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Jill's Jottings

What a mess-up the Easter holidays have been this year. I have friends that I normally meet up with in both Essex and Havering and so far we have been messed up for the February half term and Easter. The head teacher in the school I work in has children in Essex schools and they have had a right problem. It is time they brought us all together.

My Easter holidays have been spent clearing out our loft, I am sure it wasn't my idea (well that's my excuse) but what a massive task it was. Nearly thirty years of assorted junk. The neighbours have been kept amused at the daily visits to the skip from various "collectors". One man arrived on his bike with a couple of sacks. He then spent a long time climbing in and out of the skip collecting treasures. There were a couple of coats in there and our visitor was seen to take his coat off, empty the pockets and put one of ours on. Recycling at its best! I think the neighbours are disappointed the skip has now gone.

I have fitted in some Scouting around skip clearance and caught up with lots of phone calls and paper work.

I hope you all had a good break and that those who braved the weather at camp had a good time.

Hope to see you all at St Georges Day Parade.

"Love is in the air"

Congratulation to Neil and Claire Coplestone on their recent marriage. We hope they will have a very happy future together.

Also our love and best wishes go to Pauline and Steve Wakeling who recently tied the knot. We hope you have many happy years together. May God Bless all four of you.

Health Up Date

We are sorry to hear that Aunty Rose has had a spell in hospital but glad to see you back amongst us. Ethel has had shingles and been in a lot of pain and Nicola Goodman has recently been in hospital having her tonsils out. Nikki Blunden is waiting for her bone scan so not much more news to pass on there.

Fellowship

Barry and Marion are now back from their travels to New Zealand, welcome

back and we are glad you had a great time. We had an excellent speaker this week. Marion Henderson is a Salvation Army Officer and works as a prison chaplain. She gave us an excellent talk on her job and life as a Christian. You could have heard a pin drop we were so riveted, as normally we can make as much noise as a Colony of Beavers.

Next month we are meeting at Auntie Roses, Barry did mention pole dancing! June 20th will find us in Barking Park, this meeting has had to be changed as the fair will be there for our original date and we didn't fancy the big dipper. September we will be hand bell ringing and lots of other things are planned. Do contact Barry or myself and come along.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Don (10th/18) and Wendy on becoming grandparents to a lovely little girl. Enjoy every minute of it Don.

Training

I have just spent an enjoyable day with two leaders from B&D (well done Marc and Tracey) and sixteen leaders from

Newham on our first training session taking in more modules. It was a worthwhile day and I am sure a lot was learnt. Next time it will be held in B&D at the 17th HQ so perhaps more of you will attend. It is not up to us to keep chasing you, the responsibility for training is something you all signed up for when you originally became leaders so please pull your fingers out and get in touch with Chris Poole.

St. George's Day

I am writing this with one week to go and still no band. I really am sorry but the band that has been mucking me about since February finally let me know yesterday after yet another chasing phone call that they can't do it. I have scoured the internet, phoned numerous other bands but of course they are all booked and I am now waiting for one more call.

Happy Birthday

Not mentioning any names but our chairman was in the queue for his bus pass the other day. Now don't queue up twirly will you?

Jill May

District Commissioner

District Treasurer

Just to confirm the bad news! Although I thought I had retired as treasurer six years ago I am back again. This time, however, only for twelve months.

May I remind all GSLs that they should send me a copy of their annual accounts to reach me within 14 days of the Group's AGM?

I understand that we are holding our usual Balloon Race and Quiz Night again this year. Please make every effort to support these fundraising events. If you do, hopefully we can prevent the membership fee spiralling out of control.

I hope it's good to be back.

Roger Scowen

Upcoming Events

May			
8	SL Meeting	17 th HQ	
10	County Scout/Exp. Football	Chigwell Police	www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/
10-11	Scout Archery Competition	Gilwell	www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/
10-11	Apex Challenge		www.apexchallenge.co.uk/
12	CL Meeting	21 st HQ	
15	District Executive		
17-18	Ocean Madness		www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/
18	Young Spokespeople Course	Islington	Email: chris.foster@scout.org.uk
19	CRB	21 st HQ	
19-20	Chartermark Awards	Hargreaves	www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/
20	Appointments	Salvation Army	
20	BL Meeting	9 th HQ	
22	ADCs Meeting	Jill's	
27	EL Meeting		
June			
1	B&D Fun Run	Eastbrookend	www.lbbd.gov.uk/bad5
4	Module 3 Training		
7	Football Competition	May & Baker's	www.badscouts.org.uk/football/
11	District AGM	St. Margaret's	
14-15	Giant Sleepover		www.giantsleepover.com/
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html			

