

## DC's Column

Our centenary St George's Day celebration was a day to remember, the weather just about behaved, the young people were superb, the Kingfishers brilliantly led us on a parade with flags and balloons flying in the breeze (or was it a gust)! What an honour for Nicola, Tracey and me to lead you all in renewing our Promises in this special year. The party was also great fun and kept us busy but as ever it takes the commitment of many adults to make it happen. To everyone who contributed in any way my heartfelt thanks for a fabulous event, you all responded to our requests for assistance. I have to say a special thank you to the organising group of Sarah, Darrell, Bev, Frank, Marc and Darren who conjured up something very different and very special to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in the District.

I hope your applications are in for Timewarp in Tents. Booking forms are still on [www.edsc100.org.uk](http://www.edsc100.org.uk), for any last minute applications. We are finalising our plans as the date draws ever nearer and it is going to be a brilliant epic weekend, don't miss out. The numbers booked in are tremendous and the organisers led by Ian Watling are pulling out all the stops so that we can make it a Centenary event to remember for the next 100!

Good luck to all the Cub Scouts entering the Centenary Oakleaf Hike, I am sure yet again it will be a special event with lots of memories to be made.

Down to reality and it's AGM season and if your administrators need any assistance, please contact Frank Woods who will help with any queries about the protocols and understanding the requirements. I have the dates of all but one and someone from the District will attend and support you.

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](mailto:dc@eastbournescouts.org.uk)

Christine Skinner (DC)

## District Scout Shop

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the shop, either with Group orders or by sending parents to us to buy uniforms. As a result we have sold an amazing £12,000 worth of goods. This has enabled us to give £2000 to the District, which is helping to keep membership fees down.

Whilst it is good to make a profit, we did not want to do so at the expense of Groups and so we now offer 20% discount on Group scarves as well as 10% on Group orders of stock items. I can order anything that is in the Scout Shop catalogue or on their web site and can usually offer a discount on their prices. Last year I was able to supply Vango tents to one group at prices which were cheaper than Milletts. Please contact me if you would like a quote.

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## Appointments

Paul Koc – ESL (previously AESL)  
Keith Hollobone - ASL 1<sup>st</sup> H/Park  
Joe Duinhoven - CSL 2<sup>nd</sup> Will.  
Guy Dewis - Grp Assistant 1<sup>st</sup> And.

Thank you to you all for taking on these roles and supporting Scouting in the District.

## Good Service Awards

The following service award has been received which shows tremendous dedication and support to Scouting, which is truly appreciated. DC

### **Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service:**

Pamela Warren-Willis -  
ACSL 1<sup>st</sup> Polegate

## Long Service Awards

5 Years:

Lesley Pepper - 1<sup>st</sup> Anderida  
Thomas Liddiard - 1<sup>st</sup> Willingdon

20 Years

Lynne Phair - Fellowship  
Rose Scrivens – 1st Polegate  
Julie Woods – District AAC  
Mary Starns – Fellowship

25Years:

Tracey Titherly -1<sup>st</sup> Hampden Park

30 Years

Graham Clark - 23<sup>rd</sup> Eastbourne

## The Evening

### I met the Mayor

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March I went to the Town Hall to meet the Mayor and Mayoress. I won the wacky container competition in 1<sup>st</sup> Hampden Park Cubs. I made the wacky container to collect a hundred pennies for the Mayor's charity. When we arrived the Mayor and Mayoress came to congratulate us. Then the District Commissioner handed over a cheque for the Mayor's charity, MS. The Chairman of MS gave us a talk about what MS is. The Mayor then asked us all to sign the visitors book and then said we could eat and drink, it was like a party. We all had our photos taken with the wacky containers and had a wonderful evening.

Emily (Cub Scout 1<sup>st</sup> H/P)

## Centenary Challenges

The 2nd Willingdon Cub Scouts completed task 47 of the 100 challenges tonight and a very good time was had by all. We do owe very many thanks to Renaissance hairdressers for a wonderful job and for being so very nice to the Cubs and parents. We had 22 Cubs in all taking part, but it was not possible to have all the Cubs in a photo because to make life easier we had to stagger the times.  
Joan Colbran



## District Diary

- 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**
- Jul 3-4 Acorn Hike (S & ES)
- Jul 5 District Team Meeting
- Jul 9 District AGM
- Jul 10-11 Gilwell 24 (ES)
- Jul 14 Appointments Meeting

## Our District Newsletter

This year marks a new record for the editorship of our District Newsletters. . . . In the beginning, during the '50s and '60s, they were produced by the District Secretary of the time; this continued until 1965, when DC Donald Love took over as "Acting Editor" for three years. Then, in 1968, after around 180 issues had been published, at last an Editor came forward – and that was Ken Suckling. Ken commenced his editorship by re-starting with Issue No. 1 and naming it the District Digest. After producing 151 issues, over almost 16 years, he finally retired in 1984. (See "From the Archives" No. 4.)

Next to take over was Ruth Rowland, who, after her first five issues of the District Digest, also chose to then re-start at Issue No. 1, with a change of name to Eastbourne District Scouting News; Ruth stayed at the typewriter for just over two years, until her departure from the District. Following a couple of anonymously produced issues, Peter Melville-Brown took over in 1987, commencing Issue No. 25 with the announcement that "the News has become computerised". Nevertheless, after just eight issues, he resigned, leaving Acting DC John White to produce the next few issues up to the end of that year.

At the beginning of 1988, new DC Gwyn Hughes produced one issue, announcing that future publication would be undertaken by the Fellowship. Unfortunately, from then onwards, issues became extremely spasmodic – in fact virtually non-existent – with the few that did appear under the Fellowship umbrella being produced by Andy Stiles and bearing no issue numbers. Sadly, this infrequency continued for some six years, until 1994. Some issues carried appeals from the Editor for more articles, but did not even say who the Editor was, or to whom items should be sent! (I am aware that, due to the unsettled nature of the District at that time, I do have some issues missing, so perhaps, at

this point, I could ask if any readers have any issues from that period that they no longer require – stowed away in the loft, perhaps! – please let me take them off your hands in order to fill any possible gaps. Thank you.)

Anyway, back to 1994. Yes, that was the year that our current Editor took over at the keyboard and commenced his regular-as-clockwork production of Eastbourne Scouting News. . . . And in all this time, remarkably, he has never missed an issue – even when he moved house in 1997! So, with 164 issues produced so far – and still going strong – Roger now holds the record as our longest-serving Editor. (See "From the Archives" No. 7, attached.)

Therefore, on behalf of us all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger for his 16+ years as Editor – and swiftly point out that this is absolutely no reason to consider calling it a day! We are extremely fortunate to have such a regular and dependable Newsletter, which indeed is the envy of a lot of other Districts who suffer very poor communication due to the lack of such a vehicle. So please, dear readers, help to make it more worthwhile for Roger by continuing to send in your reports and notices, thus guaranteeing its future in these ever-changing times. I know that Roger, in his modest manner, probably felt a little uncomfortable at publishing this, but I gave him strict instructions not to edit it! Thank you Roger – and well done!

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### Eastbourne Scouting News

The deadline for contributions for the June edition is 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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