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# WOODSMOKE

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

# WOODSMOKE



July 2007

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## Jill's Jottings

What a busy month June has been and as I write this it isn't over. We still have our AGM and the Treasure Hunt left. I have just come back from the County AGM which, of course was Dean's last one as County Commissioner. He will be missed in Barking and Dagenham, he has always supported all we do and has commented on many occasions how friendly and welcoming we are. I have advised him we will still invite him to everything and he can pick and choose what he wants to join us for. I have attended a couple of AGM's and enjoyed them, we are still waiting for dates for some of them. Both the Sports and Football were well supported and it was great to see some groups/sections joining in who don't normally. We should encourage our youngsters to attend, even if we can't. Just because we don't like something doesn't mean our youngsters should miss out. At the 8<sup>th</sup> I have recently used parents more than usual and I recommend you try it, you may be surprised.

Just make sure they are cleared first! As this is the last Jottings before the summer break I would like to wish you all a happy holiday time. Enjoy your break but please do join us for the Dawn Promise at the Abbey green on the 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7:30 a.m. More details will be sent out shortly.

### Thanks Evening

I hope you enjoyed the Thanks evening we had for people who tirelessly work in the background to support our groups. The following gained awards: Ron Herbert, Eileen Symonds, John Symonds, Linda Barrett, Graham Elliott, Malcolm Sampson, Ann Harrold, Sharon Keeley, John Mills, Katie Howell, Rosemary Rogers, Hilda Bean. Also congratulations to Rob Craig, Chris Poole, Ken Thompson and Rose Oakwell on gaining their medal of merit. Dean Milton and Stephen Foakes presented the certificates and medals. Stephen was also presented with a long service certificate. I would like to thank you all for the

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Growth, Recognition, Celebration



card and present I received during the evening, Pauline is as good at keeping secrets as I am. I think I counted up over 200 years of service given by those people not bad eh! Alec was so impressed with the evening that we hope to repeat it. Alec presented Ron and Joan with a Clarice Cliffe Vase as a thanks for the years of Service he has given to Barking and Dagenham. You never know this may end up a family heirloom and we will see it on cash in the attic in a few years!

### Ron Herbert

My first encounter with Ron was a couple of years before I became DC, Ron was sitting in some seats that Alan had said he wanted kept for some readers, he asked me to ask Ron to move. Ron's reply was "I am okay sitting here thanks" Well what was I meant to reply to that. I didn't have much to do with him after that, until I then took over as D.C and what a great support he turned out to be. I appreciated his support when Steve was ill and on many occasions during personal times as well as Scout times he has always been there with a joke, a quip, and some sound advice. Without Ron the 6<sup>th</sup> would have closed down years ago, for quite a few years they didn't pay the Church anything for rent, unheard of in this day and age when most

### METAL FILING CABINET

*Malcolm Beerling has a two drawer metal filing cabinet for offer.*

*Free to anyone who wants it!*

Churches are putting our rents up. He sat on quite a few meetings sorting out disputes, supporting leaders and trying to find the best way forward for the group. More recently he has helped on the appointments com-

mittee and has come up with ideas for further training within the District. Both Joan and Rosemary have supported the District with their musical skills. On behalf of the District I would like to say a very big THANK YOU for all you have done for the District and wish you all the very best in your new appointment.

### Health News.

Wayne is now on the mend from his recent operation; keep up the good work Wayne.

Suzanne Squirrel has been laid up in Queens Hospital with disc trouble and is awaiting surgery, good luck Suzanne; we hope you are home with your family soon.

Richard Blunden's wife Nikki has been diagnosed with breast cancer, this is obviously a shock for everyone and Richard will be out of action supporting Nikki and Thomas for the foreseeable future, we ask that you think of them and keep them in your prayers. I will keep you posted with any progress. Thanks to Darren for taking up the reins acting as ADC for the time being, I know you will all do your best to support him.

### Town Show

We have been offered some arena space in the Town Show this year and we need groups to volunteer. This is for the Sunday for anyone, any section who is not going to the County Activity Day. We also need balloon sellers, and people to man the bolder wall and MDU vehicle. If you wish to get involved please ring me as soon as possible.

