

# EAST SUSSEX SCOUT NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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## EAST SUSSEX - MARTLETS JAMBOREE

As I am sure most of you are aware next year is the Scouting centenary. Obviously there is the big International Jamboree taking place at Hylands Park, but unfortunately not all those that wish to attend will be able to.

If you want to get involved and to help out there will be many oppor-

tunities to do so. Whilst I appreciate a lot of you may already be committed to helping out groups you already help with, there are still a lot of you who aren't.

As a section we have been asked to help by undertaking the security for the camp.

If you haven't already been con-

tacted get in touch with Gavin, his contact details are on the left.

So far about 1800 have  
paid their deposit.

*Its going to be big*

## EAST SUSSEX - CHILL CAMP

We are holding a Post New Year camp on 5th/6th January 2007 so that we can all get together before those of you who are at Uni leave to return to your studies.

The venue will be Bushy Wood and all you will need to do is turn

up on the day, and put your tent up.

We will gather around the camp fire with evening entertainment being ably organised by Rob Cave, and hopefully Mat Collins.

There will not be a bar so you will need to bring your own drinks. For this reason this event is strictly over 18s only.

You will need to bring any food etc yourself.

As part of this camp we will be holding a very informal, voluntary feedback session so that we can get some idea of what you want out of your Scout Network in East Sussex.

## ESSEX - MAD UK

An Excellent weekend for over 18s only. Visit their web site at [www.essexscouts.org.uk/maduk/](http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/maduk/) to subscribe for email updates or just to see what is going on.

This years dates are Fri 22nd to Sun 24th June. Price is £25 excl food and transport.



## COVENTRY - PUBSCOUTS FESTIVAL



Check out the website at [www.pubscoutfestival.co.uk](http://www.pubscoutfestival.co.uk).

The event takes place from 8th to 10th June 2007 and is organised by Coventry Network.

The price is only £20 if booked before 20th April 2007.

There is a discount if we can get a team of 12 or more together

Let me know if you want to go so that we can try to organise transport for everyone going.

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## EAST SUSSEX - AMSTERDAM TRIP

As a way to let your hair down and relax after all the hard work associated with the Martlets Jamboree we are organising a long weekend to Amsterdam for 10th 11th, 12th and 13th August.

Liz Coles has kindly looked into some of the details for the trip along with suggested activities. We still need to do more to firm up the ideas but have a read and we talk about the proposed trip at the Chill camp.

If you cant attend the Chill camp your feedback would still be appreciated.

I have attached the details provided by Liz at the back of this newsletter



Visit your website at [www.esnetwork.co.uk](http://www.esnetwork.co.uk)

## ACTION PACT

### ACTION PACT

A adults only weekend in Dartmoor organised by the East Sussex County Activities team from 23rd to 25th February.

Due to popular demand "Action Pact 2007" the adults only weekend is in the planning stages so put the dates in your diary now. The accommodation is booked

and we will be heading for Dartmoor.

The weekend is intended to be a walking/social weekend. The outline programme is to arrive Friday evening, have a full days walking on Saturday followed by a relaxing evening. This will be followed by a half day walk on the Sunday returning home Sunday

evening. The walks will be tailored to individual needs. If there is interest and you want to there is talk of trying the ancient art of letterboxing.

The cost of the weekend is £45.00 which is fully inclusive, all you need to organise is how to get there.

Please feel free to bring your own beer wine etc to help you unwind.

Places are limited so get to get your name on the list or for further information contact Mark Llyod, County Scout Leader on 01323-491407 or email [mark.lloyd67@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.lloyd67@btinternet.com).

## NETWORK REVIEW

For those of you who are not aware there is a review of how the Scout network operates being undertaken. Our local workshop was on 3rd December at BP House London. Now that we have attended the workshop there is a lot of information we need to understand and work out a way forward.

So far all I can tell you is that East Sussex has agreed that the Scout Network should go to District level, and the following statement that has been issued by HQ.

As soon as we know more we will pass the information on.

### DELIVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SCOUT NETWORK

Responding to feedback from across the UK, it has been agreed that from January 2007, Districts will be able to host Scout Networks directly, but only with the agreement of the County/Area Commissioner (in consultation with the Scout Network Commissioner). The County/Area will still retain overall Management of the provision.

The role of the Scout Network Leaders will be redefined, refocused and strengthened under new arrangements. There will also be a requirement that all Scout Networks must have someone appointed to the role of Scout Network Leader.

