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Scoutbase		www.scoutbase.org.uk
Scouts		www.scouts.org.uk
Scouting Resources		www.scoutingresources.org.uk

County Website: www.gln-scouts.org.uk



WOODSMOKE

Deadline for next issue: 20th January

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Woodsmoke is edited by Darren Dowling

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

WOODSMOKE



January 2008

For the very latest see www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Young Reporter of the Year Competition

New for this year Woodsmoke is offering a competition for all Scouts in our District.

The competition is open to all Scouts, from Beaver Scouts, through Cub Scouts and Scouts to Explorer Scouts.

All you have to do is write up an interesting report or article, perhaps with a photo or two, and submit it to the editor of Woodsmoke before the end of November 2008.

The young reporter with the article judged to be the most outstanding will win a prize of their choice from a small selection of Scouting goodies.

The winner will be published in the December 2008 issue of Woodsmoke.

There should also be room in Woodsmoke to publish all the entries throughout the year, don't leave it too

late else you may find your article omitted due to competition for space in the December issue!

The article may be submitted in writing or electronically (the editor can handle almost any file format) at any time.

Please note that the deadline for Woodsmoke is always the 20th of the month, so if you want to see your masterpiece on your next camp appearing in the June issue make sure it is submitted before the 20th May!

Entries may be edited for clarity or for the purposes of fitting in the available space for each issue.

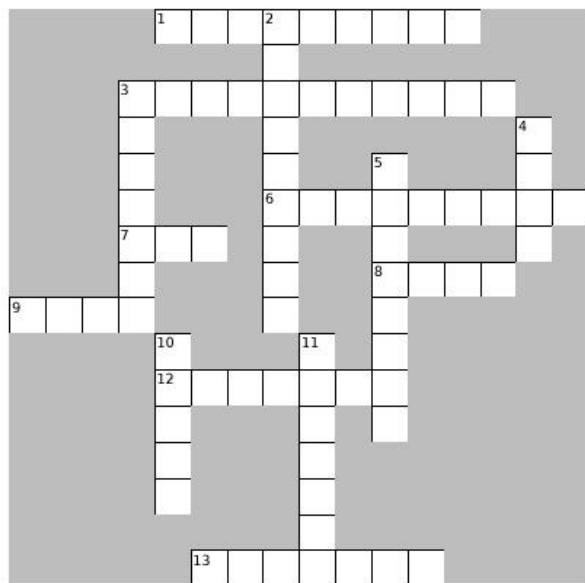
Get writing and good luck!



**Darren Dowling
Woodsmoke Editor**

Communication is Key

Darren Dowling



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| <p>Across</p> <p>1 Monthly District Newsletter</p> <p>3 _____ centre: HQ's source of information</p> <p>6 talk in one end and listen to the other</p> <p>7 ____ : they help the DC</p> <p>8 ____ message: you can always try this if they are 'engaged'</p> <p>9 letters and information are sent 'through' this</p> <p>12 _____ list: used to send information to many people</p> <p>13 online presence with a wealth of information</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>2 list of leader's names and contact details</p> <p>3 _____ messaging: online "chatting"</p> <p>4 www. _____ -scouts.org.uk: the county website</p> <p>5 held every 2 months for section leaders</p> <p>10 electronic form of sending "letters"</p> <p>11 received after each meeting</p> |
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Upcoming Events

January			
3	SL Meeting	17 th HQ	
7	CL Meeting	21 st HQ	
11-13	Pedal Car Olympics	Thriftwood	http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/events/
12	Cub/Scout Chess	17 th HQ	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/chess/
14	BL Meeting	6 th HQ	
21	CRB	21 st HQ	
22	Appointments	Salvation Army	
26	Mark Sutton	6 th HQ	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/marksutton/
28	Network Meeting	21 st HQ	
February			
6	Module 3	17 th HQ	
9	Sponsored Swim		http://www.badscouts.org.uk/swimming/
17	First Response	Red Cross HQ	
19	ESL Meeting	6 th HQ	
24	Founder's Day	St. Cedds	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/foundersday/
29	Handcraft (hand in exhibits)	6 th HQ	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/handcraft/
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html			

Chess - 12th January - 17th B&D HQ

This event will be run all day, Cubs in the morning and Scouts in the afternoon. See the information booklet on the website for more details.

