

Contacts & Resources

District contacts and useful websites

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News and information for everyone involved in Scouting in Barking & Dagenham

WOODSMOKE



“There were people clapping us, they came out of the shops and pub”

St. George's Day Parade

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Deadline for July Issue: 20th June

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Weren't we lucky, I can't believe how lucky we were with the weather for St. George's Day. Pouring rain in the morning and then when it mattered out came the sunshine. Thanks to all the Groups who supported it and I have only heard two negative comments so I take that as a success. From a personal view it was all I wanted and more, the Church Bells at the end were definitely the 'icing on the cake'

We haven't had a lot of Scouting things this month but are starting to get busy with AGMs, hopefully I will see you at yours, if I have the date!

Please remember that the District one is at Harmony House this year, not St. Margaret's. You will shortly be receiving your letter from Pauline requesting your donation of food. This is your AGM so please make every effort to come along, and if your won awards please bring children along to collect them.

See you soon

Fellowship

Tonight we had a very good speaker, Keith Crowhurst who spoke about 78's, records for those of you who don't know what I am talking about. Some of the words of the songs were definitely NOT P.C. it did give us a laugh. Our next venture is a boat trip on 27th June. If anyone is interested please contact me as soon as possible.



Jill May is the District Commissioner

Health Update

Nikki is due to hear next week whether their appeal for funding for a certain drug has been granted or not, so we wait and pray for the right outcome. If you see her ask her to tell you stories about the Hospice, I am sure she will be the first person ever to get expelled! She has me in fits of laughter.

Sylvie Dennison was taken ill whilst on a cruise, most people get lumbered with King George's or Queen's, no, she has to beat that and be hospitalised on a cruise ship. She said the hospital food was good! She is now on the mend but waiting for more tests.

Umbrella Camp

It is not too late to book your places. Just contact Rose and we will see you there.

New DC

There is no news to share with you yet. Dean will be contacting some likely people shortly and you will get news when we have it, sorry you have me till then!

District Diary

Upcoming Events

June		
2	Module 1	17 th B&D HQ
10	ADC's Meeting	Bromhall Road
11-13	Umbrella Camp	Chigwell Row
23	County AGM	Sir James Hawkey
24	District AGM	Harmony House
26	District Sports Day	Mayesbrook Arena
July		
1	SL Meeting	17 th B&D HQ
5	CL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ
11	First Response	21 st B&D HQ
12	BL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ
13	Appointments	Salvation Army
15	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
17/18	Town Show	Central Park
19	CRB Check Evening	21 st B&D HQ
25	Modules 5, 6, 7	17 th B&D HQ
24-	Danish Exchange Camp	
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/		

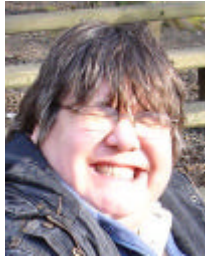
EXPLORING

Out and about

The Explorers have been getting out and about, each half spending an evening doing some backwoods cooking over at Hargreaves. Cook's turn was on the same night as the Charter Mark Awards and thanks to Jill for collecting ours. An evening of orienteering is planned for after half term and we hope to be out and about a bit more now the evenings are lighter. As a consequence can you let us know if you have a Scout coming up in case we are not there as normal.

Quite a few of the Explorers are about to sit exams and we hope you will join us in wishing them luck! A largish group are planning on attending Gil-

Shelley Goodman is an AESL



well 24 to celebrate the end of exams and some ex-Explorers are hoping to crew the weekend. If you have a Young Leader taking exams bear in mind the pressure they are under this time of year. Further camps and a sleepover are planned - more of that later.

If you have a Young Leader helping in your group don't forget to nominate them for Young Leader of the Year by the 1st of June, nominations to me via e mail, phone call etc.

Training & Appointments

All trained up

Training Dates

Held at the 17th B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens, 7:15 for 7:30 prompt start. Refreshments provided. All the following dates are on a Wednesday:

Module 1 2nd June 3rd November

Module 3 8th September

Modules 5+6+7

Sunday 25th July, 9:45 a.m. for 10 a.m.

Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager



start – finish about 3:45 p.m. That is 3 Modules in 1 day! Venue: 17th HQ – Refreshments provided, please bring your own packed lunch.

Please note - places must be booked and confirmed through me.

Scouting in GLNE

Paul Fix (Deputy County Commissioner)

Hi All, I have been asked a few times this week about wearing of First Aid Badges (for leaders) so thought I would make sure everyone was aware of the policy. Adults who hold a First Response Certificate are not entitled to wear the a First Aid Badge.

