

February 2016

Sevenoaks Newslink

A Monthly Magazine for Leaders and Supporters of Scouting in Sevenoaks



The All Leaders Meeting

which was originally planned for September

was held at the 3rd Sevenoaks Headquarters late in January and the District Commissioner took the opportunity to present some awards to worthy recipients and even picked one up for herself.

During the evening Hugh Field introduced Lauren Galloway an Explorer who spoke about Shelter Box and Porch Light, two organisations that send help around the world wherever it is needed. She said that the Explorer Units are trying to raise £500 for each of these worthwhile causes.

Caroline O'Mahony (Leader Training Manager) and Rose Mears (Appointments Secretary) shared a short talk about Compass, the Scouting Data Base for adults in Scouting. They said that Compass was being re started at the end of January and being phased in so that information could be updated.

Leaders will eventually be able access Compass if they previously had a 'log in' or register themselves now.

Having signed in leaders will be able to see their details and make amendments but this will not happen for a little while and they will be notified by Headquarters when they will eventually be able to.

Lesley told the group that the District are still making enquiries about land for a District Camp Site and that St Georges Day Parade this year will be 24th April and the 6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing) Group will do a Presentation.

The sections then split up into small groups and caught up with any business they needed to catch up on.



My New Year's resolution is not to comment on pictures in Newslink or make up captions.

Already I'm struggling but you can make your own up. Ed.

New Facebook Page for the Scout Section



One of the things to come out of the section discussions at the All Leaders Meeting was a new Facebook page for the Scout Section and this was launched the next day by Michael Dreksler. This is a closed Group meaning you can only access it once you have applied and been accepted into the Group. If all the Troops have at least one member signed up to this, it will be a very easy way to pass information and exchange ideas. Not everyone is a fan of Facebook and will not want to get too involved but just a quick visit to the page now and again will keep everyone in the loop and not so reliant on emails that can sometimes get passed over.

The Sevenoaks District Active Support Annual Dinner



Can't name everyone but Jeanette took the picture and David Reburn hasn't sat down yet.

Between 500 and 600 years of scouting experience met at the Bell in Kemsing for the Active Support Annual Dinner and had a proper bean feast.

Everyone in Scouting is invited to Active Support meetings and events throughout the year.

In February the unit will share cooking tips and lunch menus and then in March all adult leaders are invited to the Halstead Odeon for a mid-20th century film night.

See poster elsewhere in this edition.

Later in the year walks and visits are being organised so keep a look out for anything that takes your fancy.

Alternatively, if there is some outing or activity you would like organised or help with why not give the team a call, there will always be someone

SKILLS EVENING FOR ALL SEVENOAKS LEADERS

10th February 8.15pm 3rd Sevenoaks Headquarters Bradbourne Vale Road



Meet new people from around the District and in different sections

Exchange ideas and views

New leaders learn from those that have a few years under their belt

Experienced leaders learn new ideas from fresh thinking new members

Brush up on some forgotten skills.

Ask a County representative any questions you have.

Enjoy a Supper of Pizza with Tea and Coffee.

Take advantage of this opportunity and you are guaranteed to learn something new.

As catering is involved please let John Talbot know if you are going and if you may be a little late

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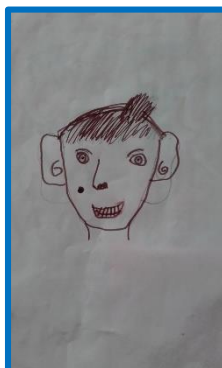
Here's a bit of fun that will fill some time in a meeting.

Give each young person, and adult maybe, a piece of paper about A4 size and ask them to draw a self-portrait.

Ask them to try and include something in the picture that is characteristic of them.

Now mix up the pictures and see who can guess which pictures belong to who.

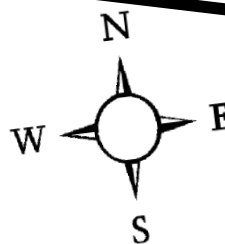
The 7th Scouts did this and although the drawings were quite good the leaders success rate was pretty poor although we did get the only scout that was wearing glasses!