Further details at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/chess/>

Mark Sutton - 26th January - 6th B&D HQ

This event tests Scouts with bases like Compass, Map, Scouting Quiz, Knots, Cooking and First Aid and is open to Scouts of all abilities.

Further details at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/marksutton/>

Training & Appointments

Appointments — Who are you?

If you wish to have the correct details appear on your appointment card or in the directory then it is **your responsibility** to ensure that we are aware of all your personal details, appointments, qualifications and 'jobs' within Scouting. You need to **ensure that your Group Scout Leader has the most up to date information as soon as possible**. If you have any questions please contact Veronica.

Veronica Poole
appointments@barking-dagenham-
scouts.org.uk

Training - Modules & Courses

Full details of all the modules and courses in the training scheme can be

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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 2nd April 2008
10th September 2008

Module 3 6th February 2008
4th June 2008
Provisional (5th Nov. 2008)

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found on the new County website at:

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

All the dates and venues can be found there along with the forms required to book these modules. If you do not have access to the internet please contact either the County Webmaster or Chris who can arrange a paper copy.

Want to lose your warrant?

The training scheme requires leaders to complete modules 1,2 and 3, have a training adviser assigned and a CRB form completed within a **maximum time-scale of 5 months**. If these conditions are not met you may well find yourself **losing your provisional appointment** and having to **redo the lot from scratch**.

http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/training/training_scheme.html

If you have any concerns on this or feel that you urgently need to complete any part of the training scheme mentioned above please contact Chris ASAP.

Chris Poole
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Giant Sleepover

The Giant Sleepover is now in its 5th year engaging the widest range of youth groups in a night of fun, friendship and fundraising. To date the event has raised in excess of £250,000 for charity.

The Giant Sleepover 2008 is taking place on Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th June when groups from all over the UK (and the world) will be sponsored in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the "Biggest Simultaneous Sleepover across Multiple Venues", which currently stands at 34,000 people and is held by the participants of our 2006 sleepover.

The Giant Sleepover is HUGE FUN for kids (and adults too), but is aimed mainly at children aged from 6-11 years (although any child aged 16 and under can join in). Many groups who take

One Uniform to Another

part tell us that this is a great FUND-RAISING EVENT for their school or youth group. Some groups use the event as an opportunity to attract both new recruits and new adult volunteers.

On this ONE SPECIAL NIGHT of the year all registered teachers, youth leaders and parents can organise a sleepover in their school, at the scout or guide group hall, at home, or even (as many of our groups do) make it a night spent under canvas.

Once groups register with us we send them all the information needed to help them get organised and closer to the big night they will receive a useful 'Treasure Chest' full of bits and pieces to either give away to the children and parents taking part or to help their night go with a swing!

Groups who register to take part in the 2008 event before 31st December 2007 will get registration for only £10.

For further information and to SIGN UP FOR ALL THE FUN please visit our website:

www.giantsleepover.com

Paul Hardiman - Cub, then Scout of the 10th/18th Group, recently had his passing out parade for the RAF. He has now started on an aviation mechanical engineering career.

He looked very smart in his new RAF uniform and his parents are very proud.

District Beaver Sleepover



On Saturday 24th November a few of us from the 4th, 9th, 11th and 15th Barking & Dagenham Beaver Scouts went to the District Sleepover. We arrived at lunch time and were amazed at the hall because the leaders had put up lots of Christmas decorations and two lovely Christmas trees.

We put away all of our suit cases and had some lunch, then Honest Leigh got us all to shout out the camp rules that she had wrote on a big piece of paper. We then all sat in large circle, told each other our names and then shouted out "hello" to everybody. We then had lots of fun on the go-carts and trampolines and then played some games inside. After the games we visited the shop and bought presents and sweets.

T-bag and Akela from the 9th Barking & Dagenham cooked us a very nice Christmas dinner. We all had a menu, starter, dinner and dessert. It was yummy. We even had pretend wine glasses, but not real wine. We pulled our crackers and told each other the silly jokes inside.