Jill May  
DC

# Upcoming Events

July			
2	CRB	21 <sup>st</sup> HQ	
2	CL Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
5	SL Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
6-8	Gilwell 24	Gilwell	<a href="http://www.gilwell24.info/">http://www.gilwell24.info/</a>
7-8	Camping Competition	Chigwell	<a href="http://www.badscoouts.org.uk/campingcompetition/">http://www.badscoouts.org.uk/campingcompetition/</a>
9	BL Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
11	Appointments	St. Mary's Vestry	
14/15	Town Show	Dagenham	
15	County Activity Day	Chigwell Row	<a href="http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activityday/">http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activityday/</a>
24-	World Jamboree, PL Camp, Replica Camp, Sunrise Camp	Brownsea and Essex	
August			
1	Scouting's Sunrise/Jamboree/Replica Camps & much more!		
September			
3	CL Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> HQ	
6	SL Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
11	BL Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
14-16	Thriftwood Celebration Camp	Thriftwood	<a href="http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/">http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/</a>
26	Appointments	St. Mary's Vestry	
29	Celebration Day		
+lots more! Check out <a href="http://www.badscoouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html">http://www.badscoouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html</a>			

### Town Show - 14/15<sup>th</sup> July - Central Park, Dagenham

Full details at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/townshow/>  
Volunteers required. See Jill's Jottings at the front of Woodsmoke.

### Sunrise Event - 1<sup>st</sup> August - Abbey Green - Barking - 7:30 a.m.

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

### County Activity Day - 15<sup>th</sup> July - Chigwell Row Guide Campsite

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

# All Sorts of Sports

Congratulations to all sections for participating in this event. We had a great turn out this year. The weather was really hot as well so it may have made running around a lot harder than normal but still. (results in the section reports)

Next up was sports day. This was held at Mayesbrook arena. The weather was not that good as it kept raining then stopping and then continuing to rain again and again. (results in the section reports)

Tracey Martin  
B&D Explorer

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## 5-a-side Football

I would like to thank Connor from the 6<sup>th</sup> B&D for joining the 7<sup>th</sup> B&D Cubs at football to make their team up. I pointed out to him that they were an all girl team and he said he didn't mind. Also I would like to thank Jay from the 9<sup>th</sup> B&D for joining another groups team, as last year he was verbally insulted by an adult at the Football competition. Both these boys know the true meaning of Scouting and I wish them both all the very best in their Scouting careers.

I would like to thank all the parents who collected their rubbish in carrier bags, it made my job a lot easier.

Ken Thompson (T-Bag)  
GSL - 9<sup>th</sup> B&D

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## Other Events

### Mountainwide - Climbing Courses

[http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/activities\\_climbing.html](http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/activities_climbing.html)

### Gilwell 24 - 7/8<sup>th</sup> July

<http://www.gilwell24.info/>

### Reunion '57 Tour - July

<http://eng.scouting2007.org/reunion57/>

### JOTA / JOTI - 20-21<sup>st</sup> October

<http://www.scouts.org.uk/2007/events/JOTA.html>

### Live '07 - 24<sup>th</sup> November

[http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/downloads/live\\_2007\\_update001.pdf](http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/downloads/live_2007_update001.pdf)

# Jambo meet & greet



## A Jamboree Experience for Adults not attending the Jamboree

The 6 Counties of Greater London have been asked to assist the Jamboree Organisers in providing adult volunteers to assist in the Meeting and Greeting of overseas members of the International Service Team (IST) and then the Contingents. Other teams are required to see their safe departure after the event. In total, over 40,000 people will attend the jamboree.

Greater London Middlesex West, through the Heathrow Port Liaison Officer, has agreed to cover Heathrow. Surrey and Hertfordshire are to cover Gatwick, Luton and Stansted. This leaves Central London – the coach stations and railway stations. Known arrivals will need to be met and escorted to Baden-Powell House in South Kensington, where they will board pre-arranged coaches to take them to the Jamboree Site. There will also be other groups and individuals staying in and around London, who will need to catch coaches from Baden-Powell House. Co-ordinated by Rex Smith, (Assistant County Commissioner International for Greater London Middlesex West) each day will require 2 teams, one for a morning and early afternoon shift and the second late afternoon and early evening. Rex is looking for at least 20 people per day to help or 4 people per County other than GLMW.

## When is help needed ?

Rex has been asked to provide teams on 23 and 24 July (with smaller teams on 27 July) and again on 7, 8 and 9 August (with smaller teams on 11 and 12 August).

