for the camp it is not too late – please let me know approximate numbers and I shall pass this information onto Darrell.

Stuart Old
ADC (Cubs)

Reflections and Goodbye from the MD



I don't know about you, but I often find that the time after a show is usually a low point. All the hype, the concentration, the magic and the hard work are all gone, and one is left in a state of limbo before focusing on the next project. This was doubly so for me this year as the Gang Show signalled my second and final show for The Scouts. That said; what a show? The plaudits have rung out for a long time since, and it was very encouraging to see that somebody took time to write to the Observer

In the last two productions, acting as Music Director, I have been overwhelmed with respect for the Scouting Movement. For any organisation to help in producing young people with the qualities I have witnessed is a tribute in itself. On a personal level I have been shown nothing but acceptance, respect and warm good humour. In return I want to pay tribute to the Production Team and the Cast.

I find live theatre a challenging, exciting and ultimately life changing experience. During the last two shows you have all caught my spirit and worked with me; for that I thank you deeply. It is not always easy when somebody new comes along with 'different' ideas, and it sometimes takes true courage to take a leap of faith and try them out. You all did that, and the results speak for themselves.


For me this is not goodbye, just au revoir, for I certainly hope to continue my association with The Gang Show in the not too distant future. In the meantime I wish you another fantastic show next year. I shall be in the audience, ticket clutched in my hand and expecting to be entertained.

This year sees a change in my circumstances. As many of you know I foster three children with profound/terminal conditions. In the coming year I shall be taking on a fourth which requires me leaving my job as a teacher. I will therefore be free to do a lot more of the things I love. Piano and voice coaching, forming community choirs and becoming a music examiner. I will also have more time to work on my own status as a singing actor and get into music journalism. If I can be of any assistance to anybody, musically or otherwise please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail which is tenore@tiscali.co.uk.


Take Care and Here's to the Gang Show!

Andrew J Daniels (Musical Director)
GLCM, LLCM(TD), ALCM

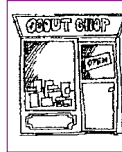
Bye Bye Fellowship - Hello Gang Show

As I am now venturing on a new  scouting challenge I hang up my scarf as the Chairman of the District Fellowship, a position for which I have held for a number of years. I would like to thank the District for it's support and wish the new Chairman great success. The fellowship works well within the District and has supported all activities when asked for help from all sections. Please continue to ask for help when needed and if you wish to become a member or find out about how the fellowship works just ask them. Details of the new contact will be published after the Fellowships AGM on Tuesday 17th January. **Fiona.**

Our thanks go to Trade Paints Ltd for printing and distributing this newsletter.

Wot! No Joke?  No Room.. Maybe next month.

District Scout Shop



The Scout & Guide Shop is at 8 Alexandra Parade, Park Avenue, Hastings.
Normal Opening Times
Mondays 7.15pm until 9.30pm, and the 1st Saturday in the month from 9.00am until 11.00am, (term time only).

We will be open from Monday January 9th.
The next Saturday opening is February 4th from 9.00a m - 11.00am.
Just a reminder that the badges for Beaver 20 yr and Cub 90 yr are now available from the shop. Large numbers will need to be ordered. Full details were in last months Tom-Tom.
Many thanks
Janice

**Contact the Scout Shop at 429054
Or 429206 (home)**

scoutshop@hastingscouts.org

Annual Census

To all Group Scout Leaders and Group Contacts: Please ensure that your Census returns are submitted by 31st January either electronically or on the paper form or by both! **Census**
Do send back the Group Membership form with your Leaders, Helpers, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer listed. There is no need to list all the members. It would be great if I did not have to phone anyone to remind them!

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2005 Gang Show

Well what a great show to celebrate our 40th year with and also to mark the retirement of Del. It is hard to believe that the cast only rehearse for 10 weeks.

Although the numbers were slightly down on some of the show nights, numbers overall again were good. We had visiting shows from Margate, Chislehurst and our dear friends from Aberdeen to name but a few. This year we used the cubs throughout the first half and they were also in every finale, (although some did have a sleep in their dressing rooms during the second half of the show)!

I would also like to again thank all the backstage people who give up their time to help our show run smoothly.

So onto 2006.....

It all starts again in February!!

I will keep you informed

Fiona Adams
Assistant Producer
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PS... Dates for 2006 Gang Show are 23rd, 24th & 26th November.

Help!

An appeal for leaders/helpers for 3rd's Beavers. We are in the unhappy position of looking at closing our Beaver Colony if we don't get more help soon. We're desperate!

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By Friday 10th February 2006 at the latest.

