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## Newsletter May 2006

There is never a dull moment in Scouting just when the group is settling into a routine something upsets the balance. Our 2005-2006 season confirms this. We have had significant changes in our management with Tony now acting as Scouter in charge. Scouts - Jim and Tony. Cubs - Darren and Lee. Beavers - Jed and Aileen. Thanks to Elizabeth David and Carol all of whom have moved on to better things.

We have the AGM next month and our present committee steps down to allow new faces to take their place. We need all the help we can get to raise money for rebuilding our hut hopefully coinciding with the 100 years of scouting anniversary in 2007. A tall order but hopefully making a worthwhile contribution to the young people of today and tomorrow.

Watch out for the next newsletter with the information on our 2006 family camp to celebrate our anniversary.



We will soon be looking for new leaders for the beaver colony when Jed takes up his new position at university later this year. So if you know someone that would be interested in getting involved (that means you too!!) then please let us know. Our beavers are full of life and the colony is already getting a good reputation in the district having successfully managed the district football tournament. In the meantime Jed and Aileen are doing a cracking job running the section.

### Beaver football tournament

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May we hosted the district beaver football tournament for the first time ever as far as I am aware. This turned out to be a great day for everyone that attended. For 6-8 year olds we certainly had a number of would be professional's playing. The team spirit and camaraderie was fantastic and where some teams came up short of members other teams pitched in players to help out. Our ADC (Assistant District commissioner) Diane Dodwell was in the big chair keeping the points and handing our trophies at the end. By only one point the Wadhurst beaver colony came first closely followed by beavers from Buxted. It could have gone any way on the day. We have been asked to hold the event again next year and are already looking forward to fielding a winning team!

## cubs

Carol Joyce has unfortunately moved on to pastures new and has taken up a full time teaching post. Her sudden departure left a little confusion in her wake. However, rest assured that cubs is happily thriving. Presently Lee Perry and Darren Curtis are being put through the authentication process and training to make the cub section better than ever. A full programme of activities will be available shortly. Please watch out for a change of meeting night from Thursday to Tuesday soon. Look out for details of our cub camp later in the year too.

### Future events

District football tournament 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Busy Bee cub camp Broadstone Warren  
District activity day at Broadstone Warren 24<sup>th</sup> June  
District challenge day September



We have investing of two scouts and some badges to award for camping and woodcraft. With the up and coming soapbox derby we hope to be awarding the creative challenge to those that enter. We are also opening the writers and pioneer badges for those that are interested. Watch out for details of the summer camp

### St George and the Camp

Over the St Georges weekend our scouts joined the scouts from Wadhurst to camp out at Whiligh near Wadhurst for their annual St. Georges camp. For our scouts it was a bit of a backwoods weekend where they spent their time chopping wood, sharpening sticks, climbing trees and running around on a purpose built assault course. The weather was unbeatable and was a good chance for our scouts to mix with the Wadhurst group. We had a campfire in the evening followed by a night wide game. On the Sunday we rendezvoused with cubs and beavers to form our St. Georges parade and attended the service at Ticehurst Church with Mr David Willcocks and his wife representing Ashdown District.

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District Soapbox Derby 25<sup>th</sup> June Wadhurst  
8-9<sup>th</sup> July County Colditz challenge  
3<sup>rd</sup> September East Sussex National golf day  
9<sup>th</sup> September District backwoods cooking competition