## Free Jamboree Day Visitors' Ticket

For those volunteering on 2 days, a free Jamboree Day Visitors' Ticket (worth £20) will be available. Volunteers will also receive a Jamboree scarf. Expenses will be paid. It is hoped to hold a training session in London of about 2 hours to outline emergency and safety requirements and to meet the National Organiser.

If you think you can help in this major operation for Rex, please contact him by phone on or by e-mail at [rexsmith@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:rexsmith@glmwscouts.org.uk)

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### 2 RELUM TENTS

*Pauline Pass has 2 Relum 12 foot tents for sale.*

*£200 ono for the pair.*

*Contact Pauline on:*

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### METAL CAGES

*Pauline Pass has 2 metal cages. They are very handy for storing or moving gear—think of the tall cages that supermarkets use to restock shelves*

*These can be yours for a donation. Pickup only.*

*Contact Pauline on:*

# Jambo offsite team

As the countdown to the 21st World Scout Jamboree has dropped below 100 days, I'm writing to let you know that there's still the chance for you, your fellow scout leaders, your friends and those not currently involved in scouting to get involved in an amazing event. For the Off Site Programme, We are still looking for instructors for climbing/abseiling at Gilwell Adventure and dinghy sailing, raft building and bell boating, as well as general staff to help with running challenge bases for "Aqua Challenge" or helping on the support team ^ to make sure coaches are unloaded & loaded safely, provide maintenance staff or help out in a trading outlet, selling food and drinks etc. at Splash!

We recognise that there are a lot of people out there for whom working the whole of the Jamboree period or affording the IST fee has put them off volunteering to help. It was with this in mind that the Off-Site Team (OST) packages have been created. They offer flexible options, with costs covering food and camping only. There's even options to come and help out for free if you can find your own accommodation and catering in the area. We believe that the packages we are offering can benefit the UK activities scouting community in that adults can not only get involved and have fun, but they can also learn new skills/activities, make new friends and get a broader picture of scouting on a national and international level.

I'm writing personally to you therefore to ask you (although recognising that you may have been asked previously) to forward the attached information to those you know and to encourage them to get involved in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I'd also like to let you know that we've closed applications for the Off-Site Team for other roles at Gilwell Adventure as we have reached our capacity although we are holding a waiting list.

Yours in Scouting,  
Heather Hale

Jamboree Core Team Member with responsibility for Off-Site Programme

Further details available at: <http://eng.thejamboree.org/takePart/adult/offsite/>

## When is ...?

The District Calendar, constantly updated, can be found at:

[http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar\\_2007.html](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar_2007.html)

And the County version at:

<http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/calendar/>

Both these contain links to the relevant information and forms and details.

### SL Meeting

Please ensure that a representative attends the next SL meeting at the 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 8 p.m.

### Camping Competition

Please remember this competition is open to Scouts of ALL abilities. I need

some volunteers so I can select a handful of leaders to help run the Novice section.

### Upcoming Events

LOADS! Check the website & calendars!

Darren Dowling  
DSL

# EXPLORING

I don't know if it is just me but has it not been busy recently? So much so that I can't remember everything we have been up to. We took part in the County 5-a-side, helped out at the district Football and Sports Day. Some Explorers helped out at Gilwell's Beaver and Cub Fun Day whilst others spent the night at Eastbury house. We have welcomed new Explorers and are about to say cheerio to others as they move on to fully fledged leaders. The list doesn't seem to end. Currently we are looking forward to the Treasure Hunt, Gilwell 24 and the Activity Day and several of the Explorers are hoping to secure a place on Project 818 – undertaking conservation work in Epping Forest. We are about to start planning the Welly Walk which is booked for the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Shelley Goodman  
ESL

# County Football

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007, Barking and Dagenham Explorers Alfie Barker, Daniel Warrington and Tracey Martin, along with the 6<sup>th</sup> Barking and Dagenham Scouts Neil, Sally-Ann and Ryan combined together to make a team for the County Football Competition. The competition was held at Chigwell Metropolitan Police Station sports ground and we only had one team enter this year from our District. It was a very eventful day, it was also really hot. It will be my last county football competition as I am turning 18 in July. We drew 2 games and lost 2 games. We don't know where we came but it was not in the top 4. Some of our games were hard but our last game was funny. This game lost all the seriousness out of it as we played against a team of Chigwell Explorers - we were just laughing around in that game. However we did lose that game I think but we still had a fun time and that's what counts.