While people washed up we made some beautiful Christmas decorations and glitter balls to hang on the tree.

Next we had a big sing song around the camp fire. It was great. Liono then took us for a night walk around the fields and forest. I was a bit scared so I held on to Honest Leigh's hand really tightly. We even saw some rabbits when we turned on our torches.

After the walk we went inside and played a few more games then had hot chocolate and cake and went to bed. Julie read me and Amy a bed time story and we chose a really long one. The other leaders had finished telling their stories before poor Julie.

The next day we got up, washed and had breakfast and packed away our clothes then Honest, Mandy and Olive took us to the climbing frames and tires to play while the other leaders cleaned up our building. It was brilliant. We had a competition to see who could get around the course without falling off of anything.

Before our mum's and dad's arrived we all got small Christmas presents and badges to take home and had a big photo taken of us all. We then went home. It was a good sleepover.

Grace Williams
9th Barking & Dagenham

SCOUT SHOUT

I truly do not enjoy moaning about people who volunteer their services to Scouting but sometimes it is quite justified. I have spent hundreds of hours in 2007 having to chase up information and details from people who had been asked, repeatedly, for that information. We are all busy enough as it is and the District team can do without having to spend our time holding leader's hands who should know better (from 1st January to the 20th December 2007 I had spent over 1730 hours on Scouting).

Communication in the District works through a variety of mediums; meetings, phone calls, emails, Woodsmoke, text messages, website, forums, letters, word of mouth, posters and more. There can be little or no excuse about many of the issues that have been stumbling blocks recently, such as:

- Jack Petchey
- Directory Updates
- Appointment Cards
- Qualifications list
- Your Troop programme
- Your camps/days out
- Completing training

Even after repeated contact and requests face to face, by email, by phone,

by notes in minutes and Woodsmoke and more I still had to waste a great deal of my time chasing up people for the simplest of items (e.g. a directory update or a list of what you had been up to).

Even now almost every Troop has NOT passed on a list of what they have been up to. Without being able to share what we are doing with each other we run the risk of stagnating and ruining the image of a forward looking Scouting movement.

After 6 months of badgering I have STILL to receive directory updates from the 7th and the 12th.

My time is as precious to me as it is to you. No one forces me to do this job and the moment I stop enjoying it will be the moment I step down and let someone else have a go. Please help me continue to enjoy Scouting at the District level.

Upcoming Events:

SL Meeting Thursday 3rd Jan
8 p.m. at 17th B&D Wilmington Gardens

Chess 12th January 17th B&D

Mark Sutton 26th January 6th B&D

Sponsored Swim 9th February

Founder's Day 24th February
St. Cedd's

SL Meeting Thursday 6th Mar
8 p.m. at 17th B&D Wilmington Gardens

Darren Dowling
Acting ADC Scouts

BEAVER BITS

Welcome back for a new year of fun filled things to do in our district, and lets get those Beaver figures up for the year please Leaders. As of the 1st February there will be some changes to the Beaver Scout programme, just some fine tuning you will find some info in your

CUB CHIT CHAT

Hi all you Cubby people, I hope you all enjoyed yourselves during the Christmas and New Year period.

We had a fantastic Centenary year and the final event was the Carol Service at The Salvation Army Citadel in Barking. Well done to all the groups that attended, 10 out of 14 groups plus a couple of Explorers.

There is a lot to discuss at the next meeting on 7th January so please make

Beaver Bulletin issue that came with the Scouting Magazine for Dec/Jan 2008.

Our first District Beaver Leader Meeting is on Mon 14th January at the 6th B&D at 8:15 p.m. Things to talk about include: Beaver numbers, Handcraft Competition, District Beaver Egg Hunt and County Connect 4 Competition on the 9th February.

Photos of the Beaver Sleepover can be found at:

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/photos/bsleepover07/

**Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers**

sure you send along a representative. We also have an updated programme to follow with some new badges and changes to some badge requirements.

