

Newsletter

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Network Update

We still currently have eight Network Groups operating throughout the county and the team have now visited all eight of them and approved each of the Groups and their co-ordinators! Three of our Leaders, Vicki Clare, Becci Marchant and Graham Henshaw now have Leader warrants and two others, Melanie Jones and Malcolm Watson are awaiting their interviews. The search for a Leader in the West still continues but we have some hopeful names in the frame.

Membership continues to grow steadily but numbers are a little confused at the moment as membership fees are being paid and individual memberships confirmed. We have three county events being organised that you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter as well as reports from the individual area leaders. And the Awards 'panel' system to deal with achievement levels of the three awards plus Duke of Edinburgh Award has now been setup with the approval of both the Explorer Scout section and Network. Well done to all.

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Becci Marchant (East)
Melanie Jones (South)
Graham Henshaw (Central)
TBA (West)

Co-ordinators

Scott Feltham	Krowten Network (Hastings)
Dean Layen	Vanguard Network (Seaford)
James Henley	Eyetik Network (Bexhill)
Dale Shepherd	Real Macoy Network (Peacehaven)
Richard Watson	(Plumpton)
Liz Coles	(Brighton)
Becky Rimmer	Anvil Network (Hailsham)
Pete Comper	Dodo's Network (Eastbourne)

County Scout Network Website

www.esnetwork.co.uk
Webmaster Steve Sims

Windsor Parade

This year, we have three Queens Scouts attending the annual St Georges Day Windsor Parade on Sunday 27th April, and Phil has organised a 'Day Out' including an East Sussex Tea Party at the Crooked House for them and their families. It has become a tradition over the past few years to support our Queens Scouts at this function and we intend to continue this in future for all recipients of this, the highest achievement in the movement. A day at Windsor to see the St Georges Day parade of Queens Scouts is among the more memorable of events in the Scouting calendar and a day to remember

Programme Reviews

Please remember that all programmes need to be reviewed by your Network Group (including an independent guest) and a written report produced and sent to Phil Collins. A form is available for this report (at the back of your Network Essentials pack) or you may produce your own. If you have any problems with your programme reviews, contact your Area Leader.

Network Committee Dates

The East Sussex Scout Network Committee will be meeting at the May Garland (Horam) on the following dates. All Network Leaders and Co-ordinators are invited to attend

Thursday 12th June
Wednesday 13th August
Thursday 23rd October
Wednesday 10th December

Monopoly

The Monopoly idea seems to be very popular with those I have spoken to and therefore we have set a date of Sunday 24th August for this event. We are going to attempt to play a live game of Monopoly in London complete with Chance, Community Chest, Going to Jail and all the other familiar bits of the popular game. Rules are being drawn up at the moment and applications from teams (minimum three, no maximum) will be invited soon. The game will start in Central London at 9.00 am and finish at 5pm (except if you are in jail... then who knows when you'll finish) More info to follow.

Website



The Network website is going from strength to strength with well over 1300 hits since it began a year ago.

Don't forget the address <http://www.esnetwork.co.uk>

It carries news of all the Network Programmes plus,

Headquarters News, F.A.Q page, Registration Form & Network details. It also has Awards details, Roles and a picture gallery. We are still awaiting some reports from the various Groups but we expect those to start appearing very soon as the Easter activities and camps start happening. If you have something you'd like to see, then contact Steve <mailto:stevesims301@hotmail.com> or his private email if you're a member.

County Network Scarves

The County Network Scarf is available from Del at a cost of £6.00 each. For bulk orders (5 or more) please allow 3-4 weeks delivery.



Network Ball

The date is now set for this night to remember. The first East Sussex Network Ball will be held on the evening of July 19th with the first East Sussex Network Conference during the afternoon. Negotiations for the venue are being made as this newsletter goes to press but we can say it will be in the Eastbourne area. All members of Scout Network will receive invitations to the ball (unlike Cinderella) as will the County team, all DC's and Explorer Scouts and Leaders.