Tracey Martin  
B&D Explorer

# SCOUT SHOUT

Hello all. Our thoughts are with Nik, Thomas and Richard at this time. For the time being the Scout section will have to put up with a former ADC reject, namely me.

## Scout Rally/Incident Hike

Apologies for having to cancel/move the event. We will discuss the type of event we will be holding this year as a replacement at the next SL meeting

## County Events

Unfortunately the Forest Boundary Hike has passed us by without me getting a whiff of information. If I find out anything about the upcoming Canoe Race I will let you know. At the moment we still have the County Orienteering competition down as the 21<sup>st</sup> October. More information as and when I receive it. Congratulations to the Scouts and Explorers who took part in the County 5-a-side.

## Football

We had 14 teams this year divided into two leagues of 7. Each team got to play at least 6 games and on the whole the excellent sportsmanship and Scouting principles were on show for all to see, as well as some good football skills. The top two teams from each league went on to play each other in a mini-league for the finals. Well done to everyone who turned up on the day and played through some fun but exhausting matches. My thanks to all the

Scouts, leaders and parents who supported the event.

A big thank you to the Explorers who stepped up and volunteered to referee the matches at the very last minute. All in all they did an excellent job and it is not an easy job to handle even for an experienced, old, thick skinned leader! Thank you Alfie, Daniel and Jamie.

## Football Results

1<sup>st</sup> place 16<sup>th</sup> B&D and 17<sup>th</sup> B&D  
2<sup>nd</sup> place 10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D  
3<sup>rd</sup> place 6<sup>th</sup> B&D

## Sports Day

The weather could have been better but then again it was forecast to be much worse. Well done to all who turned up and thank you to everyone who helped and all that came to support the participants.

### Section E

1<sup>st</sup> place 6<sup>th</sup> B&D  
2<sup>nd</sup> place 9<sup>th</sup> B&D and 16<sup>th</sup> B&D

### Section F

1<sup>st</sup> place 10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D  
2<sup>nd</sup> place 4<sup>th</sup> B&D and 16<sup>th</sup> B&D

### Relay

1<sup>st</sup> place 16<sup>th</sup> B&D  
2<sup>nd</sup> place 10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D  
3<sup>rd</sup> place 4<sup>th</sup> B&D

### Overall

1<sup>st</sup> place 16<sup>th</sup> B&D  
2<sup>nd</sup> place 10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D  
3<sup>rd</sup> place 4<sup>th</sup> B&D

# Belchamps

Dear fellow Scouters, A friend and scouting colleague approached me with an article from the Daily Mail reporting the demolition of the Woodland Chapel which is based at Belchamps. In total shock and disbelief I wondered why such an act had been carried out and read further into the article to see in black and white that it was the Scout Association who had imposed what was quoted as "change" because they felt that the chapel excluded people from non faith, non Christian or other faith denominations and backgrounds.

I felt very passionate about this article and wanted to express my concerns about how far impositions in the name of political correctness are willing to go.

Since it was published there have been lots of concerns expressed by various people within the district and emails going back and forth trying to obtain further information and real facts not just speculations. As far as I am aware the Scout Association did not suggest or 'impose' that the chapel should be taken away and to my knowledge it has not been made crystal clear who exactly made the decision, but it seems that Belchamp's committee and partnering districts brought forward the idea.

I have spoken to many people about what has happened, some from different faiths and some with no belief at all and can honestly state that they were shocked along with me and could not understand why a place of worship / reflection or meditation as it has been called would be torn down and replaced, as the article suggested, with a multi-purpose camp fire woodland area.

I know for a fact that people whether they have faith or not appreciate "quiet and reflective time" in a place especially designated for this. These chapels lend themselves to be places of peace and serenity. They emit a sense of calm and shelter from the hustle and bustle of what goes on around a campsite. (Even when they are in the open air).

As I previously explained, I do feel strongly about what has happened at Belchamps and sincerely hope that other campsites do not decide to follow suite. My views and opinions in this piece of writing are in no way at all intended to offend anyone; I simply feel that the decision to remove the chapel is a very unfortunate one and one that has naturally stirred up a lot of unrest.

Leigh Bradford  
ABSL 9<sup>th</sup> Barking & Dagenham

The Daily Mail article, background and further information on this can be found at:  
<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/belchamps/>

# County Activity Day

The 15<sup>th</sup> July is rapidly approaching and booking is now closed. You should receive a pack of details from Barbara Westcott to confirm your booking. This contains wristbands, programmes and forms.