Only adults (and Explorer Scout / Network Scouts) that hold a Full First Aid Certificate as defined in the factsheet can wear a First Aid Badge, they can either wear the First Aid Badge relating to the award of the organisation they did the qualification with (such as the Red Cross) or can wear the Green Scout Association First Aid Badge.

If you want further information please read the factsheet. Thank you.

Water Carriers

Ray Purdy (Treasurer)

I have two unwanted Water Carriers [with taps] for use at camp, capacities are approximately 2 & 4 gallons. If any Group can make use of them please e-mail me: treasurer@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

DC Search

Alan Dennison (County Chairman)

The County Commissioner has an article clarifying how the search for the next DC in Barking & Dagenham will proceed on the website at:

www.badscouts.org.uk/dcsearch/

There you can also find the nomination form.

New DC

Alan Everitt (District Chairman)

I would invite invitations for the post of DC.

If we can't find one from inside or outside the District then this District's only option will be to amalgamate with another district who do have a District Commissioner.

Volunteers and/or nominations are urgently sought.



KENNETH MORE THEATRE
Our next show opens on Wednesday 18th May and runs
Through to Saturday 21st May 2011

Can we interest you into helping with the show? We are holding an informal Open Evening on Monday 24th May starting at 8pm at the Scout and Guide County Centre 437 Wansted Park Road Ilford

We need volunteers from the Scout and Guide District and Divisions to support our 5th bi-annual production. You may be just the person who may be able to help out with one of the many listed jobs such as sew costumes, paint scenery, make up, choreograph dance movement, teach singing, play piano, direct, print programmes, type scripts, stage manage, arrange music, promote the show, advertising and a host of other jobs needed in maintaining the National Show Recognition standard that the show achieved in 2005

The County Show includes the area of Greater London North East Scouts and London Over the Border Guides - it is our combined County Show and we hope that you can play a part as a member of the back stage team.

If you are unable attend on 24th May but would like to help or have a chat please contact us before the Open Evening:

Mike Hayward 0208 5275435

Peter Ford 0208 5246723

Sue Handley 02085212671

**WALK
THIS WAY...**

Please come to the Greater London North East County AGM

Wednesday 23 June 2010, 7pm buffet for an 8pm meeting

All Adult members, Supporters, Civic Representatives and Friends are invited

at The Sir James Hawkey Hall, Broomhill Road
Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 0BG

Guest Speaker: Tim Kidd, Chief Commissioner of England
Full uniform to be worn (and awards if relevant)

RSVP Barbara Westcott, County Secretary on 020 8597 0811
or email secretary@glne-scouts.org.uk
Ample car parking on site

The Scout Association Registered Charity Number(s) 1025705



DISTRICT SL'S BITZ

Red Hot Football



Suzanne Squirrel is a DSL

Welcome to the merry month of May but given the recent weather we could be forgiven for thinking that there were April showers or even February frosts. However if the weather service is to be believed the weekend is due to be hot, hot, hot.

It was great to see so many people at St. George's day, you must have all been keeping your fingers crossed that the weather stayed clear for the afternoon, a few parents spoke to me and said how great everyone looked and well behaved they were. There was only one matter that marred the day for me and that occurred on the way to the park where in the car behind mine a Scout threw rubbish out of the car window, as we were at the lights Richard was able to speak to them straight away. We should all do what is right regardless but especially when we are in uniform, formal or informal, we represent Scouting as a whole and members of the public will judge the movement on our actions, it is a great shame that one person will let everyone else down.

Football at May and Bakers is this Saturday, please remember to bring a football with you. As the weather is due to be hot please ensure that you remind your Scouts to bring plenty of drinks as well as sun hats and sun-cream I have no wish to deal with dehydration and sunburn all day. If you

have easy access to water carriers it may be worth bringing with you.

The season of camps and hikes is here please remember to get your paperwork to Rose in time. Also drop me a line as one of us maybe able to drop in for a cup of tea or even better a mug of hot chocolate, well that is my preference you will have to ask the Dave's . Please also remember to email or text if you are not meeting in your usual place (i.e. you have a night out at a local campsite) as if we need to visit or drop anything to you we know where to find you.

The next two big events coming up are the Camping Competition and the Incident Hike, we will be meeting soon to discuss these events so if you have any ideas or comments or changes please let me know asap.

Well folks thats all for now look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

CUB CHIT CHAT

Cubbing Cubbing Cubbing

Hi all you Cubby people, I hope you are all well.

Well, what can I say about St. George's Parade? A wonderful sight coming down the hill at Barking. There were people clapping us, they came out of the shops and pub. The service in the grounds of the abbey was really nice and made a change from sitting in church. Well done and congrats to everyone who received either a Jack Petchey Award or Long Service Award.

