

Contacts & Resources

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

WOODSMOKE



Well Marked

Congratulations to the overall

winners of the Mark Sutton competition this year with 518 points, the 4th Cobras. Well done to Kathryn, Tadhg, Lee, Sean and Abbeigail.

There was only eleven points in the top three scores so very close indeed!

"If we invest time in the young people then we shall certainly see results in the months and years to come"

District Chaplain

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www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/

Deadline for April Issue: 20th March

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

A big thank you to those of you who managed to in put your own census, and get it in on time. I have finally finished, about five minutes ago, and only had to keep chasing two Groups, not as bad as last year! I will publish the figures in next month's issue.

There is a plea here though. The difference between the quarterly figures and the annual census has, in a couple of cases, been vastly different. Can you please ensure the numbers you are handing into the ADCs are accurate.

Since the last jottings we have had a recruitment day in Vicarage Fields. This was arranged by Project You. I am not sure how successful it was but at least we are out and about being seen.

I have also had a great night out with Fellowship organised by Pauline and Steve, good food and wine what more can we ask for.

I am looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at our Founders Day Service.

Congratulations

Ann and Rob are the latest members of the Grandparent Club. They have been presented with a little granddaughter, Poppy, congratulations to Aunty Laura as well. May you both enjoy every minute.



Jill May is the District Commissioner

Health Update

As most of you will already know, Nikki's health continues to give concern. She is due to have more scans on the 1st March to find out what is where. I will continue to send out updates when there is anything to say. They are very grateful for all the messages and prayers. If anything is needed in the way of support again I will send an email out.

Changes in the Scout Section

Richard has stood down as ADC Scouts to spend more time with Nikki and Thomas. For the time being Dave Bradford has agreed to support as a third District Scout Leader. They are meeting shortly to discuss who is doing what. I know I can rely on you to support them. If there are any queries I can also be contacted and will try and sort out any problems.

Dane Camp

Plans are progressing for the camp and we will let you know shortly what is happening. If you have any queries please, in the first instance, contact Malcolm Beerling until you hear otherwise.

District Diary

Upcoming Events

March		
4	SL Meeting	17 th B&D HQ
5	Hand in Handcraft	9 th B&D HQ
6	Beaver/Cub Handcraft	9 th B&D HQ
8	CL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ
9	BL Meeting	21 st B&D HQ
13	Scout's First Aid Day	
15	CRB Check Evening	21 st B&D HQ
16	Appointments	Salvation Army
18	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
21	First Response	21 st B&D HQ
27	Beaver Easter Egg Hunt	Hargreaves
27	County Swimming Gala	Fulwell Cross
31	Module 3	17 th B&D HQ
April		
22	ADCs Meeting	Bromhall Road
25	St. George's Day Parade	
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/		

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First Response

All at 17th B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens. Places still available, please contact me so that I can book you in. The course is for 10 people only

Sunday 21st March 2010, 17th B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens, Barking.

Scuff gear, 9:45 till 4 - please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

The next courses will be 11th July and 7th November.

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

SCOUT SHOUT

Fond farewell

Hello All. Unfortunately due to Nikki's condition taking some very serious turns for the worse I have resigned as ADC Scouts.

The past few years doing this role have been extremely rewarding and it is one that I have enjoyed immensely, I will miss it more than you can possibly know.

I would like to thank Suzanne, Dave and Darren for being my DSLs and thanks to the rest of you for your support, help and guidance over this time, I know you will do the same for whom



Richard Blunden is the ADC (Scouts)

ever takes over.

This District has great and dedicated leaders with one aim, to give the kids of Barking and Dagenham a chance to experience and belong to the most amazing movement in the world, I will still be a part of this in whatever way possible.

So with heavy heart I bid you fair well as ADC Scouts.

Training & Appointments

March on down to a module

Please note there is an error in the District Directory: All of the First Response course will be held at the 17th B&D, NOT the 21st.

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 31st March 8th September



Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager

Modules 5+6+7

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

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New DC

Last month Darren sent out details of the procedure for finding my replacement. Can I ask that you all give this some thought and if you know of anyone interested please nominate them? If anyone thinks they may be interested I am quite willing to run through the things that you don't see me doing to give you some idea of what is needed.

