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Jill's Jottings

Since the last jottings we have had a very successful St. George's Day Parade. The acting was great, readers, we could hear every word (and you Pauline) and the flags were carried with dignity, well nearly all of them! Well done to everyone and I hope you enjoyed it. I really hope we can get hold of a band for next year, I have already written to one band and am awaiting an answer.

Have you seen our "new look" website? Darren has put many hours into the updated edition so please take a look and use it and pass on your congratulations to him. He has asked for negative comments as well. Thank you Darren for an excellent job.

We are starting the AGM season and I am hoping that most of you will have someone from the team with you. Please make us welcome and let us say a few words. If I haven't got your dates yet then please let me have them.

The activities are coming thick and fast now so I expect I will see you at most of those. My apologies for not being at the Football as I am at a conference that

weekend.



Wanted

As most of you know Ade, our treasurer, has given up the job because of work commitments. This leaves us with a problem. Roger has kindly agreed to fill the gap for one year. That year has already started and we need to find a replacement to work with Roger to learn what is required. There must be a parent, relative or friend out there who would be willing to have a go. I have been reliably informed that the task is not that bad. Common sense is needed, an ability to add up, a sense of humour, a letter box, preferably email, and some spare time. If you want more details please ring either Roger, Alec or myself.



Help!

We also need a minutes secretary for Exec. meetings and the AGM. Pam Dumbleton reliably did this job for many years. When she gave up our District secretary took it on with her other duties but it would be

easier for someone else to have that job. If you know anyone please ask around and let me know.

Health Update

This time it is Shelley in the wars. Her address is now King George Hospital as I think she has moved in. Keep smiling Shelley and we hope you are back amongst us soon.

Long Service Awards

Congratulations to Steve May on 30 years service and Jill May for 20 years service. The certificates were presented by Dean Jefferys at the recent Chartermark Awards.

Charter Mark Awards

I had a great night at the Chartermark Awards evening. Barking and Dagenham made their presence heard as usual thanks to a tradition started by Pauline. Blowers were issued and every time the District was mentioned a loud noise erupted. Congratulations to the 8th, 9th, 10th/18th, 4th, 17th, 21st, 15th and 19th, who all increased their numbers this year. Come on the rest of you, put some effort in and see how many Groups can be

there in 2009.

WELCOME, HOPE TO SEE YOU, COME ALONG, TO YOUR AGM

The District AGM is at the St. Margaret's Centre, Barking Broadway, on the 11th June. Uniform is required. Please make an effort as it is usually a good night with good refreshments including bread pudding. The competition for the evening is to spot how many mistakes we make. Every leader is welcome to attend and any other visitors are welcome.

County AGM

The County AGM is being held on the 18th June at the Sir James Hawkey Hall. Again you are all welcome but please let Barbara Westcott know if you are coming.

Quarterly Census

Darren has now taken on the job of collating the quarterly census. Please make sure you get your numbers to the appropriate ADC by the 15th July. Thanks for your help with this.

Jill May
District Commissioner

Upcoming Events

June			
1	B&D Fun Run	Eastbrookend	www.lbbd.gov.uk/bad5
4	Module 3 Training		
7	Football Competition	May & Baker's	www.badscouts.org.uk/football/
11	District AGM	St. Margaret's	
14-15	Giant Sleepover		www.giantsleepover.com/
18	County AGM	James Hawkey	www.gjne-scouts.org.uk
21-22	Beaver & Cub Fun Days	Gilwell	www.fundays.org.uk
23	Network Meeting		
28	Sports Day	Mayesbrook	www.badscouts.org.uk/sportsday/
27-29	Malvern Challenge	Malvern	www.sr-mc.org
30	CRB Checks	21 st B&D HQ	
July			
3	SL Meeting	17 th B&D HQ	
4-6	Sun Run	Malvern	www.sr-mc.org
5-6	Camping Competition	Chigwell	www.badscouts.org.uk/campingcompetition
7	BL Meeting	21 st B&D HQ	
7	CL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ	
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar/			

B&D 5 mile Run & 3 km Fun Run - 1st June - Eastbrookend

Further details at: <http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/bad5>

Football Competition - 7th June - May & Baker's Sports Ground

Further details at: <http://www.badscouts.org.uk/football/>

Training & Appointments

First Response

There are only 10 places available for this course, please book through me to reserve your place. In order to pay expenses there will be a charge of between £5 and £10 per head.

Venue

17th HQ, Wilmington Gardens, Barking

Date

Sunday 20th July 2008

Start

10:00 a.m.

Finish

4:00 p.m. (ish)

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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 10th September 2008

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

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Please bring your own packed lunch - refreshments will be available.

PLEASE NOTE - THE CLOSING DATE FOR THIS COURSE IS 20th JUNE 2008 IF WE DO NOT GET AT LEAST 8 PEOPLE BY THIS DATE THE COURSE WILL BE POSTPONED.