Not much happened after that in the Cubby world, until the 5-a-side Football. I am pleased to say it all went very well and a glorious day with lots of sunshine. 10 Groups had 51 Cubs between them so some doubled up to make teams, every Cub did extremely well and congrats to those below.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
16 th B&D	15 th B&D	10 th /18 th B&D	4 th B&D

June is a very busy month, Umbrella Camp 11-13th, there is just time to book if you would like to attend. Sports Day is 26th June at Mayesbrook Arena, 10 a.m. start.

If you would like your Group to camp but don't feel able to take them yourself then please give me a call and I

Rosemary Oakwell is the ADC (*Cubs*)



will see if I can pair your Group with another. My Group is going to Borehamwood in Hertfordshire, 14-21 August, cost £120 all inclusive. If you have any Cubs that would like to come with us please let me know so I can get a permission to camp form to you.

District AGM is Thursday 24th June at Harmony House, Baden Powell Close, Dagenham. Please could you return all trophies to me on the night.

That's it from me, take care, Happy Cubbing.

Climbing Wall

Michael George (West 1 Climbing Wall)

It's been a long time in the building stage, but we finally opened our doors to the public on 16th March. We have a 13m lead wall with 9 lines and a 7m wall with 4 lines. All lines have 'top ropes' in place but you can lead if you bring your own lead rope and 11 quickdraws. All lines have two or three routes on, with grades ranging from 5 (french) through to 7b. Routes set by Steve McClure and other High Sports staff. We also have a quite substantial bouldering area, with grades from V0- to V9, set by Mark Pretty, and other High Sports staff. We have a campus board and associated panels for those that want to train hard as well!

Our opening hours are Monday to Friday, 11:00 - 9:00; Weekends and Bank Holidays, 9:00 - 6:00. Please feel free to get in touch or come and visit. See our web site for details or call us on

0845 363 1177

West 1 Climbing Wall is newly opened, located within the Seymour Leisure Centre. (Seymour Place, London, W1H5TJ). The wall is less than ten minutes walk from Marble Arch, Edgware Road and Baker St. Stations and is operated by High Sports, one of the leading climbing wall suppliers in the south of the country.

www.high-sports.co.uk

Shelterbox

HQ

London's most famous landmarks. The event marks the launch of ShelterBox's annual fundraising and awareness week, Big Green Box Week (12 – 19 June). If you can't make 12 June, get your district involved by hosting a weird and wonderful event to help ShelterBox be there for people in need when disaster strikes. Remember, if you are undertaking in The ShelterBox Challenge, taking part in Big Green Box Week or the London Scavenger Hunt will complete their June requirement and take them one step closer to receiving the brand new ShelterBox Challenge Badge! For more information on The London Scavenger Hunt, Big Green Box Week or The ShelterBox Challenge, please visit the new Scouts' area of the Young ShelterBox website, www.youngshelterbox.org/partnership or email Emma or James at youngshelterbox@shelterbox.org

International disaster relief charity ShelterBox will once again be hosting their Scavenger Hunt for Scouts - right in the heart of central London. This exciting event takes place on 12 June and will see Cubs, Scouts and Explorers using their map reading and clue solving skills to navigate their way around some of

Words from the Wood

News and information from Thriftwood Campsite



Colin Tilbrook is the Warden

Thriftwood Badge Team Courses

First Response Training

Sunday 6th Dec

NSRA Rifle Course

31st October

Water Splash

every Wednesday during Summer Holidays

TLC (Leader's & Teacher's Camp)

22-24th October 2010

GNAS Archery Course

27-28th Nov. and 4-5th Dec. 2010

Campfire & Carols

11th December 2010

National Pedal Car Olympics

7-9th January 2011

Oak Lodge Makeover & New Look for 2010

Oak Lodge has received a substantial makeover to the main hall. New Dormitory block building started.

Climbing Walls Floodlight

Why not make use of the facilities and enjoy a floodlit climbing, Ice Climbing or Abseiling session?

New Activity for 2010 - Inflata-BULL

A fantastic new activity for 2010, the inflata-bull. A rodeo bull ride, with a twist, can you stay on whilst your 'friends' try to buck you off?.

Campfire with Carols

Saturday 11th December 2010, 3 p.m. Burgers, Hot Dogs etc. Mince pies & Mulled Wine will be on sale before and afterwards. Tuck Shop will be open with a wide range of reasonably priced toys and stocking fillers

Campfire Leaders and Helpers Course

25th April 2010, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and coffee will be provided but participants need to bring their own packed lunch. The cost is £25 with a non-refundable deposit of £10. The cost includes our "Campfire Leaders Handbook". The course is limited to 15 places.

National Scout Pedal Car Olympics 2011

2011 event booking now open, 7th-9th January

www.thriftwood.org.uk/