Thank you

A big thank you to the Salvation Army for coming to our rescue when we had to move the Mark Sutton at extremely short notice. I think Rose and Ken were very impressed with the kitchen. St. Elizabeth's have also rescued us for the Handcraft.

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.

Race Night

(10th/18th B&D)

10th/18th "Race Night"
7:30 p.m.
Friday February 12th
Dagenham Football Club
Victoria Road
Adults £3
Children £1

Bring your own food

Drinks must be purchased at the bar

Come and join the start of our Group's 80th Birthday Celebrations.

A FUN Race Night that ALL the family can join in.

Numbers are needed by February 2nd

Contact Loraine :

20/20 Day

(21st B&D)

The 21st Barking & Dagenham are having a

20 / 20 day

20th March at 10 a.m.
Books, toys, bric-a-brac, videos, etc
Everything 20p or less.

Refreshments available.

To be held in the Scout Hut, Rear of St Cedd's Church, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham.

Missing Flag

(19th B&D)

The 19th B&D still have a missing Union Flag.

They have another Group's Union Flag, which is unmarked, when theirs got mixed up last St. George's Day.

Can you please check you have your own flag, else they may well just claim this one as it is in better condition than their original!

DISTRICT SL'S BITZ

Marking that Sutton competition well

Mark Sutton

All that lovely snow in January unfortunately led to literally the sky falling in at St. Mary's. This meant that the a short notice change in venue was required. A huge thank you Nigel for allowing us to use the Salvation Army Citadel for the competition at short notice, and thank you to Jill for arranging this. We had thirty-two Scouts from eight troops taking the 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th/18th, 16th and 19th took part the patrols from the 1st and the 7th combined to make one Patrol.

Despite many problems beforehand the day went very well with comments all round regarding how well all the Scouts behaved and how they all did their best at each section. So to all of you that were there be very proud of yourselves, you did very well and are a credit to your Troops.

I was again with the First Aid section for most of the day (being tempted by the lovely smells wafting up from the kitchen) and I have to say that Skip and I were very impressed with how that standards had improved from last year, when we used the same scenario based assessment and that comments we had made to those of you who took part last year and been taken on board and put into practice this year.

This is a competition though and so there has to be a winner, by my maths there was only eleven points in the top three scores so very close indeed, the overall winner of the competition this



Suzanne Squirrel is a DSL

year with 518 points was the 4th Cobras so well done to Kathryn, Tadhg, Lee, Sean and Abbeygail.

A huge thank you to those members from St. John Ambulance cadets who once again turned up and lay bleeding on the floor and to the adults for their marking skills and comments. Thank you as well to all the leaders for turning up and making the day a success.

Danish Camp

The Danes are coming again, as said at the last scout leaders meeting please do start spreading the word, and collecting money. We have booked a campsite and so can now start with working out the final price for the event. The campsite is called Rhydd Covert Scout campsite and activity centre, this is based near Kidderminster. Please visit www.rhyddcovert.org.uk if you would like a look at what the site can offer.

For the next meeting

Leaders please bring with you any feedback from the Mark Sutton Competition and numbers likely to be attending the pioneering Day on the 9th May. Any problems or concerns please contact either Dave or myself.

CUB CHIT CHAT

Having a night away

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

A couple of events have been cancelled, Chess because of the weather conditions and Swimming Gala because of cost. Please get your thinking caps on for the next CSL meeting at 6th HQ on Monday 8th March as to whether we still want a Swimming Gala and how we can pay for it.

I haven't managed to rearrange the Chess, however County Chess is on 7th March so if you have any players please let me know as soon as possible. I have emailed you all regarding this matter and the County Swimming Gala. Again this is an event that I need swimmers for.

Handcraft has now moved to St Elisabeth's, same times, same dates. The layout of the hall at St Elisabeth's is different from St Mary's so could you please use the side entrance and because of lack of space it will be drop off and go. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

5-a-side Football is booked for Saturday 22nd May at May & Bakers, 9 from 9:30 start, weather permitting.

That's it for now, I hope to see you all soon. Take care

Chilly Akela Rosie.

Rosemary Oakwell is the ADC (Cubs)



Akela's Antics

Nothing to report as not much has happened due to the poor weather. However I did have lots of fun in the snow, building snowmen (they're great cause they don't answer back) snowball fighting with Cubs and Scouts and the kids at school. I do hope we have some more.

