

Contacts & Resources

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“Scouting is an adventure”

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Deadline for March Issue: 20th February

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Happy Founders Day to you all

Well, hopefully you have all settled back in after the Christmas break. My own beavers came back raring to go, I wish I could bottle their enthusiasm.

As some of you know we sent out a survey last year to see what changes you wanted, well hardly any of you filled it in but we have made some changes as results of what we did get back.

The first is our Founders Day Celebrations. The date is now 19th February 3:00 at St Albans. Each Group will have received details of what we want you to do. This is much more interactive. I hope you all enjoy it.

The second change is that we are having a Fun Day at Chigwell instead of Sports as trying to get a sports arena has proved impossible. More details of this to follow. We will need lots of help to run this so if you have any parents that you are interesting to get in as helpers please get them CRB checked at the next session.

Well done to those who turned up for the Chess/Draughts Competition yesterday, introducing draughts was another point raised following the survey.

A big thank you to the 1st for hosting it and also to Leigh, borrowed from the Beaver section due to being able to find



Jill May is the District Commissioner

her way around the computer system!

Your census details will be with you shortly, please do your best to input them promptly and accurately, I have said it before but if you lose members due to finances it is not in keeping with the values we encourage in our youngsters and does not reflect the hard work being carried out in a difficult area. Looking forward to seeing you at Founders Day.

Wrong Dates

I am sorry that a couple of mistakes have been found in the calendar, I would sack the person who typed it up but not sure who else would do it for nothing!!

Founders Day: 19th Feb 3:00 St Albans
Away Day : 23rd Sept not 25th
District Sleepover: To be confirmed.

Health Updates

Ray is still receiving treatment to get him back mobile again, please remember him, Loraine his wife and daughter Jo in your prayers.

Sadly Rose's Mum died yesterday so let us keep Rose and Ken in our thoughts and prayers.

District Diary

Upcoming Events

February
March
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/
Please note, these details may be subject to change. The online calendar contains the latest details.

EXPLORING

Fond farewell

We are now into the New Year & the Explorers are entering another new phase.

Helen Woolcock has decided to leave the District after several years of dedicated service to the Unit. I am sure everyone will join in with me wishing her happiness & luck in whatever she does.

The Unit will continue to meet with me as their DESC & leader @ St. Mary's Church Hall, Grafton Road, Dagenham, Essex – Tuesday evenings 20:15 until 21:45.

**Patrick
Cumberbatch**
is the DESC

If anyone is interested in helping out with either evenings or activities please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of the District Leaders.

This year the Explorers have requested that we look at the badge scheme & what is available to them.

Hopefully we will have monthly update of what they do to gain their badges & awards, some reports coming from the young people themselves.

SAS

SAS had their after Christmas Meal at Top Meadow on Friday, a good time was had by all. A big thank you to Pauline for arranging it.

We will be publishing our new programme in next months Woodsmoke so if anybody wants to join us, you will be very welcome.

Training

Four leaders attended the recent module 5,6,7. It proved to be a good day. The next training is module 3 on 1st Feb and Mod 1, 28th March. All helpers/leaders have to do these modules so don't delay put the date in you diary and come along. 7.00-9.30/10.00

Don't forget you must book First Response by contacting Steve Wakeling in person. 01621 815570 or steven.wakeling@sky.com

CRB

The next CRB check evening will be 12th March 7.00-9.00 at 21st HQ Lodge Ave.

Validation Evening

For some time now we have been thinking of running validation evenings for those of you that want training validated. We are going to run these with the CRB evening, this will maximise the use of the hall and we can also use it as a drop in if you want to see me for anything as I am always there.

Please make use of this, we will have training dates with us and will hopefully be able to sort out any problems or know someone who can.