

# Contacts & Resources

District contacts and useful websites

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<b>GLNE County</b>	www.glne-scouts.org.uk	<b>Scouting Resources</b>	www.scoutingresources.org.uk



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

# WOODSMOKE



“...please note you will have to book your place on any future District run modules”

ADC Training

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At Last!  
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[www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/)

Deadline for November Issue: 20<sup>th</sup> October

# Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Hello everyone, I hope you all enjoyed your summer, I am sorry I missed last month's jottings but Darren was too quick off the mark and I was slower off the mark, a bit like the hare and the tortoise!

Since the last time I wrote I have been busy here there and everywhere. I expect Ron will put in a bit about the Sleepover, but it all went well, even if a certain leader forgot to collect his wife and phoned me at silly o'clock to get a message through! Thank you to the leaders who gave up a weekend to give the youngsters a weekend they won't forget.

At the present it appears you still have me as DC. I have sent everyone a letter listing some vacant positions within the District. I was waiting for the new DC to take over before pushing for these to be filled, but we can't let things slide so, please take a look and let me know what you fancy, I can explain what is needed and we can go from there. The 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> are hosting the Carol Service this year and I am sure the details will be out soon.



Thanks for all your hard work

## Happy DC

Wow at last! I was extremely pleased



**Jill May** is the District Commissioner

and proud to present Woodbadges to Lee, Adrian, Neil and Dave from the 16<sup>th</sup>. Over many years they have produced quality scouting for the scouts and now they have the badge to prove it. Well Done.

## Even Happier DC

Congratulations to Aaron Martin on gaining his Gold Chief Scout's Award. I visited the 16<sup>th</sup> at camp to present his award in front of very proud leaders, Scouts and family. I also know Aaron from school and know how much effort must have gone into him completing this award.



## Health Update

What a lovely picture that says it all. Nikki is doing very well on her new drugs and has seen Thomas's birthday, Thomas starting school, lunch with Margaret Hodge, and her birthday lunch. All things that seemed impossible. Hopefully Christ-



# District Diary

Upcoming Events

October		
2	'Lost Skills Day'	
4-10	District Non-Uniform Week	
16	Scout Incident Hike	
17	District Team Away Day	
22	Beaver 'Spooky' Evening	
22-24	Sixer's Camp	Chigwell Row
23	District Sponsored Walk	Chigwell Row
23	Cub Quiz	Chigwell Row
November		
1	CSL Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
3	Module 1	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
4	SL Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
6	Beaver Connect 4	
7	First Response	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ
9	BL Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ
13	Scout's First Aid Day	
15	CRB Evening	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ
17	Appointments	Salvation Army
18	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
18	County Jack Petchey Evening	
19	Fellowship/Explorers Bowling	
20	Cub Jungle Rally	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
21	Thriftwood Memorial Service	Thriftwood
26	Beaver Christmas Party	
+lots more! Check out <a href="http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/">http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/</a>		

mas could be next. Nikki whatever Rich says there will be a proper tree this year! X

### **Fellowship**

The Fellowship held an enjoyable boat trip recently from Paper Mill Lock, delicious cakes on board, not many slimming world sins! Good company and lunch at a garden centre on the way back, a lovely day.

We will soon be no more; Fellowship is changing although I am sure we will still fit in lots of eating and drinking! We will be changing to Scout Active Support, we can have more than one unit in the District and I would very much like to have an Activity SAS. Darren did try this years ago and unfortunately it didn't really work but I am willing to give it another go. If you are interested in planning the district activities please get in touch.

### **Sponsored Walk**

The Sponsored Walk will be at Chigwell Row on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Sponsor forms have been sent to GSLs so please support this. Start from 10:00, last start time is 12:00. Same as last year, half the money raised to the District.

Can you please forward your money to Ray as soon as you can after the event?

### **Directory**

I have recently asked all Groups to update your directory page and return to either me or Darren. If you have not done this can you please give it your urgent attention?

### **Circus workshop**

I have arranged for a Circus Workshop to come to us 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the 1<sup>st</sup> B&D HQ. There will be two sessions one from 10:00 - 12:30 with a break and a performance for parents between 12:15-12:30, this will be for Cubs. And the afternoon 1:30-3:30 with a performance for parents between 3:15-3:30. Each session can take a maximum of 30 children and the payment has to be made before a place is confirmed. There will be no refunds once that place has been booked. I will send out booking forms shortly. Can I ask Groups not to be greedy and block book places on the off chance that they can fill them. The cost will include a snack, certificate and circus skills badge. If this works we could make it an annual event.

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# Census Help

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Help recruit local people for the 2011 Census and make sure your community is represented!