A member of the District Cub Team will be visiting you during January and February, please do not be alarmed, we are quite friendly. The purpose of the visit is only to see how the Cub leaders, the Cubs and the helpers are doing.

I look forward to seeing you all at Cub events during 2008. Take care, see you soon.

**Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs**

Upcoming Events

7th January CL Meeting 21st B&D HQ
12th January Chess 17th B&D HQ
9th February Sponsored Swim
24th February Founder's Day St. Cedd
1st March Handcraft

District Resources

District Directory
Delayed because the 7th and 12th
have still not returned their updates

Nights Away & One Day Activity Forms

These important forms, and details of how to use them, can be found at:

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/nightsaway/

Out and About

A guide to places to see and things to do, within reach of our District:

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/outandabout/

Topsail Charters

Topsail Charters offer a unique experience to young people from ten years

Jack Petchey

The RF1 form that is used to send details of applicants for the Jack Petchey award can be found at:

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/jackpetchey/

Achievers Connected:
www.jpfonline.org.uk

Risk Assessment Form

A sample Risk Assessment form can be found at:

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/resource_forms.html

A more detailed version that was actually used for a District event can be found at:

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/incidenthike/2005/

old to be able to live onboard and work an historic Thames Sailing Barge on the East Coast. Leaders work alongside their group to experience together the challenge and adventure of working a Thames Sailing Barge developing self esteem, team-building skills, taking personal responsibility and gaining a sense of achievement while maturing in relationships.

For further information please visit:

www.topsailcharters.co.uk

Live '07



The atmosphere was amazing. People were cheering and then it was over! We all went backstage congratulating each other on the fact that this time we didn't get it wrong.

Then it was time for the second time. Again it was great and the final was electric.

I've never heard such appreciation. It was a great day.

I would just like to say a quick thank you to the people who came to watch, you made it just that little more nerve racking! And thank you to Steve for designing the flag, and to Jill for allowing me to do it. Thank you all !!!

Sam Harvey

There will be a meeting on Monday the 28th January starting at 7:30 for all Scouters, helpers and network members aged between 18 and 25 at the 21st B&D HQ (behind St. Cedd's Church in Lodge Avenue, Dagenham) where we will be able to discuss all your training needs for the coming year and hopefully have a rifle range set up. Hope to see you

Rob Craig

Network Meeting

It's all over now. The Live 07 show was amazing. It was a long day but it was worth every minute. I got on the train at 7:30 and we had to be there at 9 a.m.

We were walked to our dressing rooms and were given time to sort ourselves out. It wasn't long before Ewan came in and quickly told us how the day was going to plan out. We started the run through and it was our turn, which if I were honest didn't go too well, but it was all sorted out in the end. The finished product was amazing. We were sitting in our dressing room when someone shouted "Oh my god, people are starting to come in!" and that was it! People started cheering, panicking and various things. Then it was time. We were called and walked to our entrance and off we went!!

Myth: Egg boxes are banned

Myth: Egg boxes are banned in craft lessons as they might cause salmonella

The reality: This story started after a school briefly banned children from using cardboard egg boxes to make things, threatening years of Blue Peter tradition. They were concerned that children might catch salmonella.

Within a few days the school realised



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there was guidance from the County Council and an organisation for teachers called CLEAPSS, making clear that as long as egg boxes and toilet roll centres look clean, there is no reason why they should not be used.

Just another storm in an egg cup...

ery, Rifle shooting, Rock (rotating climbing wall), Vertical wall, Rope-a-phobia (mobile high ropes), Inflatables, Quad Biking, and more.....

Fire & Ice

18th – 20th January 2008

£10 per person
(includes camp fees and all activities)
£5 for leaders

Activities planned:
NEW FOR 2008 – 'FUN FAIR', Arch-

To warm up on the Saturday night there will be a disco, and for leaders a chance to relax in our leaders only area. A burger van will be situated on site to provide snacks throughout the camp. Meals for whole groups can be pre booked on arrival to avoid the queue. Prices are very reasonable. In order to book we ask for you to return the booking form with a £10 deposit.

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

for more details and a booking form.
Tolmers Management Team