

Contacts & Resources

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

WOODSMOKE



“...the weather was great and the cakes on board, well, it would have been rude not have any would-n't it?”

Jill May

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Deadline for September Issue: 20th August

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Six more hours at school and then six glorious weeks holiday, I am sure there are many parents that don't share my enthusiasm but I am sure it will fly by.

It was good to see a good number at the AGM, our new venue was cooler, although the chairs weren't as comfortable and we didn't have use of the kitchen, you win some and lose some.

We are exploring another possibility for next year so watch this space. Well done to the Groups that provided what they should have done and thanks to Pauline for sorting it all out.

The Thriftwood AGM was very poorly supported this year, perhaps some of you can make an effort next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break, please come back full of energy for the months ahead. Take Care if you are off to camp and PLEASE make sure all your paper work is in on time and accurate.

Message from the Executive

At our recent Executive Meeting a letter of complaint was read out concerning an incident at our Sports Day. It stated that a leader was shouting at another leader in the recording tent concerning the results of a race. This was in front of other leaders and children

This behaviour will not be tolerated, the



Jill May is the District Commissioner

line judges, like the rest of us, are volunteers and their decision is taken as final.

I should also explain that both the Sports and Football are meant to be FUN occasions and are not the World Cup or the Olympics. If youngsters and parents see any of us behaving like this what example are we setting? The decision was made by all present at the Exec., that if it happens again, the entire Group will be disqualified from the competition and banned for the following year. A letter has been sent to the leader concerned.

Fellowship

WE had a very enjoyable boat trip along the River Chelmer, the weather was great and the cakes on board, well, it would have been rude not to have any wouldn't it?

We have been very busy providing support for the Sports and the Town Show. If anyone is running an event and needs help please contact Barry Ledger.

Watch out for future dates.

District Diary

Upcoming Events

August		
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	
September		
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/		

CUB CHIT CHAT

Under my umbrella

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

After the Football I had a weekend off from Scouting. Lots of things to do at home, washing, ironing, gardening and all the other stuff.

The next weekend saw us at Umbrella Camp. The idea of this camp is that as Nights away Adviser I can watch you camp, pointing out a few things that could be done better or learning a few things myself. If you have completed your nights away training or are waiting to complete it, this camp gives me a chance to validate this module and you can then apply for your permit.

Please remember that I do need to see all forms especially the permission to camp form from parents. Under my permit you can take Beavers, Cubs

Rosemary Oakwell is the ADC (Cubs)



and Scouts. All Groups in camp seemed to be enjoying themselves. I took the opportunity to take my Scouts from both my Groups and with a couple of more bits to complete they will all have got the Outdoor Challenge and are well on the way to completing their Outdoor Plus. I'll have to fit in a few more nights away.

This past month will have seen me at the County AGM, District AGM and Sports Day. Maybe soon I will get my hall re-decorated.

I still have places left for our Pack Holiday in August. If any of your Cubs would like to attend again please contact me.

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 3rd November

Module 3 8th September

Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager



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

Town Show

A very successful weekend has just come to an end at the Town Show. Thank you to all those who came over to help and those who sold balloons before hand. Only two Groups didn't help so that wasn't too bad.

I will be sending recruitment names to Groups soon. Please make sure you contact them during the holidays.

Health Update

I am pleased to say that Nikki is now a couple of months into the new tablets and feeling more energetic, I was round there last week and she is looking great, long may it last. Please continue to remember the family in your prayer.

Happy Birthday Thomas have a great day.

Happy Birthday

A very Happy 80th to Ethel. She will be celebrating during August.

Table Top Sale

The 8th B&D are holding a table top sale at the Salvation Army, Morley Rd on Saturday 2nd October. Tables are £10 and can be booked from Eileen Symonds. They can be booked for individuals or Groups but no alcohol, games of chance or raffles. Bookings by 15th September.

Where are the poles?

Julie Swart (Akela - 1st B&D)

Four scouts from the 1st embarked on the Expedition Challenge, on a sunny weekend in July. They were accompanied, from a distance, by Akela (Julie). I was under strict instructions not to interfere in any way with their expedition! The Scouts planned and worked out the cost of the trip, down to the last 5p. I helped a

little by booking trains and campsite online, and with a suggestion one big tent would bring down the cost as the site charged per tent. I have a tent that splits into 4 parts, it would be ideal.

The destination for the expedition was Swanage, a small coastal town in Dorset. Some of the Scouts had been there a number of years previously as Cubs. I know the town well as I have family living there. We set off from Barking station and got on the C2C train bound for West Ham. So far so good. 2 minutes later, we receive the message the train has broken down. We all get off, with our heavy rucksacks and wait for the announcement, the train is coming in on the other platform, because this one is blocked. Rucksacks on again and down the ramp at Barking and run up the other side, get to the doors and beep, beep, beep they shut! I don't want to interfere, but I think we might miss the connection at Waterloo if we don't get a move on. I suggest we get the tube instead, so rucksacks on, down the ramp and up the other side we go, onto the tube. We were exhausted already, as it was one of the hottest days of the year. We arrive at Waterloo with 10 minutes to spare.

