

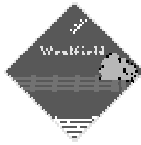
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Westfield Cub Scouts take on the Gimmie5 challenge



Westfield Cubs held a 24-hour challenge over the weekend of 12th/13th March as part of the Gimmie5 challenge to raise money for the WWF and for the Needy scouts fund. We focused on Asia for the 24 hours. We started out by finding out about the WWF and about endangered animals in Asia, making posters, pictures and masks. We held a sponsored climb of Everest in which we climbed the distance from Kathmandu to Everest base camp between us, up and down hills in the fields around Westfield. We cooked and iced panda and tiger biscuits, and also our dinner of sweet and sour chicken and chicken korma. We acted out plays about animals from Asia, which we filmed. After a night in the hut with a very cold early morning, we went off to the Half Marathon drinks station to complete our 24 hours. Then on Monday 14th we invited parents to come and see what we had done and enjoy tea, coffee and our biscuits. Eleven Cubs took part in the challenge and we all had a good time!

Frances Richardson, Cub Scout Leader, 1st Westfield Scout Group

News from the armChair - an occasional bit from the District Executive Committee.

Your District Executive Committee has sub-committees that look after certain aspects of the Scout District. For instance,

The Scout Shop (soon to move to new premises as mentioned elsewhere), which exists to cater for all Scouting and Guiding purchases. The Scout Shop Sub-Committee is chaired by Janice Harmer who is also conveniently the Scout Shop Manager.
scoutshop@hastingscouts.org

District Appointments Sub-Committee, which most members of the Scout Movement would have met very early in their Scouting career, follows the guidelines set down by The Scout Association in selecting the right people to look after our young members. The Appointments Sub-Committee is chaired by Tony Davis.
appointments@hastingscouts.org

Gang Show we all know and love is also a sub-committee and the Chairman is Ken Scott with the Producer Del Smith. gangshow@hastingscouts.org

We used to have a **Scoutcroft** sub-committee, but have renamed it the **Headquarters** committee. Chances are that the new Headquarters will be named Scoutcroft in the not too distant future. We have found nothing suitable as yet, but will keep you all informed.

Gareth Moore, District Chairman
districtchairperson@hastingscouts.org

Friends of Kenya Street Scouts



Kenya 2005 Trio

We're off! We fly to Kenya on 5 April and return on 19 May! Thank you so much to those of you that have supported us. ALL the money raised will be going to further the work in Siaya, NW Kenya. We will be reporting back on our return at 3rd Hastings AGM, Monday 23rd May 2005, at their HQ. So please do come along and find out what we got up to and where your money went!

Ben Richardson, Sadie Hurley, Lucy Hart

World Badges

A big thank you to everyone who gave 50p to buy a World Badge for a Street Scout in Kenya to put on his or her uniform. The Kenya 2005 Trio will be taking them out to present to the troops on their travels. We wish them all the best and a safe journey on their expedition for the next few weeks.

Guardianship Project

I am also anxious to announce that three groups are taking up the Guardianship Project and linking with a Scout Group in Siaya Region. These are 1st Northiam Scout group, 1st Rye Scout Group and the Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit. They have made a commitment to write and send letters plus photos from the Group / Unit each term. Once a year they hold a fundraising event and send the money to their Guardian Scout Group so that their project will benefit. That means a financial boost to the basket making, the pigs - more feed, or an incentive to purchase chickens for a poultry project. Phew!

There are still 3 Scout projects in Siaya region that would like a Guardian Group from this District – so if anyone is interested please contact me!

Vicki Clare
01424 210838

District Scout Shop

We are pleased to tell everyone that we now have a new home for the shop. We will operate from 8 Alexandra Parade, Park Avenue, Hastings. This is located in the parade of shops close to the entrance of William Parker Lower School.



This will be our home until the District is able to find a suitable place to purchase for the District Headquarters.

Our opening night will be Monday April 11th at 7.15pm. We will operate the same hours as before, Mondays 7.15pm until 9.30pm, and the 1st Saturday in the month from 9.00am until 11.00am, (term time only). The 1st Saturday opening will be May 7th.

Our thanks to **TRADE PAINTS**
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I will still accept orders by E-mail, phone or post until 3.4.05. If anyone wishes to e-mail an order to collect from the shop they can continue to do that after 3.4.05.

The shop telephone number will be the same: 01424 429054. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding this. We look forward to welcoming you all back to your local district shop.

Janice Harmer, Manageress

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported me in my roles in Scouting these past few years! I have enjoyed every second of it, and wish you all the best for the future in Scouting. Thank you for the contribution you make to Scouting, and the young people you help develop.

The Colony visits, Lodge Leaders' Forums and Leaders' Meetings have all been postponed until a new ADC BS is appointed. They will then be in touch with new dates for these.

Ben Richardson



Hastings Gang Show is 40!

As you may have heard it will be the 40th Hastings Gang Show this November! And we intend to celebrate it in style! Letters and invitations will be sent to all past and present cast members, musicians and backstage crew.

If you have any contact details of any old friends or relatives that were in the show please pass them onto us!

You should receive your invitation soon! If you do not receive it before the end of April please contact us on the details below! Thank you!

Ben Richardson, Olly Toovey,
Danielle Marchant, Helen Bird

40th Show Celebration Team,
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Items for April Tom Tom should be with
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by Wednesday 20th April 2005