

DC's Column

I hope this will reach you in time to wish you all a very Happy Easter and perhaps a few days respite from your role in Scouting and time for your own families.

The 100 Challenges are happening thick and fast. The 100 pennies for the Mayor's Charity resulted in £253:00 for Eastbourne & South Wealden MS Society. The Mayor and Mayoress made the winners very welcome at the Town Hall and all were amused at the wacky containers designed by the winners. Can I thank all 253 who made the effort and responded to that challenge.

I hope you applications are in for Timewarp in Tents. Booking forms are on www.edsc100.org.uk, don't miss out - get your Group signed up now as we are starting to finalise our plans which are heavily dependent on you being there!

Next time you visit Bushy Wood, check the main notice board at Reception which has the certificate of thanks from ShelterBox acknowledging our donation and the box numbers our appeal has supported.

The final work on the Traverse and Climbing Walls and their surroundings are being done this month. We will have an official opening as soon as it can be arranged.

I am very conscious there is a lot of hard work being put in by

Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts to achieve their awards this year and that means an equal amount of time and commitment from their leaders so I am really looking forward to some success stories in the months ahead. I must thank Tony Carmody from Electra who gave a brilliant presentation to the Unit, his parents and Derek Cleaver as part of his Queen's Scout award and I wish him well on his Residential experience over Easter.

The details for the St George's Day Party in the Park celebration are now published and I am sorry it has taken so long to sort this out for you. We have tried to come up with an event that acknowledges the history and importance of the day, whilst providing a unique celebration in our centenary year. I know it will be a rush to let everyone know all the plans with the Easter break intervening, as always we must rely on your goodwill. All we need is lots of sunshine on the day.

My diary is already noting AGM dates so it will be good to recall the achievements of each Group and meet up with your administrators who often go unrecognised for the important work they do.

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)

St George's Day Awards



I am delighted to announce in our centenary year, that the Silver Acorn has been awarded to Barbara Sims, Appointments Advisory Committee Secretary and ASL at 1st Willingdon and also to Ian Lewis, Training Team Co-Ordinator and First Aid Trainer for EDSFAT.

Both Barbara and Ian have given exceptional service over many years in demanding but very different circumstances and it is fitting that such service is recognised. I hope that many of us will be able to witness their presentations and hear first hand the content of their citations supporting these awards.

My personal congratulations to you both. Christine, DC

Good Service Awards

The following service awards have been received which show tremendous dedication and support to Scouting, which is truly appreciated. DC

Award for Merit:

Mark Osborne - GSL and former CSL, 11th Eastbourne

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service:

Marc Fallon - SL and former GSL, 11th Eastbourne + Warden Bushy Wood Scout Activity Centre

Virginia Moon -BS Colony Assistant ,First Polegate

Long Service Awards

Sara Marchant: 1st Willingdon - 5 years

Julie Wildman: 1st Old Town - 5 years

Tony Seabrook: Fellowship - 25 years

Trudi Danielson: Fellowship - 20 years

Brian Chessell: District Chair-25 years

Michael Clarke: Fellowship - 30 years

Appointments

Mark Osborne - GSL 11th Eastbourne

Zoe Evans – GSL 23rd Eastbourne

Steve Allen - District Scout Leader

James Pearce - ASL 23rd Ebn/1st OT

Jane Gray -Colony Assistant 11th EB

Thank you to you all for taking on these roles. I am particularly pleased to welcome two new Group Scout Leaders, Mark and Zoe, to the District Management Team and look forward to working with them to help support their respective Scout Groups.

A very warm welcome also to Steve Allen, who is joining us as a District Leader. Steve has extensive Walking Group experience and amongst his skills are navigation, orienteering and expedition planning which will assist our young people to extend their skills and experiences outdoors.

(P.S.....there is more than one, as I have not poached our County Scout Network Commissioner who shares the same name!)

Pennies for the Mayor's Charity

On Tuesday 9th March, John Burt 11th Eastbourne, Jack Stevenson 23rd Eastbourne, Riley Warwick 1st A, Jonathan Clack-Lewis 1st OT, Emily Hird 1st HP, Charlie Mills 1st Seaside, and Alex & Matthew Pusey 1st W - 8 young people along with their leaders and family members descended on the Mayor's Parlour to hand in the money raised for his charity, the Eastbourne branch of the MS Society. These youngsters had all won their groups' competition for the wackiest container in which they collected their pennies.

A party type tea was laid on for everyone and the young people explained to the Mayor and Mayoress, as well as the representatives of the MS society, how they made their containers, in the shape of the Empire State building, a Cub Scout etc.