The current automatic membership of the Scout Network for all 18 -25 year olds will cease. Young people who wish to join the Scout Network will have to positively opt in by becoming a Member of the Section.

### THE PROGRAMME

The Programme for the Scout Network will be simplified to make it more appropriate for the age group and will be resourced accordingly.

I look forward to being able to provide more definite details in due course.

## EAST SUSSEX - AWARD PANEL

A Queens Scout and Explorer Belt Awards Panel is in the process of being re-launched with in East Sussex.

As it applies to the awards themselves it is not section specific. ie It is there for Explorer Scouts as well as Network Scouts.

### WHY DO WE HAVE AN AWARDS PANEL

It is important that with awards as high as the Explorer belt and the Queens Scout award that everyone across the Scout County of East Sussex have the opportunity to go for their awards on a level playing field. That is to say that the level of effort put into gaining

their award for somebody in one part of the county is comparable to the effort put in by somebody in another part of the county.

For this reason the awards panel needs to be involved from the outset in the planning stages for your Explorer Belt and Queens Scout Award.

The last thing anyone would want is for you to get half way through an award only to find that from the planning stage you weren't aiming high enough.

### WHO MAKES UP THE A AWARDS PANEL

The Awards panel is made of people from both a county level

and district level. The County people need to be there to ensure that a level playing field is maintained, whilst people from the district are there to ensure local knowledge of the young people concerned is part of the mix.

Both parts of the Awards panel work as a team to ensure that you get the most of your Scouting.

### OPEN DOORS SESSIONS

An Open Doors session is an evening set aside so that anyone who is either interested in starting their Queens Scout award or

Explorer belt, or is in the process undertaking these awards can pop along and either register or discuss their progress to date. These sessions will be made available throughout the year and in different locations within the county in order to make it as easy as possible to get to. It may not help if you are at Uni in some far flung place but we can only travel so far.

Have a look at the calendar within this newsletter for dates.

2007 One World One Promise





## KENYA 2006 PROJECT - NYERI

This project has been a long time in the making. Some of us formed part of the team that went to Kenya in 2000. Having gained experience then, we started to organise another project for 2003. Unfortunately due to ill health the project had to be cancelled. We then had to start all over again with the organisation, fund raising etc for the project we have just returned home from.

transport to the Rowallen Scout camp site in Nairobi, arriving there at midnight. Once we had organised ourselves, and had a chat with a Network group from England, we settled down to a well deserved rest. The following day our transport to take us to Nyeri was due at 10:00. At 15:00 we gave up trying to contact them and arranged an alternative again.



We flew out to Kenya on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July, with an early start at the District HQ in Seaford. This unfortunately was not without incident, as a section of the rear bumper, including light cluster mysteriously detached itself from the rear of the mini bus. We should have taken this as a sign from the heavens as transport was to become our one and only real issue through out the entire trip. After a quick repair in true Scouting style using elephant tape we where on our way. Once we had boarded the required plane at Heathrow some of us where quite relieved to find that a Kenya Airways Economy class seat has got in flight entertainment, but more importantly doesn't have goats roaming freely in the gangways. Upon our arrival at Niarobi we where to discover more problems lay in wait for us. A tent had gone missing in the cargo luggage, never to be seen again. Or at least, never to be seen again by us. Also the transport that had been booked and confirmed by email, to pick us up at the airport didn't arrive. We managed to organise other

Upon our arrival at Nyeri we where given a very warm welcome by one of the local Scout leaders. We where given the use of 2 separate guest houses complete with hot showers. One for the lads and one for the lasses.

The following day we set up camp in a local school field. The school was our preferred option for camping as the security was good. The School was surrounded by a high wall, locked gates and had a 24-7 security man.

We set up camp on the last day of school so during the dinner break we where besieged by the pupils who wanted to find out as much about us as possible, in a very short period of time. Unfortunately they all wanted to do it simultaneously. Having set up camp we where then able to start on the project work we had decided to undertake.

The construction of the building was already underway as we had forwarded monies to the Kenyan Scouts earlier in the year. As

most of the walls where up, it was up to us to construct the roof trusses we would require next.

In order for the camp to be run efficiently we split ourselves into 3 teams of varying sizes. They where the food/cooking team, the site clearance/ground levelling team and the roof trusses/Pole lathe team.