Census Research and Networking Team

As you may be aware, the 2011 Census is fast approaching. The census provides information to help government make key decisions that will affect public ser-

vices. Run in England and Wales every ten years, the next one takes place on 27 March 2011. Recruitment is now underway for over 35,000 temporary part time and full time vacancies to help make the census a success. It's vital that every area is properly represented and we are looking for your support to make this happen.

We would really appreciate the help of Barking and Dagenham Scouts in recruiting local people by spreading the word about the vacancies and directing people to our dedicated recruitment site: [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)

Recruitment for the following roles will take place this year, with more vacancies becoming available next year:

- Census Coordinators: lead and motivate a team of up to 15 field staff (recruitment started from 20 September 2010)
- Special Enumerators: deliver questionnaires to organisations such as care homes, hotels, prisons etc and collect completed forms (recruitment starts from 04 October 2010)
- Census Collectors: contact householders to collect completed census questionnaires and assist where required (recruitment starts from 01 November 2010)

The roles would be ideal for retired or semi-retired staff, returners to work, students or anyone looking for a short term income boost. You can help us spread the word in a number of ways, including:

- Displaying information on your notice boards (a small number of posters and postcards are available on request)
- Publishing articles in relevant publications
- Emailing interested staff, group members, family and friends
- Providing links from your web site to [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)
- Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

We really appreciate your help with recruiting for the 2011 Census to make a difference to your local community.

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# Scouting in GLNE

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Kevin Williamson (ACC Cubs)

The Kubadoo 2011 badge competition has now been launched.

Cub Scouts can now use up to 9 colours in a choice of three shapes available on the entry form at:

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[www.kubadoo.org.uk](http://www.kubadoo.org.uk)

I have launched this early so that leaders, Cubs and parents can download entry forms. The rest of the site will become live in January 2011.

All completed entry forms are to be returned to a leader or ACC Cubs no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010, when judging will take place.

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Dean Jefferys (CC)

With regret, Craig Jones our County Scout Network Commissioner has decided to stand down after 5 years in post, due to the pressures of his work commitments and his recent appointment as a Special Constable. I have met with and thanked Craig for his efforts and wished him the best for his future plans.

In the interim Peter Seddon will assume responsibility as Acting County Scout Network Commissioner so please refer any queries to him.

The search for a replacement begins immediately and there is a summary of the role along the lines of our recent Vacancies Booklet, available on the GLNE website. I would be grateful if you would circulate this to the widest possible audience and ask anyone interested to contact myself or Pete. In addition nomination of names you think might be suitable for this key role would also be appreciated.

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## 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Quiz

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club

£3 per head

Bring own food  
Drinks MUST be purchased at the bar

Contact Pauline Wakeling on  
01621 815570 to book a table (of no more than 8).

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## Sponsored Walk

30<sup>th</sup> October  
Chigwell Row

This coincides with the Sixers Camp. Any money raised will be split half to District and half to Groups. If any Group feels they would like to make a small donation to the District charity from their Group half please let Ray know when you pay the money in.

Certificates will be issued for people registered. We will need volunteers to help on the day.

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## Circus Workshop

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
1<sup>st</sup> B&D HQ

The workshop will be in two sessions:

Cubs	10:30-12:30
Scouts	1:30-3:30
Cost	£5.50

Parents are invited to attend ¼ hour before the end of the session to watch the performance. Each participant will receive their circus skills badge if they reach the required standard, a certificate of attendance and refreshments.

The forms must be returned to your leader by 20<sup>th</sup> November with the money. There will be no money back for non attendees due to the cost of hiring the trainers.



# Box of Ideas

'Programmes in a Box' is a year's supply of 40 weekly programmes for Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops (12 for Explorer Scout Units), written by experienced section leaders from across London. Whether you're looking for a few new ideas, or you want enough programmes for every week of the year, 'Programmes in a Box' can help you out!

Russ Dyble (Development Officer GLN)

For more information, please email

The CD-Rom or printed booklets include 40 weekly programmes (and all required resources) for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts and 20 for Explorer Scouts, following a four year rolling plan, ensuring a balanced programme including two activity badges and one challenge badge each term.

The 2010/11 edition of "Programmes in a Box" is available to pre-order at <http://bit.ly/piab2010> - We accept Paypal through our site, but if you would prefer to print an order form and post a cheque, one is available.

For more information, please email

[orders@programmesinabox.co.uk](mailto:orders@programmesinabox.co.uk)

or contact

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Project Co-ordinator  
01442 262686.

<http://bit.ly/piab2010>



**9th Barking & Dagenham Scout Group  
Quiz Night  
Saturday 9th October 2010**

7pm for a 7:30pm Start  
Wantz Hall  
Rainham Road North,  
Dagenham, RM10 7DX  
RM10 7DX



Raffle Prizes  
Quiz Prizes  
Kids Prizes

**Adults £3 Child £1  
Under 4's free**

Don't forget to bring your own drink  
& nibbles!