Thank you for all your contributions, I am in need of paints and colouring instruments, stickers, stuff that can be used for eyes and mouths as well as paper plates. If any one has a large gazebo or 2 I can borrow and some groundsheets to cover the stuff overnight please let me know.

If anyone is available to help me set up on the Saturday I would be eternally grateful as I would like to have a quick look round the Town Show.

I will try to get around all the section leader meetings and will let you know when it is your turn to help out. Only one Troop has told me they are not going so everyone else will be put on the rota, probably about 30 minutes each.

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# Starburst Project

4 coach loads of Jamboree scouts will be working with the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham on STARBURST community service projects; one at each of the following parks: Eastbrook End Country Park (The Millennium Centre), Old Dagenham Park, Greatfields Park and St. Chads park.

Dates are 30/31 July and 2/3/6 August from approx 10:30 to 3:30 each day.

We are keen for local Scouts to become involved in these projects alongside the Jamboree Scouts. If there are any scout meeting places near any of these parks perhaps a local group might like to host something at their location - perhaps some refreshments or similar. Martin has also arranged for the sports development staff from the Borough to organise afternoon games sessions at the 3 "town parks" (not Eastbrook) so this would be another way of getting involved.

Let me know if we can be of further assistance on this.

Roger  
Jamboree Organising Team  
[thecolefamily@btinternet.com](mailto:thecolefamily@btinternet.com)

# CUB CHIT CHAT

Hi all you Cubby people.

What a busy time I have had during the last month. First up: Whitsun Camp for a number of groups around the District. Weather could have been better but all the Cubs enjoyed themselves. For the first time since I have been a Cub leader Thriftwood's Campfire was cancelled.

Then came the Football and what great Scouting spirit all the matches were played in. Well done to everyone and congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> B&D on winning. Thanks to all the stand in referees, you played brilliantly as well.

## Football Results

1 <sup>st</sup> place	1 <sup>st</sup> B&D
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	4 <sup>th</sup> B&D
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D



Next was Sports Day and with the weather very poor at 8 a.m. I thought we may have to cancel the day. At 10 a.m. the sun was shining although in the distance we could see the rain clouds gathering. Despite a couple of really heavy showers and thanks to Danny Oxley (9<sup>th</sup>) for providing umbrella cover, Sports Day was finished. During the presentation of certificates we had a fly past - See Akela can organise anything. Well done to all

those who braved the elements, thanks to all who helped man bases and congrats to the winners.

## Section C

1 <sup>st</sup> place	10/18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	28 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	16 <sup>th</sup> B&D	14 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	15 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> B&D	8 pts

## Section D

1 <sup>st</sup> place	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	26 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	17 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> B&D	10 pts

## Overall

1 <sup>st</sup> place	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	33 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	10/18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	28 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	16 <sup>th</sup> B&D	24 pts

A couple of visits to groups, a few AGMs, a Thriftwood shop duty and a Balloon Race and Town Show rota will keep me busy for the rest of the month.

The next few weeks will be equally as busy so I hope to see you at one of the events.

Let me know the dates you are going to camp because I may visit but also because as I am now Nights Away Adviser I need to know. That's it from me, take care

Chilly Akela Rosie  
ADC Cubs

## Upcoming Events

30<sup>th</sup> June Treasure Hunt - Barking  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Margaret's

15<sup>th</sup> July Activity Day Chigwell  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets Only

# BEAVER BITS

Hello to all.

beavers/private

## Football - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Well done to the teams that were in the 7-a-side Football Competition. In 1<sup>st</sup> place came the 9<sup>th</sup> with the help of the 15<sup>th</sup> to make up the team. Second was the 17<sup>th</sup> and Third the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Connect 4

The District Beaver Connect-4-Competition date will have to be changed, I will let you all know the new date soon.

I have had the three Badge sheets updated, you can get them at:



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

## BL Meeting

The next District Beaver Meeting is on Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> at the 6<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ at 8:15 p.m.

Ron Pringle  
ADC Beavers



# Thriftwood

Thriftwood is 50!

More details and a programme of events for the 1<sup>st</sup> August are available on the website.

## 50 Years Camp

There will be a 50 Year Celebration Camp on 14-16<sup>th</sup> September. Cost will be £25 per head (Leaders free).