Everyone worked extremely hard on the project work with there being several 07:00 starts, meaning getting up at 05:30. Also we ensured that the British Scouts and the Kenyan Scouts where mixed in the work parties and that where people wanted to, they where able to change from one work party to another.

This work carried on for the best part of a week until we where in a position to start training the Kenyan Scouts in the use of pole lathes, and assist where possible with the construction of the roof, using the roof trusses we had already made.

It gave a great sense of achievement to all the team to be able to see the corrugated sheets being nailed into place on the roof of the building. That is until we ran out of corrugated sheets as there wasn't enough available locally and we had to wait for some to come from Nairobi.

The next couple of days where spent on tourist type activities such as spending a night at "The Ark", a hotel situated within a nature reserve, overlooking a watering hole, and going on a safari.

We had the opportunity to visit BPs grave, where we invested 4 people into the Scout Network.

We also stopped of at the equator so we could witness water spiralling different ways down a plug hole. Unfortunately the side effect

was that we got accosted by the local shop keepers, all wanting to sell us wooden giraffes.

Before we left Nyeri we returned to have a look at the Scout Hut to see how it had progressed. We where glad to see that the ridges where now all on and the roof was complete.

We then returned to Nairobi camping at the NPS (National Park Services) camp site for a couple of days. This gave us time to visit the giraffe sanctuary, the baby elephant sanctuary and the town market in Niarobi, before returning home.

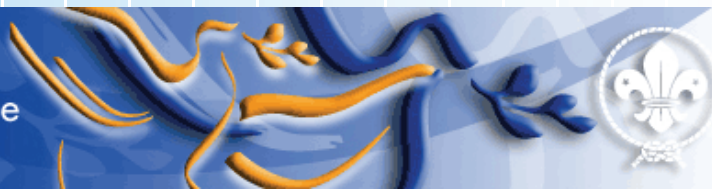
The market was an experience in itself and you had to be willing to barter with the shop keepers. If you didn't you either didn't buy anything or you paid well over the odds. Just as an example I bought a wooden carving. This was marked up at KES 15,000. After bartering for some time I paid KES 500, a price the shop keeper was still happy with.

During our return there was much discussion amongst the team about when we where going out next. Not if, but when.

The project was a success. All the objectives we set out to achieve, we achieved. We left the Kenyan Scouts with 2 working pole lathes, they can use to make things to sell. They now have the start of a new Scout hut, where before they had nothing. The building still needs doors, windows, plastering inside and out, but our work will be completed by other Scouts from East Sussex. It may not be this year, but it will be the year after.

If you are the work hard, play hard type there is no better way of helping your brother Scouts than by joining one of the Kenya project teams, ask any of the Kenya 2006 team and they will tell you I'm right.





## EAST SUSSEX SCOUT NETWORK 2007 CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2006

3rd (Sun)	Network Review (BP House)
7th (Thurs)	Network Review Debrief
30th—1st Jan	Snowjam—Newport, Wales

### JANUARY

5th/6th (Fri/Sat)	East Sussex Network Post New Year Camp—Bushy Wood
15th (Mon)	Queens Scout Award/Explorer Belt Open Door Session. 2nd Hailsham HQ 20:00 onwards
29th (Mon)	County Scout Network Meeting. Berwick. 19:45 for 20:00

### FEBRUARY

24th/25th (Sat/Sun)	Action Pact—Dartmoor
25th (Sun)	Celebration of Faith

### MARCH

8th (Thurs)	Queens Scout Award/Explorer Belt Open Door Session. Seahaven DHQ, Chichester Road Seaford. 20:00 onwards
22nd (Thurs)	County Scout Network Meeting. Berwick. 19:45 for 20:00
24th/25th (Sat/Sun)	Overland Hike

### APRIL

22nd (Sun)	St Georges Day Parade
29th (Sun)	Overland Reunion

### MAY

5th (Sat)	Battle of the Bands
14th (Mon)	Queens Scout Award/Explorer Belt Open Door Session. 2nd Bexhill HQ
21st (Mon)	County Scout Network Meeting. Berwick. 19:45 for 20:00

### JUNE

8th-10th (Fri-Sun)	Pub Scouts Festival
22nd-24th (Fri-Sun)	Mad UK 2007
23rd (Sat)	Scout Network "Mega Gig" - HQ Event, Birmingham
26th (Tues)	Queens Scout Award/Explorer Belt Open Door Session. 54th Brighton. 20:00 onwards