The total raised was £253.30. Thank you to all who helped to collect so much.

Darrell Harris
(District Secretary)

Scouts Camp Cook Competition

On Saturday 20th March the District Scout Camp Cook Competition was resurrected at Bushy Wood. Five troops from the District took part with 8 teams participating. We were grateful to Frank Woods and Win Trott who had agreed to be our judges and taste their way through 24 dishes. I am pleased to say I have seen Frank and Win since the competition and they are both looking well! The Scouts presented a variety of different dishes 3 courses for each team with each team being allowed to use 2 burners or an open fire. All teams opted for the 2 burners. The Scouts were totally left on their own to cook their meals this being part of the rules no leader intervention allowed. The Leaders looked on from the distance eating bacon butties and observing the proceedings. It was a great day for everyone and a chance for the scouts to well and truly work together as a team, present their food so it was both hot and pleasing to the eye for the judges and for the scouts to be independent. We will definitely do it again maybe in a couple of years and resurrect maybe another old district event next year. First place in the competition went to 1st Anderida, 2nd place went to 1st Willingdon and 3rd place to 1st Old Town. The marks were very close for all teams with a very little difference in some areas for all 8 teams.

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Discounted Maps

I have been using an internet site for the past year and thought I'd share it with those who don't know about it. www.dash4it.co.uk are a discounted website, selling normal OS Maps for £5.59 instead of £7.99 and the Explorer active (waterproofed) for £9.79 instead of £13.99. They have free delivery and are really quick, normally within about 3 days. They have always been great and at the moment until 4th April are offering another 5% off if you type '3TODAY' in the voucher box at the end. They quite often have extra money off once you have bought from them - enjoy!

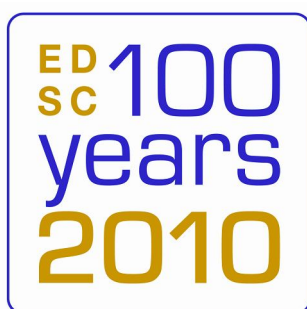
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Eastbourne Scouting News

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

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Scouts Sea Fishing

On 7th March 2010, Paddy from 1st Hampden Park and Graeme from 1st Seaside, took 9 Scouts sea fishing off Langney Point. There were 4 from 1Seaside, 3 from Old Town and 2 from Hampden Park. We started off by trying to cast off, but managed to get the four rods tangled, so for the next half hour Paddy and Graham untangled the rods! From them on Paddy and Graham did the casting off, but we put on the bait and reeled in. We were taught about the different sorts of bait that we would be using, which were lug worms, razor fish and oysters. Once we had learnt how to bait the hook it was time to catch some fish.

Two hours later we had not caught a thing. We were beginning to think that we never would, when one of the Scouts from Seaside caught a Rockling. This started a chain reaction because then we all started to catch a fish. Unfortunately we didn't catch anything really big, but we were getting lots of Rockling, Dabs and Channel Whiting.

Despite it being really cold and windy on the beach it was a fantastic day and I can't wait for the next time we can go. I want to say thank you to Paddy and Graham for taking us and showing us how much fun fishing is.

Reece Bishop:
Scout 1st Hampden Park

Scout Fishing, from the words of a Scout. Thank you Paddy, Graeme and Pete for giving those Scouts a "fantastic" day. We are going to be arranging our next District Fishing trip soon, so if there is anyone who would like to help Paddy and Graeme please let me know. We would like to have a one adult to two Scouts ratio so the more help we have the more Scouts we can to invite to each session. Please contact me if you are able to help. Many thanks.

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Milletts Discount Evening

I have been contacted by Milletts in Eastbourne who would like to hold a Discount Evening for Eastbourne Scouts. We had one last year and they kindly gave us 15% discount, and this year they are able to offer us a fantastic 25% discount on all full priced stock.. I have spoken to a few people and to give you chance to inform parents and young people, it will be held on Monday 26th April from 5.30 - 7.30 in the evening. Please tell anyone in Eastbourne Scouts, apologies to those of you who meet on a Monday but feel free to pick up a catalogue beforehand and place an order to be paid for and picked up on that night. If anyone wants bulk of anything in particular (ie more than 2!) please check the catalogue/instore/online and let me know so they can get them in stock for you on the night.

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District Explorer Scouts

District Diary

- 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
- Jun 1 Bushy Wood Management Mtg
- Jun 4 Explorer Scout Team Meeting
- Jun 6 County ES Ultimate Frisby Comp
- Jun 9 Appointments Meeting
- Jun 10 Awards Panel Meeting
- Jun 12 CS Sixers Forum

Jun 18-20 Time Warp in Tents