

Contacts & Resources

District contacts and useful websites

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

WOODSMOKE



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Graham Russ (Project YOU)

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Deadline for June Issue: 20th May

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Since my last Jottings I have had a few days away in Paignton with Steve and my sister. The weather was great, the hotel was great and the food was great— what more can you ask for? Also we didn't get stranded due to planes not being able to get anywhere.

I had a great day at the Beaver Easter Egg Hunt, thousands, well it sounded like thousands of Beavers descended on Hargreaves to splash in mud, play games and find golf balls. Rose took Rosie and we took Grace, what fun they had playing in the shingle at the bottom of the bouldering wall, they called it their beach. A great time was had by all.

That night we had the County Gala and the Explorers did it again, came first by a good amount, well done to them, we are proud of you.

I am looking forward to St. George's Day Parade and service. Nigel, Steve and I spent some time in the Abbey Grounds last night trying to sort out the best area to sit and face etc so I really hope the weather is good and that you enjoy our new venue.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Grand Parents

Graham is the latest member of the Grandparent club, welcome and may you have many hours of fun.



Jill May is the District Commissioner

Steve and I are pleased to announce that Grace now has a little brother, Max, born on 17th April.

CAT

Unfortunately we had to cancel this due to lack of numbers. We will be holding another in October and hope for more support then.

Fellowship

Our next meeting will be held on the 21st May at the 17th B&D HQ. We have a guest speaker, Keith Crowhurst who will be speaking on the humorous side of war. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Umbrella Camp

A reminder that the Umbrella Camp is the weekend 11th-13th June at Chigwell Row. You arrange your own programme, activities, money, menus as you would when you normally run a camp. There will be experienced leaders around to give advice and support. This is an ideal way for you to gain experience and for young leaders to take the plunge. Download your Nights Away form and send it to Rose now.

District Diary

Upcoming Events

May		
6	SL Meeting	17 th B&D HQ
9	Maurice Pass Pioneering	Thriftwood
10	CL Meeting	21 st B&D HQ
17	CRB Evening	21 st B&D HQ
18	Appointments	Salvation Army
20	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
22	District Football	M&D Sports Ground
24	BL Meeting	12 th B&D HQ
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
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/		

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 8th September

Lee Valley

Lee Valley Park

Environmental and heritage programmes

The Youth and Schools Service run programmes that draw on the internationally important habitats and wildlife of the Regional Park.

Sports development programmes

Athletics, golf, ice skating, horse riding and orienteering activities are coordinated by our experienced sports development team across a range of award winning venues and much more.

Visit our website for more information on activities and special events for Scouts.

www.leevalleypark.org.uk/



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.

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



Lee Valley Regional Park's new Learning with a difference guide - is packed with learning opportunities:

AGMs

Can we please have the dates for your AGM as soon as possible.

We have the following dates:

15 th June	8 th B&D
23 rd June	County AGM
24 th June	District AGM
7 th July	Thriftwood AGM

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 10th/18th B&D on their 80th anniversary on the 8th May. May you continue to flourish in the years ahead.

Health Up Date

Due to Nikki's consultant being stranded on holiday her latest visit has been postponed. The last one wasn't very promising and decisions have to be made whether to continue with some more chemo or not. Please continue to pray for them and I will send out updates as I get them.

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



CUB CHIT CHAT

Splish Splash

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

Swimming

Not a lot has happen since the last issue apart from the County Swimming Gala. Thanks to the three Groups that provided the swimmers for this event, 6th, 9th and 12th and also the Explorers. Well done to

Cubs

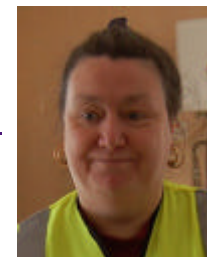
Leanne Robinson	6 th B&D
Emily True	6 th B&D
Michael Tucker	6 th B&D
Jessica Johnson	9 th B&D
Sian Gifford	12 th B&D

Scouts

Jacob Simon	9 th B&D
Mathew Simon	9 th B&D

Explorers

Adam Mcleod
Gemma Bailey



Rosemary Oakwell is the ADC (Cubs)

Daniel Bailey

Thanks to all the above and well done to you all. The Explorers did really well again they retained the trophy. Same again next year Explorers!