Chris Poole

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TOP SECRET

Beavering Away



Hello everyone. Summer is finally upon us... well for a while it seems. Not much of the sun around at the time of writing this, but I'm sure it will grace us in due course.

June sees the Beaver section enjoying many exciting things. First of all we have the District Football Competition. "Bees around a honey pot" springs to mind. As always it will be a joy to watch the Beaver Scouts chasing that ball. Don't forget to let Rosemary know if you have anyone who can offer their services for the day to act as a referee.



The following weekend we're all off to Walton. I've been set a challenge by one of my Beavers. (Who can build the biggest sand castle)? Best get my bucket and spade dusted off.

Hey a free Saturday on the 21st. "Shhhhh" - don't tell anyone!

The 28th will be a historic moment as it's the first (of many I hope) time that the Beaver section will be joining the rest of the District for Sports Day. We're all quite looking forward to it. Details for the day will be discussed at our Beaver Leader Meeting and will be sent out just in case you can't make it.

This last month has been a busy one for the 9th B & D Beaver Scouts. We have

been working towards various challenge badges such as the

Global, Fitness, Outdoor and Promise Challenge.

As always the Beavers have enjoyed many different aspects of scouting. We had a game—a-thon in our headquarters' garden with traditional games. I've never seen a Frisbee come back like a boomerang!

That's about it for now. Hope to see you all soon. Keep Beavering away.



"Err, we're a bit stuck here guys!"



"Where's my ball gone?"



"I found the Frisbee!"

Honest Leigh
District Beaver Scout Leader

BEAVER BITS

Hello to all. Will you all please let me know who will be going to the sleepover A.S.A.P so I can send you the forms for the parents to fill in and send back to me. I will need a deposit of £15 per Beaver by the end of June. This will be on a first come, first served basis. It will be at Wat-Tyler country Park, Pitsea with indoor accommodation, 27th/28th September.

Please remember we will be having a District Beaver Sports Day on Saturday

28th June, so get a team to go to this event. It will start at 10 a.m. so please come a bit earlier to book in, thanks. We also need help to run some of the track events, it should be a fun day.

The next District Beaver Leader meetings are on Monday 7th July at 21st B&D HQ at 8:15 p.m. and Tuesday 9th September at the 9th B&D HQ at 8:30 p.m.

Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers

CUB CHIT CHAT

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

Well done to everyone who attended St. George's Day Parade, sorry about the weather but I have no control over that.

There are lots of events in June, Football, Sports Day and AGMs to name but a few, so I hope I will see you at all or one of these events.

For those of you who went to camp over the Bank holiday weekend, I hope you all had good camps. Please send in your report and pictures to Woodsmoke so we can all see what you got up to.

Balloon Race forms have been sent to Cub leaders and GSLs so please try to

sell as many as possible. All the money must be given to Roger before the Town Show and he will be at the Salvation Army Citadel, on 8th July, between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Any money handed in by groups at the Town show will **not** see 50% given back to the Group. Last year the winning balloon went all the way to Denmark and the Cub who sold that balloon was from the 4th B&D.

That's it from me, see you soon

Chilly Akela Rosie.

Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs

SCOUT SHOUT

Hello all, I'mmmmmmmmmmm Back.

Firstly I would like to say thank you to Malcolm & Sue, Jill & Steve, leaders from the 6th and to all the other members in the District for their kind words of support throughout the last year. It was a great help to Nikki, me and our family, even though Nikki was the strongest one of us all (I was a blubbering wreck) - she worked through all her treatment only taking time off following her surgery. Apart from a tablet all Nikki's other treatment has now finished so fingers crossed that's the end of it.

Once again thank you all.

Secondly I would like to thank Darren for taking over as ADC (Acting I know) throughout and to any leaders who supported him, Darren, as most of you now know, has stepped down from the District Team to have a breather. Darren has put a lot of time and effort into Scouts in the District and will be sorely missed I'm sure, he will be back soon so keep nagging him (Darren don't edit the last bit out).

New DSL

Welcome to Suzanne Squirrell to the role of DSL (that will teach her to say she wanted a challenge). Suzanne has a wealth of experience so will be an asset to the team.

SL Meetings

This is the important bit - PLEASE ENSURE THAT SOMEONE FROM YOUR

TROOP/GROUP ATTENDS THE DISTRICT SCOUT LEADER MEETINGS. We don't just have them for fun, they are there for a reason. They are all in the District calendar so you have no excuses that you didn't know when they are on. If you don't have a copy you can look on the District website.

Upcoming Events

Coming up we have our 5-a-side, Sports Day and AGM. If you have trophies please make sure you bring them to the AGM and a Scout to collect them.

Camping Competition

We also have our Camping Competition in July. These have been poorly attended in recent years. Remember the St. George's is for experienced Patrols, and the Len Bridge is for inexperienced ones, all the information is online so get planning.

St. George's Day

As I write this we have just had our St. George's Day Parade. Apart from the rain at the end it went well, all Groups were represented, some better than others, but thanks to all who attended and to all who helped out on the day.

Richard Blunden
ADC Scouts