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Neswletter May 2007 (For the latest news look to the website)

The website is bristling with stuff since we finished the enormously successful Symonds Yat trip followed by a day at Yalding weir, then the St Georges camp with Wadhurst where we build huge balistas to fire water and flour. Most recently we met the national thinking differently challenge for St Georges day and paraded as St George and the dragon to the village square where we acted the play devised by Elspeth and co. News and views have allocated us £250 which I propose that we spend on sports equipment for the beavers and cubs in particular.

We have managed to successfully bid on a new computer and contribution to broadband for the hut through a national competition run by BT. Against thousands of entries we managed to amongst 500 groups nationwide that secured a free Internet ready PC with office software. If we can reinstate the phone line at the hut then we will be eligible to a year free total broadband from BT. Look at <http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/news.php?read=12&returnto=%2Findex.php> for more details. Guess who heads the list for the south east! Lets hope that once Steve has managed to put the planning application in for the new hut then we will be as successful raising the money for building it. Our scouts worked on their canoes this week and managed to stay paint free up until the last 5 minutes of the evening (gasp!) They are really starting to look like real canoes at last. Some more paint, some resin and some decks and they will be good to go. We are nearly ready for launching. Perhaps a barbecue launch at bewl or Robs farm? float sink or swim?

We have the details for the big non camping events for the year. There is a fantastic opportunity to go wild at Port Lympne at the end of June with a single cost entry ticket for scouts and guide groups only, £22 per head combines entry to the park from 10.00am with the concert including the sugarbabes starting at 5 and ending at 9.00pm.

The 07 event at the dome is also being sold in advance now. Although this does not take place until November there are only two performances of a

02) dome. Tickets are £20 adults and £15 children. Again I shall be putting more details on the website We need to sign up quickly for these national events since places are limited.

Martlets is now closed for business! Bookings are to be finalised as from the end of April. We had some extra places but these will be absorbed back into the county. I cannot emphasise that this will be a once in a lifetime experience.

We have the honour of hosting the beaver football tournament and district AGM this year and so a working party within the next few weeks would be more than useful. The hut is looking much better than it was but the following work needs completing.

1. second coat of paint in hallway and wallboards rehung
2. Door hung on front office and flooring aquired to make scouters office
3. Part of floor lifted and replaced in ladies toilet to allow doors to be re hung.
4. Gents toilet doors improved with door closers or similar
5. Outside painting of hut
6. New sign for scout hut
7. Balance of climbing wall installed.
8. Scouters office cleared and most of the contents (including copier and organ) disposed of.
9. Small hardstanding area sorted for barbecue area

Our new 2007 scarves will be here finally on 18th May. At long last! There was a difficulty with the colours running on the fabric.

Look out in May for....

Beaver football tournament - 19th May
Cub Football tournament - 20th May
Scout Football tournament - 20th May
Centenary camp - 26th-27th May

More events... look on the website