B&D 5 mile Run & 3 km Fun Run - 1st June - Eastbrookend

Further details at: <http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/bad5>

Young Spokespeople Course for London Scouting - 18th May

Further details at: <http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/>

Training & Appointments

First Response

The next date is 20th July, venue to be confirmed. Only 10 places are available - minimum of 6 in the class, if we do not get minimum interest, by 15th June, the course will be postponed. Also, there may be a charge for this course (to be determined).

dates about training requirements - but they have not attended modules 1 & 3. This means that we are unable to forward their details to enable them to receive their Appointment Card

Training for the above modules must be done by ALL.

If the above applies to YOU please contact me immediately.

Chris Poole
adclt@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Training

There are several people who have been CRB'd and attended appointments, but we have not seen them since. At the appointments meeting we advise candi-

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All modules held at 17th B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens, Wednesday evenings, 7:15 p.m. for a PROMPT 7:30 p.m. start. All welcome, just turn up.

Module 1 10th September 2008

Module 3 4th June 2008
Provisional (5th Nov. 2008)

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The KidsOutdoors campaign helps more kids across the UK experience the freedom of the outdoors. We want to encourage a million new outdoor adventures.

KidsOutdoors is run by The Scout Association, which offers challenge and adventure to over 400,000 young people across the UK.

Why I like Scouts

Hi, my name is Chloe Reeve and I am 10½ years old. I am a member of the 10th and 18th Scout Troop in Dagenham. We meet every Tuesday night at the Methodist Church in Becontree Heath.

map reading with compasses and first aid.

I have a hiking badge, a creative badge and an IT badge for computer work, which my mum sews onto my Scout shirt.

I enjoy going to Scouts because I learn new and exciting activities, which you can be rewarded with badges.



I started Scouts last September because I went to the Town Show in 2007 in July and climbed a big wall all the way to the top, which I enjoyed very much. We

My favourite activity is camping as I enjoy being away from home, doing my own cooking. I enjoy also the food I cook.

also did this at camp but the wall was a lot higher and we had to abseil down the wall.

When we go camping I eat so much! The Scout leaders are so funny and make me feel welcome. The activities are enjoyable, we have parties and museum trips, hiking and other outdoor activities which are quite cheap.

I have made lots of good friends going out with other Scout Troops who have made me feel very welcome, and I am very glad I joined and now my best friend Stephanie has joined us it is even better.

Every time we meet we have lots of fun learning different types of knots, also

Chloe Reeve
Scout (10/18th B&D)

Go for a run

Barking and Dagenham 5 Mile Run and 3 km Fun Run in Eastbrookend Country Park

ages and this year there are 3 different race categories.

Sunday 1 June 2008

Closing date for postal entries is Friday 23 May 2008. Full details at:

The 3 km fun run can be entered by all www.lbbd.gov.uk/bad5



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SCOUT DISTRICTS TRAINING**

3 Modules in 1!

Module 5 - FUNDAMENTALS OF SCOUTING



Module 6 - CHANGES IN SCOUTING



Module 7 - DIVERSITY IN SCOUTING

Sunday 20th April 2008

Gladstone Hall, Evesham Road
Stratford, E15
(HQ of 11th Newham West)

OR

Sunday 6th July 2008

Scout Hut, Wilmington Gardens,
Barking IG11
(HQ of 17th Barking & Dagenham)

10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m. Both days

Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.

Bookings to:

dc@newhamscouts.org.uk or
adclt@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk



EXPLORING

I had carefully written out last issue's entry and was ready to send it off when I noticed the latest edition in my inbox, and that was just on midnight! Luckily most of what I had to say had been covered by other people so people know how well we did in the County Swimming Gala etc. Our website is up and running thanks to Jamie and his small team and I know they are trying to keep it all up to date. It may be worth some of your Scouts looking at it to see what Explorers get up to. On our last night before the Easter break we held a social evening to help get to know our new Explorers better – bringing along old photos to show past events. It is amazing how some Explorers have changed physically and how some still look exactly the same! Jamie is hoping to put some onto the website. The pictures where people dressed up seemed most popular, especially the school disco ones. We had a schoolgirl from nearly every senior school in the borough.