Tables of 8



# Training & Appointments

All trained up

## Training Dates

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

**Module 1** 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**With immediate effect please note that you will have to BOOK YOUR PLACE on any future District run Modules.**

We cannot continue to hold modules where no-one turns up, if we know the potential numbers booked, we can decide whether it is viable to go ahead or postpone / cancel.

## 2011 dates

16/01	Modules 5/6/7	Venue TBA but will be in Newham
02/02	Module 3	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
30/03	Module 1	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
01/06	Module 3	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
03/07	Modules 5/6/7	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
07/09	Module 1	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
02/11	Module 3	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ

**Chris Poole** is the Local Training Manager



# BEAVER BITS

Four in a row.

Hi to all, we have just had our District Beaver Sleepover at Wat Tyler Park, Pitsea.

We had five Beaver Colonies come with 21 kids and eight leaders. We had a long walk in the day time then we all went to the shop and they spent some of their money. Back to the hut and we did some craft work, then had dinner then we all got ready for the night walk around the park and we saw some rabbits. We got back for the camp fire with some songs and they all had toasted marshmallows. Then to bed. The next morning all had breakfast then we had pop-in and paint shop come to us so the Beavers could do a ceramic model and paint it. Then the parents came and took them all home.



**Ron Pringle** is the ADC (Beavers)

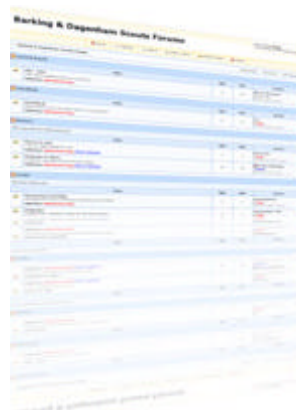
## Spooky Camp Night

We have had no word from the Explorers about the District spooky camp night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Hargreaves.

## Connect 4

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November it is the District Beaver Connect 4 Competition at the 21<sup>st</sup> B&D HQ, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Only 4 Beavers from each Group please, leaders to bring some of the games with them thanks. The first 4 winners will go to the County Connect 4 at Hargreaves in the new year.

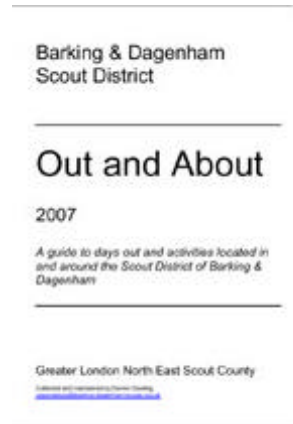
## Forum



The forum allows you to chat with leaders and Scouts within the District. Why not share ideas and take advantage of the wealth of information and resources that

are to be found on the forums.

## Out & About



Out and About is a guide to days out and activities located in and around the Scout District of Barking & Dagenham.

All this and much more at [www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/)

## Forms



The forms available on this page may change throughout the year as special events take place (for ex-

ample, the Town Show will require Balloon Race forms to be distributed a couple of months before the actual event

## Programmes



Programmes Online - from The Scout Association

Programmes - from Scouting Resources

# Words from the Wood

News and information from Thriftwood Campsite

## Thriftwood Badge Team Courses

### First Response Training

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

### NSRA Rifle Course

31<sup>st</sup> October

### Water Splash

every Wednesday during Summer Holidays

### TLC (Leader's & Teacher's Camp)

22-24<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### GNAS Archery Course

27-28<sup>th</sup> Nov. and 4-5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2010

### Campfire & Carols

11<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### National Pedal Car Olympics

7-9<sup>th</sup> 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?

[www.thriftwood.org.uk/](http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/)



**Colin Tilbrook** is the *Warden*

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## National Scout Pedal Car Olympics 2011

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

# Hargreaves News

Chris Geary (DC Ilford East)

a week responsibility we can not thank them enough. The planned date to finish is 31<sup>st</sup> December but there is a degree of flexibility. Doreen and Paul will continue with their Group and Doreen with the Shop but with the Shop a new Manager will be sought for the future.

Ken Flack and myself will produce a Role description and will publish this in Ninety Degrees. From then on a sub committee will be formed and the process of appointing a Warden will take place. I am aware, that on the appointment of a Warden some applicants will be disappointed and possibly disagree with the decision, I sincerely hope this does not affect their present contribution to Scouting.

Doreen & Paul's retirement will from now be public knowledge and Ken and I will in confidence welcome any expressions of interest pending the formal process.

At the District Executive meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, Doreen and Paul announced their retirement from the Wardens role at Hargreaves Activity Centre.