## Thriftwood Leaders Camp

26-28<sup>th</sup> October  
Relax at Thriftwood after a hectic centenary year. The Camp will be a weekend of FUN, ENJOYMENT and RELAXATION for all. Choose from a large range of all-inclusive activities organised for YOU!

## Pedal Olympics 2008

Book early as this event attracts teams from all over the country.

## Badge Courses and Other Courses

Thriftwood offers a wide range of courses both for young people and for adults.

Further details on all these are available at:

<http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/>

## Scouting Sunrise Celebrations

# When? What? Where?

Each District event has its own page on the website:

[http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/event\\_index.html](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/event_index.html)

This normally holds detailed information on the event and often contains the latest up to date info (as and when received from the organizers). For big events it also has the programme, nights away forms or other related paperwork to help you plan and organise your response to the event. If you do not have access to the internet you can always contact me via phone, text, letter, carrier pigeon, word of mouth or pound on my front door and I can supply you with a paper version (normally the ADCs have this in hand anyway). Very rarely can a leader say, in all honest, "but no one told me about such and such" in this District.

Don't forget that a cut down version of Woodsmoke (with personal contact details removed) is always available online at:

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/woodsmoke/>

There is no reason that this URL cannot be passed out to all parents and helpers and people associated with, or vaguely interested in, Scouting in the District.

Darren Dowling  
Webmaster

# Your District needs you!

I receive many strange enquiries about joining Scouts (people from all over the world apparently want to come to Scouts in B&D) but not everyone is aware that is a 'join form' on the website:

[http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/contact\\_join.html](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/contact_join.html)

The completed forms are emailed to me direct so I can sort the wheat from the chaff (or the spam from the genuine) and then forwarded direct to Jill to handle. Please publicise this join form. Also Jill has a special phone number for Scouting enquiries:

0208 924 0335

This is an answer phone but it helps Jill to keep her private messages separate from joining enquiries and such like.

Darren Dowling  
Webmaster

# Look at me!

There are now over 1200 photos at:

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/photos/centenarycamp/>

If you have any photos of any Scouting events then please consider lending me the CD/USB key/Memory Card so that I can get a copy on the District website.

My thanks to the main culprits who normally keep me supplied with photos: Graham Russ, Ron Pringle, George Coare, Steve Wakeling, and my thanks to the up and coming 'David Baileys' in Linda Browning and Scott Dobson.

## No! Look at me instead!

Us 'old hands' in the District need to remember that new leaders and helpers don't always know who is who and are not always able to match a face to a name. I intend to start a sort of a 'rogues gallery' online in order to help redress that somewhat. A rather crude, early version is available at:

[http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/contact\\_index.html](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/contact_index.html)

I eventually hope to expand this to most of the District team but I can't see why it cannot be applied to all of us eventually. If you have an interesting photo of a leader or helper or anyone connected to Scouting why not send it to me for inclusion in the gallery? If you want to know who is who and their name and face are not easily found on the website let me know please so I can fix that.

Darren Dowling  
Webmaster

## Town Show Rota

	<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> B&D	11-12:30	15 <sup>th</sup> B&D	11-12:30
4 <sup>th</sup> B&D	12- 1:30	7 <sup>th</sup> B&D	12- 1:30
9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	1-2:30	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	1-2:30
10/18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	2-3:30	11 <sup>th</sup> B&D	2-3:30
16 <sup>th</sup> B&D	3-4:30	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D	3-4:30
12 <sup>th</sup> B&D	4-5:30	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D	4-5:30
17 <sup>th</sup> B&D	5-6:30	19 <sup>th</sup> B&D	5-6:30

Please try to keep to these times

Rosemary Oakwell, ADC Cubs

# Sail Away

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## Plating

I have been informed by the County's new Canoe advisor & Sailing Advisor and Assessors that not many Groups have re-plated this year so far. Please ensure that all groups that have and are using boats contact either Vince or Trevor to have their boats checked and plated or if this has been carried out by either a County advisor within the last 3 years the self assessment forms are forwarded to Vince or Trevor. This also applies to boats that may have been checked by an Advisor from outside our County This is required so we can build up a County Data register, also leader etc with Current water authorisations, or out of date Authorisation that they may want to be re-assessed. Many Thanks

Andy Jones  
ACC Activities  
[accactivities@gln-scouts.org.uk](mailto:accactivities@gln-scouts.org.uk)

## Longridge Boating

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<http://web.mac.com/conrad73/iWeb/Longridge>