I have just been preparing a list of events and camps that are coming up and it seems the next few months are going to be very busy for the Explorers with our regular events such as Gilwell 24, County Football, Project 819 and some new ones to try. Our Challenge Trophy is gaining impetus and should be completed before the AGM and could you please continue to mark attendance sheets etc, if a Young Leader asks you to.

Finally we would like your help. If you have a Young Leader working in your section then they could be in line for the Young Leader of the Year trophy. Nominate them by sending me their names, which section they are working in and a brief description as to why you feel they deserve to be Young Leader of the Year. The Explorer Leaders will then decide the winner. Email entries to shelley@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk or by post to OMITTED IN ONLINE VERSION. Written entries only please.

Shelley Goodman
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader

Scouting

Apex Challenge	10 - 11 May	http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk/
Malvern Challenge	27 - 29 June	http://www.sr-mc.org/
Sun Run	4 - 6 July	http://www.sr-mc.org/
Essex Jamboree	26 Jul - 2 Aug	http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree2008/
Camp Downe	26 Jul - 4 Aug	http://www.campdowne.org.uk/
Poacher	26 Jul - 2 Aug	http://www.poacher.org.uk/

It is NOT good practice to take Young People on a day out or camp if you are the only adult present. One simple accident (to you or a young person) could spell big trouble.

If you need any advice on such issues then please feel free to talk to myself or Richard.

There is also plenty of information, fact-sheets, guidelines and rules available, which ALL leaders should read and be aware of, at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/nightsaway/

www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/

www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/por/2006/chapter_9.htm

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For a nights away event led by a Nights Away Permit holder, the recommended minimum ratio is 1 adult to 12 Scouts. However, a Troop's Warranted Leader must plan to ensure that as a minimum, at least two adults are present overnight. Only in the event of an emergency should an adult be alone overnight with young people on a residential experience.

Walking around in circles

My Scouts have now walked about 100 km around the London Loop, 10 of the 24 sections, covering everything from Elstree to Bexley. I can highly recommend the route for all ages and the leaflets that guide you are excellent. It can be set as a challenge or a stroll for adults looking out for the scenery and pubs.

Be Active

For the more adventurous among you, be sure to keep an eye on the County Activity area of the GLNE website:

www.glne-scouts.org.uk/activities/

There have been many meetings, courses and initiatives over the last few months and the County Activity teams can offer help, advice and run courses for your Scouts and leaders.

Tag - you're it!

I have stepped down as Acting ADC and as DSL.

Thank you to all the Scout Leaders for all your hard work, I really appreciate all you do for the young people.

Richard is now back as a proper ADC and is looking to re-jig the team and take on a couple of District Scout Leaders.

Upcoming Events:

SL Meeting Thursday 8th May
8 p.m. at 17th B&D Wilmington Gardens

B&D Fun Run 1st June
Eastbrookend Country Park

Football Competition 7th June
May & Baker's Sports Ground

District AGM 11th June
St. Margaret's

Sports Day 28th June
Mayesbrook Arena

Darren Dowling
ex-Acting ADC Scouts & ex-DSL

Beavering Away



Hikes Away!

Hi everyone. Can you believe another month has gone by so quickly since our last issue of Woodsmoke? Where does the time go?

April saw the 9th Barking & Dagenham Beaver Scouts as busy as ever. We've been doing lots of fitness challenge stuff and having heaps of fun along the way.



On April 8th the Beaver Scouts joined our Cub Scouts for a Hikes Away Day. We hiked from our meeting place at St. Elisabeth's Church Hall in Dagenham to Hargreaves Scout Campsite. Once we got there everybody still had enough energy for games and more adventure. We all enjoyed a picnic together followed by more games. Then it was time for home. (This was another hike from the campsite back to headquarters).

I felt so very proud of all of the children as they coped extremely well with the

amount of walking. Only once or twice could "are we there yet?" be heard along the route.

The following week at Beavers I handed out some Hikes Away 1 badges to the Beaver Scouts who had taken part in the hike. Well deserved.

We have also been looking at Knights and Princesses and stories of old. This has led us quite nicely up to St Georges Day and has also given the Beavers a chance to become quite creative in their story telling and game playing.

I hope to see you all at St Georges Day and look forward to seeing you at up and coming further events, such as Walton, Football, and Sports Day etc.