### JULY

28/29/30/31	Martlets—East Sussex Jamboree
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### AUGUST

1/2/3/4	Martlets—East Sussex Jamboree Continued
10/11/12/13	East Sussex Network—Amsterdam

### SEPTEMBER

7th/9th (Fri/Sun)	Gilwell Reunion
11th (Tues)	Queens Scout Award/Explorer Belt Open Door Session. 4th Uckfield HQ. 20:00 onwards.
15th (Sat)	Spotlight—East Sussex Scouting Centenary Event.
27th (Thur)	County Scout Network Meeting. Berwick. 19:45 for 20:00

### OCTOBER

3rd (Wed)	County AGM
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### NOVEMBER

24th (Sat)	Festival of Scouting (HQ Event—O2 Arena (Formally Millennium Dome))
26th (Mon)	County Scout Network Meeting. Berwick. 19:45 for 20:00
29th (Thurs)	Queens Scout Award/Explorer Belt Open Door Session. Seahaven DHQ, Chichester Road Seaford. 20:00 onwards



**NETWORK** ←

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**CHILL**

**CAMP**

Back from unit?

Recovered from New Years Eve?

Come chill by the fire with all your Network friends...

We'll be out at Bushy Wood campsite from 8pm on Friday 5th January till lunch on Sunday

Bring your own tent, food and stoves, beverages - if you don't have a tent etc. let us know, we'll find one. There are plenty of local takeaways and a supermarket nearby.

Bushy wood is located off the A22 near Hailsham

Cost: £1.50 per night (camping fees)

Please contact Steve Allen: [scout.software@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:scout.software@tiscali.co.uk) / 07801 840 282 or  
Liz Coles: [e.coles@lycos.com](mailto:e.coles@lycos.com) / 07903344156 for more details and to let us know that your coming

**This camp is for over 18's only**

## **Amsterdam trip possible dates: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Current flights:**

Easyjet (Gatwick to Amsterdam): £50.98 (return flights with taxes) march dates only available  
British Airways (LGW to Amsterdam): £57.20 (return flights with taxes) dates 10-13<sup>th</sup> Aug 07  
KLM (LGW to Amsterdam): £68.90 (return flights with taxes and surcharges) 10-13<sup>th</sup> Aug 07

### **Youth Hostel:**

Stayokay Youth Hostel, Vondelpark: 8 bed dorm £20.15 pppn B&B – lots of facilities, very central

Flying Pig, Uptown, Ledsie Sq: 8 bed dorm £20.11, 12 bed £17.42 pppn B&B, good facilities

Amsterdamse Bos Camping: tents: £3.36pppn, 'bungalow' tents 5 person £6.73pppn, cottages (5 per cottage) 3+ nights £19pppn - 20 min tram journey to central, self catering

### **Getting around:**

Rent bikes approx 8-10 Euros per day

Trams – best option, buy weekend passes from youth hostels, tram conductors – 72 hour ticket £9 approx

### **Eating:**

Usual fast food everywhere, most hostels have restaurant/bar food

More fun is bargaining with matire'd's on the side streets of [Leidseplein](#), where you can get great deals for large groups.

Pancake Houses are something quite different – savoury pancakes, with syrup...?

### **Things to do:**

Anne Frank house - [www.annefrank.nl](http://www.annefrank.nl)

Rijksmuseum Amsterdam – art, collections, antiquities - [www.rijksmuseum.nl](http://www.rijksmuseum.nl)

Van Gogh Museum – numerous famous works - [www.vangoghmuseum.nl](http://www.vangoghmuseum.nl).

NEMO – Science Museum, fun things, buttons to push - [www.e-NEMO.nl](http://www.e-NEMO.nl).

The Sex Museum – dirty things - [www.sexmuseumamsterdam.nl](http://www.sexmuseumamsterdam.nl)

Bike Tours – one of the best ways to se the city, great for the first day - <http://www.mikesbikeamsterdam.com/>

Barge tours

Red Light district -

Great nightlife – can be cheep and tacky, can be pretty good – club Paradiso.

Vondelpark – recovery time lying on the grass or playing frisbee – always something to see!

Windmills, clogs, cheese, etc...

Flights: £60

Accommodation: £60

Train transfer Schipol to Dam station: £3-4

Tram: £9

Meals/drinks/entertainment as you please...