**STAKE YOUR CLAIM
AND
CLAIM YOUR STAKE**

**A NEW DISTRICT GAME FOR
THE SCOUT SECTION
INVOLVING SKILL, CUNNING
AND LUCK**

SEVENOAKS SCOUTS



CLAIM YOUR STAKE

**AN ORIENTEERING
GAME OF STRATEGY
LUCK AND SKILL**

**CHOOSE YOUR PLOTS
BID AT AUCTION
STAKE YOUR CLAIM**

When: 12th March 12 noon - 4pm / 4.30pm

Where: Andrews Wood

Shacklands Road, Badgers Mount

Cost: £2 per participant

Clothing: appropriate for rough terrain and possibly some mud

Lunch: Yes - bring some.

Team size: between three and six.

Teams of six will have the best chance of winning.

Equipment: 1 x Compass between 3 scouts

1 x mobile phone (bagged)

1x watch

between 3 scouts

(teams of six will be allowed to split into two sub teams)

Short Description of game.

Teams are given a sum of cash and a map with a number of plots available to bid for. They then bid for the plots at auction. ('plots under the hammer')

As they may not win all their previously chosen plots their strategy will change throughout the auction.

The teams then have to go to the plots they have won to claim their stake. Each stake has a redeemable value.

Penalties are incurred for un-claimed stakes and over running time limit.

As this will involve quite a lot of prep we will need to know how many teams/troops will be taking part by the start of the half term break.

We will need help from leaders or parents of participating troops on the day.

Final instructions on booking.

Please register your Troops interest ASAP with final booking by half term to

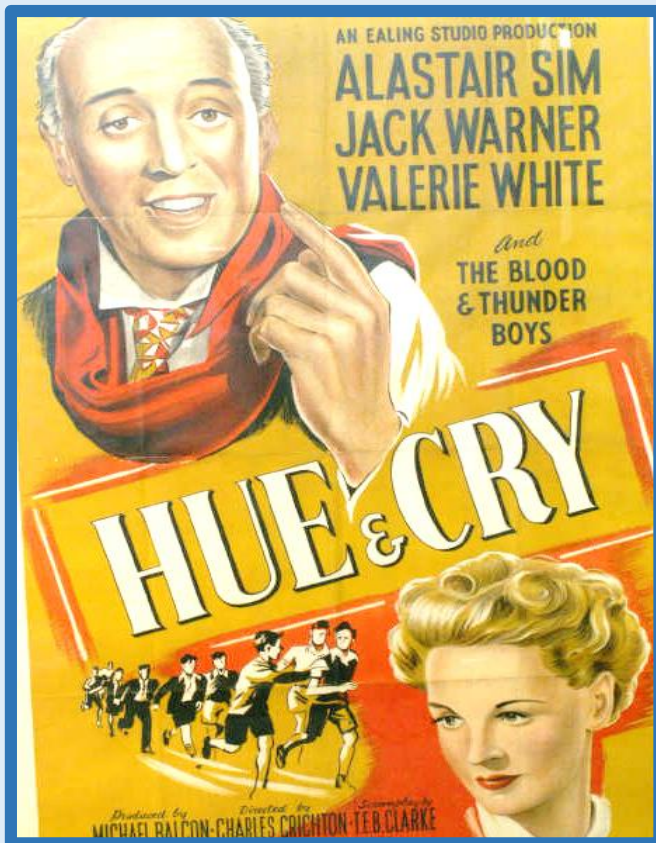
jeanetteschwarz@gmail.com

Questions? csmeares@hotmail.com

It would seem that there are several Scout Leaders on Training Modules this weekend but don't let that stop your Scouts taking part. As long as there is an Adult (could be a parent) to accompany your team, help them through the Auction stage and then act as a Marshal for a short while that is all we ask. The scouts will go 'a hunting' in small groups unaccompanied and with no roads to worry about.

'A great opportunity for the younger scouts in the troop'

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role. Sevenoaks Newslink*

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Reserve your seat.

Booking office: csmeears@hotmail.com

Sadly, on this occasion we cannot accommodate colonies, packs or troops

Beware: Canoodling in the back row will be frowned upon

This is a Sevenoaks District Active Support Production



Sevenoaks District Scout Shop ~ January to July 2016

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Scout Shop Open ~ 10am to 12noon; Groups support at Shop (with Active Support);

KCC + Private School Holidays; Bank Holidays; St George's Day (23.04) District Parade & Celebration "Scouts Own";

Supplier of Uniform for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and Leaders

Run by volunteers - usually open first three Saturday mornings (see dates in yellow highlights) excluding ALL School Holidays and Bank Holiday Weekends

"Try B-4-U buy"

Please bring child or article of clothing for size purposes

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A25 Seal High Street

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by 11.45am**