The Conference is for all registered members of Scout Network and is your yearly forum for airing your views on how Scout Network is run and for electing those who will represent you on the organisation Committee that has been meeting every two months throughout the year. We also have something a little special to help the event go with a bang. Make a note of these two events in your diary and make sure you are available to support your Scout Network on 19th July 2003

Camping & Activity Authorisations

Please note that ALL authorisations for nights away and or activity authorisations for Network activities are now to be approved by the Network Commissioner and not the District Commissioner. That means that if you wish to take a group of Network Scouts away camping, even for a single night, or if you hold an activity form and wish to take a group away for that particular activity, then approval MUST be sought through the County Scout Network Commissioner.

News from Camping Adviser

All very quiet except someone called Del wants to know if he can take a group away at Easter to some National Camp, not sure if he's qualified enough so I'm having to go with him, ho hum...

No request from anyone else as yet but I'm sure some will follow shortly, nudge, nudge!!!!

Becci

Other Activities

Stop Press... We welcome to the Scout Network, Lesley Rickman who is a member of the County Activities Group and has agreed to act as County Scout Network Advisor for Activities. If you wish to take a group of Network Scouts away on an activity which requires authorisation, or if you wish to find out how to gain an authorisation, contact Lesley (see Network Who's who) and she will advise on the steps to take. Welcome to Network Lesley.

The Network Gathering

Eleven members of East Sussex Network will be travelling up to Great Tower Scout Camp site on Friday 18th April to attend the first Gathering of Network Scouts since the section started last year. The group consists of 3 from Brighton, 3 from Bexhill, 2 from Hastings 1 from Eastbourne plus Becci & Del.

Steve Marten - Vanguard Network

Happy 18th Birthday - 28/02/03. - **Hope you enjoyed your first Legal drink!!**

Passed his Driving test after his fourth attempt!!

After 1 hour of driving - he had his first ding... with a parked car!! **Congratulations - From all the Guys at Vanguard Network.**

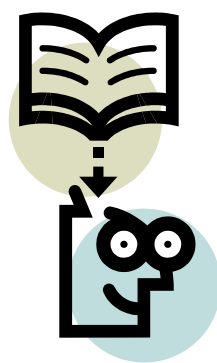
News from the East

4 members of Eytetik and 2 members of Krowten are off to camp at Easter with the county to 'The Gathering'. Krowten Network Group have been quiet but not extinct in the last couple of months, mainly due to all members being active in various other roles in Scouting, but surely this is why Network Scouts is so great, enabling busy people to meet as often or as little as they want. Activities they have organised include ten pin bowling and a tastes of the world evening. Both evenings were most enjoyable and it was really good that other Network Members in the County (well Eytetik Network Group and Ed from Eastbourne) were able to come along and join in. Krowten have also been meeting with Vicki Clare to organise their Duke of Edinburgh and Queens Scout awards. Lastly they have been helping at and been asked to help at other events, these include, marshalling at the Hastings Half Marathon, helping Battle Scout Troop with their song and sketches at their AGM and St Georges Day Parade.

Eytetik have been busy with various activities. One of these was hiking/walking from Bexhill to Crowhurst conveniently ending up in the pub and breaking a glass (oops I was told I wasn't allowed to mention that!), everyone, including the dog, seemed to enjoy themselves. Another activities was beer and cider making, we are yet to learn the results of that evening, check the programme out for the tasting night (if you dare)! Eytetik have also been busy sorting out their awards with Vicki and went along to Krowten's bowling and tastes of the world evenings.

Both groups are due to evaluate their programmes so far and plan the next term but so good so far.....

Your Newsletter



This is your Newsletter and needs your input. Is there anything you would like included?? Small ads, Help for activities.

If you have any suggestions articles ads please let me have them by June 30th for inclusion in the next issue

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