Nights Away

Now with my other hat on as Nights Away Adviser, I had to tell one Group in January that they couldn't go to camp because their paperwork was not in on time and the camp leaders permit had not been renewed. This is the ideal time to renew your camp permit as not many of you camp during the winter months.

I would also like you to remember that I do work and I'm not supposed to have personal calls unless they are between 1:15 and 2:00 (lunch time) or after 3:30 when I finish for the day.

First Aid Day

Suzanne Squirrel (DSL)

The First Aid Training Day is an exciting opportunity to attend a First Aid course taught by members of St. John Ambulance where you will gain your stage 3 first aid badge.

This day is open to all Scouts as well as Cubs over 9 ½ and Explorers under 16.

We hope to run two sessions on the day the morning session will run from 9 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., the afternoon session from 13:15 – 17:00

The cost is £3 per Scout, once the booking is made this must be paid even if the Scout does not attend.

Uniform is required, but no skirts to be worn please.

This is first come first served so please contact Suzanne either by email:

suzanne@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

or telephone with the name, Group and if an am or pm slot wanted.

Location TBC

Please note if there is not enough of a response by Monday 1st March this event will not go ahead.

First Aid Day

Jackie, Ann & Rob (21st B&D)

Jackie, Ann & myself would like to thank Robert and all the committee for the presentation evening on Friday 29th January and also to all our friends from Scouting that turned up to say goodbye.



Activities

Peter Seddon (GLNE)

We have some places left on the following activities:

Norway Expedition	24 – 31 st July
Cost £850 all inclusive	2 places
Docklands Water Day	9 th May
Cost £20	20 places
Offshore Sailing	4 – 6 th May
Cost £98 all inclusive	4/5 places (I'm awaiting confirmation on 1 place)

Further details are available on the GLNE website:

www.glne-scouts.org.uk

BEAVER BITS

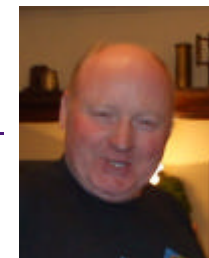
Track down those eggs

Hi to all.

Don't forget the Handcraft is now at St. Elisabeth's Church Hall, Wood Lane, Dagenham, times and dates are the same.

Please remember the District Beaver Egg Hunt at Hargreaves Campsite on Saturday 27th March, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., £3 for Beavers, £1 for leaders. Make sure all the Beavers in your Group take a packed lunch and lead-

Ron Pringle is the ADC (*Beavers*)



ers take a game for the kids to play.

The next District Beaver Leader Meeting is on Tuesday 9th March at the 21st B&D HQ at 8:15 p.m.

Can all leaders give me numbers for the Beaver Sleepover as soon as possible please, thanks.

Chaplain's Thoughts

Spiritual Life

It is good to be able to join you all as your District Chaplain. As we are well into a New Year and Spring is with us, this is the season of change. It is also the season to start planting and getting the garden ready. Later in the year we shall reap what we sow. If we plant nothing now then we shall certainly not gather in in a Harvest in August and September. At the 8th B&D we always have a Harvest Scout Parade and there we collect items for those that are needy. We take time to plan and think about others. Scouting is just like that, and this is the time to start planting and making plans. If we invest time in the young people then we shall certainly see results in the

Nigel Schultz is the *District Chaplain*



months and years to come.

In our Spiritual Life there are similarities. If we spend time in learning and understanding our creator the one who has made us, then when we need him, and when times are difficult we shall have his arm to hold on to. In some of your badge work there is the opportunity to write and prepare prayers for Church Parade. Make sure your Group get an opportunity to do this during 2010. Plant the seed now!!

A vertical advertisement for 'Hush Inn II presents CASINO ROYALE 7'. The background is dark with a roulette wheel at the bottom. The text is in yellow and white. It includes the date, venue, time, and cost, along with contact information for Laurel Brewster.

Hush Inn II
presents
CASINO ROYALE 7

Date: 13th February
Venue: Catterall Hall (1st Chads)
Time: 8.00pm
Cost: £10 (includes buffet)

To book please contact Laurel Brewster
on 07956255212
or 02085995352