I cannot believe we only have ten swimmers in the District, if this is the case then we were right to cancel the District Swimming Gala.

St. George's Day

By the time this issue comes out we will have had our St. George's Day Parade and it should be a good one. Full report next issue.

See you soon, take care.

Chilly Akela Rosie

BEAVER BITS

Egg Hunters

Handcraft

Hi to all, I would just like to say well done to all who entered the Beaver Handcraft Competition this year, it was of a very high standard. The winners were the 6th B&D, second place was 1st B&D and the 9th B&D came third. The leader's exhibit was won by Jacqui Cox of the 21st and the both the A and B section trophies were won by the 6th B&D.

Egg Hunt

When you read this the Easter Egg Hunt will be over, this was a good event for all the District Beavers to meet up, as well as the Leaders. All the Beavers were up to their necks in mud looking for the golf balls with numbers on them, and collecting all the chocolate at the end of the day. We had 51 Beavers at this event but as always one Beaver has left a lunch box in the hall. The name on the box is Matthew Palmer so leaders please let me know what Group he is with.

Ron

Pringle is the ADC (*Beavers*)



Football

The next District Beaver event will be the 7-a-side-Football at May & Bakers Sports Ground, Dagenham on Saturday 22nd May at 9 a.m. Please try to get a team together, or just a few kids and we will try to fit them into a team.

Sleepover

Can all Leaders and Beavers please let me have all the deposits for the District Beaver Sleepover by Monday 19th July, thanks.

BL Meeting

The next District Beaver Leader Meeting will be on Monday 24th May at the 12th B&D HQ at 7:45 p.m.

Climbing Wall

Michael George (West 1 Climbing Wall)

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.

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

www.high-sports.co.uk

Project YOU

Graham Russ (19th B&D)

150+ young people had a fantastic day with Project y.o.u on 17th April at Thriftwood.

The cost was a whopping £0.00p to all persons involved and transport and lunch was provided



The young people had challenges throughout the day, from pitching an old hike tent to catching raw eggs. All participants were awarded a participation medal.

It's a shame we only had 4 Scouts turn up from all the Groups in Barking and Dagenham but they mixed in with all the others working out the 10 challenges that were set out for them and all the young-

sters made new friends and had a fun packed day

Meet the Mayor

Vic Goodman (1st B&D)



It all started with a phone call to the Town Hall, to see if the Cubs and Scouts could have a visit to the offices as part of the Community Challenge Badge. Then completely out of the blue, the reply came back from the Mayoral & Civic Support Officer, Janet Allen (many thanks to her) that a meeting was arranged with his Worshipful the Mayor of B&D, cllr Charles Fairbrass MBE and the Mayoress, his wife, Joan for 7 p.m, Tuesday 23rd February. The meeting took place in his parlour by special request and we were served refreshments upon our arrival. He showed us around all the artefacts in the parlour and gave a pretty good talk about the origins of Barking and Dagenham. His local knowledge is practically inexhaustible. He then took us on a tour through the main Town Hall entrance, conference room and lastly, the Council Chambers where the photo was taken. He, was in fact thoroughly entertaining.

Then we all went back to the Mayor's Parlour for more refreshments and the Scouts and Cubs put their own questions to the Mayor and he answered them all without hesitation. Everyone enjoyed the experience. Of course Janet herself and another official were in attendance (who kindly took the photo for us). Also there, was the manager of Osborne Partnership, Ian Hall, who told us how we can be involved in textile recycling for the Scouts and the community at large. There were meetings arranged for the Scouts and Cubs to visit the Osborne Centre.

Words from the Wood

News and information from Thriftwood Campsite



Colin Tilbrook is the Warden

Thriftwood Badge Team Courses

First Response Training

Sunday 11th April Or Sunday 6th Dec

NSRA Rifle Course

18th April Or 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/