We boarded the South West train to Weymouth, the plans are back on track. Then I realise the Scouts have chosen the quiet carriage! If anyone knows Mosope, Bayo, Michelle and Georgina from the 1st, they are laughing their heads off by now. I must say for about 20 minutes they did try. They wandered off to search 'for better seats', the train was packed so they sat in the passageway, so they could revert to their normal noisy behaviour. I dozed in my seat, thinking how well it was going.

Several weeks before the trip, I had arranged with my Sister to transport the big tent in her car. I took it to her house and my Brother-in-Law put it away until the weekend of the expedition. This part is important, as my Sister never saw what I off loaded! My Sister loaded it into her car and set off for the coast. My Uncle had kindly offered to help my Sister put up the tent, as it would be late by the time we got there. My Sister takes out the tent, but where are the poles? A frantic phone call to me on the train asking where the poles are. You did pick up both bags, I ask? There were 2 bags she says! So now we only have half a tent, what on earth are we to do? My Uncle offered to put us all up, but the Scouts want to camp, even

BEAVER BITS

Note change of BL meeting venue

Hello to all.

Well done to all the Beavers that went to the Sports Day at Mayesbrook Arena, and to all the Beaver Leaders that helped out and those doing all the points on a very hot day.

We have six Beavers going to the County Quiz in October next year, and the top four from our Beaver District Connect4 Competition this year will go through to the County Connect4 on Saturday 26th February at Har-

Ron Pringle is the ADC (*Beavers*)



greaves next year.

I have nearly had all my forms back for the Beaver Sleepover so please be quick with the outstanding ones.

In September our first District Beaver Leader Meeting will be on Tuesday 7th September at the 21st B&D HQ at 8:15 p.m., not at the 12th B&D.



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Words from the Wood

News and information from Thriftwood Campsite

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?

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 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

National Scout Pedal Car Olympics 2011

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

with no tent. The manager of the site, who the Scouts later nicknamed 'Safe', was our knight in shining armour! He kindly lent us his own tent. Not quite as big as mine, but it would do the trick. The Scouts had other plans, they took the ground-sheet and made themselves a bivvie. There was plenty of room in the tent for me!

The remainder of the weekend went without incident. The Scouts had a great time exploring the town and the beach. They looked after themselves extremely well. They even had £10 left in the contingency fund when they got home. Many people remarked how well mannered the Scouts were and enjoyed talking to them about the expedition. We were stopped at Waterloo by a man asking where his son could join the Scouts. Perhaps this is the best way to recruit! Well done to Bayo, Mo-sope, Michelle and Georgina on a well planned and enjoyable expedition. Shame the only part Akela had to sort out went so horribly wrong, next time I am just going to keep my mouth shut, the Scouts did a much better job than me!

10th/18th Quiz

Friday 8th October

Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club

£3 per head

Bring own food
Drinks MUST be purchased at the bar

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

District Quiz

Friday 24th September

7:30 p.m.

Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club

£3 per head

Bring own food
Drinks MUST be purchased at the bar

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

Box of Ideas

Russ Dyble (Development Officer GLN)

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!

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.

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Orders placed now will be despatched at the end of August (ready to plan for the Autumn term)... Please order early to ensure enough copies are produced so as to avoid delays with delivery.

For more information, please email orders@programmesinabox.co.uk or contact

Russ Dyble
Project Co-ordinator

What is Programmes in a Box?

'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

District AGM

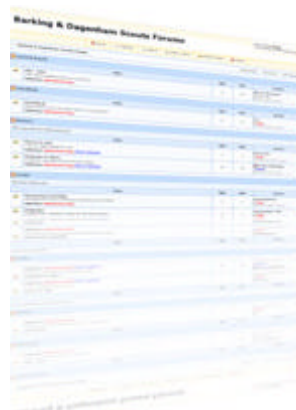
Pauline Wakeling

My sincere thanks to all those Groups who responded to the letter asking for items for the buffet table and the bar. Well Done!

Unfortunately there were Groups who let us all down and did not bring anything. This resulted in the table looking somewhat bare and the bar ran dry from lack of soft drinks. Lets hope ALL Groups can be relied upon next year.

Also a BIG thank you to the Explorers for assisting on the night and doing such a good job.

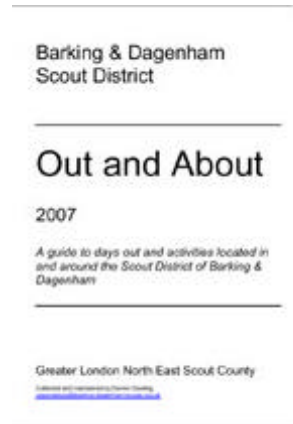
Forum



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/

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