

Item	Details		Action
Present:	Brian Sadd, Vanessa Johnson, Stewart Lomax, Martyn Everitt, Chris Weller, Tony Thompson, Jim Hunniset, Neil Postlethwaite, Richard Phillips, Peter Hall, Gareth Owen-Williams, Karen O'Riley, Eddie Mower, Susan Bray, Alan Thompson		
Apologies:	Mark Thomson		
1. Brian Sadd, DC Changes to the Ashdown District Team:	Jim Ringe has retired after 9 years, handing over the reins to Brian Sadd as the new DC. Jim will stay on, however as the District Administrator. Vanessa Johnson becomes the new District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) and Alan Thompson takes over as ADC (Scouts). Stewart Lomax stays on as ADC (Activities) and Martyn Everitt takes on the new informal role of District Website Administrator.		
2. New Warrants:	Karen O'Riley (SL) and Eddie Mower (ASL), 4 th Uckfield (Alpha) Scout Troop.		
3. Recent Events	District Widgame – seemed to be enjoyed by all; Carol Service - good as always but disappointing attendance from Scouts (though it is aimed mainly at Beavers and Cubs); New Year's Camp - limited attendance but most were from Ashdown! A follow up is planned for the end of this year; Seven Sisters Hike – great fun and well attended despite poor weather.		
4. Overland Training:	Begins Sunday, 14 th Jan, 10 am, Friend's Clump on Ashdown Forest. All info on the new Website.		
5. Ashdown District Website:	http://www.ashdown-scouts-east-sussex.org.uk Created by Martyn, this is a great resource for the District, with separate pages for each section and for each Group, including links to your own Websites if you have them (if not, why not?) Additional material is needed (e.g. on Group histories). Group information should go directly to Martyn . General ideas for the Scout Section should be sent via Alan		
6. County Website:	http://www.eastsussexscouts.org.uk Ideas for inclusion to be sent via Chris Weller (County Scout Leader)		
7. Martlets Jamboree:	Ashdown District Groups have responded magnificently with 624 entries at the last count and every single Group represented. Booking confirmation forms and Registration forms should now be with your GSLs. These need to be returned with full payment by 28 Feb to retain entitlement to discounted prices. All the information you need is on www.martlets-jamboree.org (including a FAQ section and both a discussion forum and 'Contact Us' page for any queries you may have).		
8. Calendar of Events in 2007:	See Ashdown District Website, events section, for full listing of all National, County and District Events for the Scouts Section in 2007. Follow links to find out more. Register for the Centenary Challenge before 21st Jan . Also register now to have a chance of obtaining tickets for the Festival of Scouting on 24 Nov. Pester your GSL before 15th Jan for tickets for the Celebration of Faith on 25 th February.		
9. Dates and organisers agreed for District Events in 2007:			
Fri-Sun 27-29 th April	Hillwalking & Geological Adventure	The Three Peaks of Yorkshire	Alan + Stew
Sunday 20 th May	District Football Tournament	Rotherfield	Gareth
Saturday 9 th June	Soapbox Derby	Wadhurst	Merlin
Sunday, 22 nd July?	Golf Tuition	East Sussex National	Vanessa
Sat-Sun 29-30 th September	Ashdown District Survival Challenge <i>combined with</i> Backwoods Cooking Competition (Sunday only)	Broadstone Warren	Martyn + Chris + Alan
Sunday 21 st October	Ashdown Hike Competition (to include junior 'fun' section plus involvement of Explorers in some way)	Secret location (to be advised)	Stew + Vanessa
Evening 17 th to morning 18 th November	Muddy Boot Night Hike Competition	Location to be advised (needs indoor accommodation overnight)	Richard J + Vanessa
Friday 7 th December	Ashdown District Widgame	Ashdown Forest	Alan + Martyn
Sunday 9 th December	Ashdown District Carol Service	Crowborough	Brian Sadd
10. Actions agreed for other events in 2007:			
Saturday 24 th March	Overland Hike: Ashdown checkpoint	Please note this date and be ready to help out (great fun!)	
Sunday, 22 nd April	St George's Day – "Thinking Differently"	Discuss novel ideas with your GSLs now!	
Sat – Mon 26 th – 28 th May	Centenary Camps (Group Camps??)	 Ditto , aim to have <u>everyone</u> in your Group at camp on 26 th May	
Sunday, 14 th October	East Sussex Mountain Bike Challenge	Richard + other Groombridge leaders, + Grant Kerwyn-Nye (Tullis Explorers) and Vanessa to take over from Alan to coordinate this.	
11. Leader Training	Liaise with your training advisor to make sure you continue with training modules where required and/or validation of your experience. Any difficulties please report to Alan.		
12. AOB: Nights Away	Experienced leaders needed to take over from or assist Peter Boorman . Role could be shared among several leaders to make sure that permits are issued. Brian Sadd to confirm new arrangements in due course.		
Water Activities	There seems to be much confusion over the current status of and requirements for permits relating to water activities. Tony Thompson to head up a District team to look into this further, with help from Jim Hunniset , Richard Phillips and Vanessa , as required, to report back at next meeting.		
Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday, 6 th March 2007, 8pm <u>start</u> , Crow & Gate. (Agenda will include the Ashdown District Checkpoint on the Overland Hike and details of the Hillwalking/Geological Adventure to the Yorkshire Dales).		