Don't forget to write in with something yourself. Let us know what you and your Beaver Scouts have been up to. Also, remind your Beaver Scouts to write about their adventures and send it in to our Editor for the "Young Reporter of The Year Competition."

Bye for now.

Honest Leigh
District Beaver Scout Leader

Cub/Beaver Fun Day

21st & 22nd June 2008. £13 for young people and £8 for leaders
www.fundays.org.uk

BEAVER BITS

Hello to all. Our next Beaver Leader Meeting is on Tuesday 20th May at the 9th B&D HQ at 8:30 p.m.

The District Beaver 7-a-side Football is on Saturday 7th June at May & Baker's Sports Ground, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Then we have the District AGM on Wednesday 11th June at St. Margaret's, Barking.

On Saturday 14th June we have the District Beaver trip to Walton, pick up at

9 am, arrive back about 6:30 pm.

We have the District Beaver Sports Day on Saturday 28th June at Mayesbrook Arena, leaders please get your teams ready for this event.

Beaver Meetings for this year 2008
 Mon. Jul. 7th at 21st HQ, 8:15 pm
 Tue. Sep. 9th at 9th HQ, 8:30 pm
 Tue. Nov. 11th at 21st HQ, 8:15 pm

Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers

CUB CHIT CHAT

Hi all you Cubby people, hope you are all well. No Cub events this month, however I haven't been slacking. I have visited the 1st at camp and it was very cold but the Cubs and Scouts were enjoying themselves, not sure about the leaders though. I know some groups have been hiking and I hope all went well. Can I remind you that a member of the District Team need to know if you are out and about and it is advisable to have 2 leaders or 1 leader and 1 other adult, just in case of an accident to you or the young people.

I will report on St. George's Day Parade in the next issue. I think that's it for me, take care.

Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs

Akela's Antics

Been at it again, hiking with my Scouts, this time we went to South London and walked from Erith to Bexley, a nice 8½ miles. This was quite a nice walk, no hills, and only one stile. However getting to Erith was quite a journey in itself, there were loads of engineering works on the Underground so we went from Dagenham Heathway to West Ham on the District Line, West Ham to London Bridge on the Jubilee Line, and then overground from London Bridge to Erith. The Scouts made me run for the train, but we were just too late, the doors had shut!

Upcoming Events

12 May CL Meeting
 21st B&D HQ, 8:15 p.m.

SCOUT SHOUT

Maurice Pass Pioneering

This year saw a very poor turnout with just 11 Scouts from 3 Troops. Thank you to the 1st, 6th and 10/18th for attending.

All the Patrols started off well but perhaps they all need to learn to practice the basic techniques so that they can get a simple project done in 20 minutes, rather than 20 hours!

Well done to all those Scouts who attended, and thank you to all the leaders who helped.

Results

1 st	10/18 th B&D
2 nd	6 th B&D & 1 st B&D

Big Events

Don't forget there is a wealth of information available on the District and County websites for large scale events that are within easy reach of your Troop. In the next few months these include the Border Challenge Hike, Scout Archery Competition, Apex Challenge, Ocean Madness, B&D Fun Run, Giant Sleepover, Malvern Challenge, Sun Run. If you find it difficult to find the time or expertise to arrange your own Troop events these types of well run, large scale events are ideal. All you really need to is club together with another Troop or leader and organise transport. Once you have paid your money practically everything else is done for you and the activities on offer are exciting and challenging.

Those sorts of events simply cannot be replicated on the low budget a small Troop has.

Football Competition

It is time for your budding Gerrard's, Owen's and Terry's to get their boots on and start practicing. Please can I remind everyone this is a fun event and it should be very clearly stressed to your Scouts, Leaders and parents that absolutely no questioning of the referee, foul play, abuse or breaking with the spirit of the Scout Law will be tolerated.

District AGM

Don't forget to get all your hard earned trophies back in before the AGM so they can be presented. It would be nice if each Troop brought a Scout to receive them again on the day.

Camping Competition

Details for this will be discussed at the next SL Meeting and forms and information booklets will be released.

Nights Away and Days Out

I shouldn't need to remind people about completing a NAN form and handing it to Rose weeks before you spend a night away. I find it surprising though that I have to remind people that they should ensure that a suitable home contact is arranged for any activities away from the home district or for any adventurous activities. There are also recommended leader ratios for such activities, and they are there for good reason.