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

WOODSMOKE

"You have been warned, we will cancel camps"

Jill May

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Deadline for March Issue: 20th February

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Jill May is the *District Commissioner*

By now you must all be back and enjoying your young people, I know some Groups, including my own had to close because of the bad weather but obviously the safety of the youngsters, leaders and parents have to be taken seriously.

I know we had a few disappointed Explorers when the plug was pulled on winter camp but if that's the only disappointment they have in their life they are lucky!

A big thank you to Mellissa from the 11th who joined Barry, Steve and myself on the Ho Ho run, we were also joined by Max, and Nicola who did it the easy way. The weather stopped us on the Monday but Tuesday and Wednesday we braved it. Thank you to you all.

We have just held a successful Module 5, 6, 7 at Newham, well done to those who attended and we hope you enjoyed it.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Health Update

I am really sorry to tell you that the news on Nikki is not as good as we would like. Her blood count was still rising and another scan is due soon. Please keep her and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Shelley is also having more tests, definitely getting their money's worth from the NHS.

Love also to Jo and Nic and of course to poor Vic who is living with three poorly females! Has anyone a spare room for him to escape to?

Chaplain

After the shock news of Simon taking flight to the country this left us with out a Chaplain. I am pleased to say that Major Nigel Schultz from the Salvation Army has agreed to step into Simon's shoes. Nigel is also a member of Rotary therefore knowing Alec, this was how he took the 8th under his wing. He has sat on the appointments committee for some time now and has proved a great support.

He is available if anyone needs help or advice and his details will be on the website and Woodsmoke. Welcome to your new Role Nigel.

Founders Day Service

Our Founders Day Service will be at the Salvation Army Citadel, Morley Rd at 3 p.m. on Sunday 21st February. Parking will be available in the Westbury Car Park opposite or the side roads opposite. Collection in aid of Living the Dream.

District Diary

Upcoming Events

February		
3	Module 1	17th B&D HQ
6	District Swimming Gala	
11	ADCs Meeting	Bromhall Road
21	Founder's Day Service	
27	Lost Skills Day	
March		
4	SL Meeting	17th B&D HQ
5	Hand in Handcraft	6th B&D HQ
6	Beaver/Cub Handcraft	6th B&D HQ
8	CL Meeting	6th B&D HQ
9	BL Meeting	21st B&D HQ
13	Scout's First Aid Day	
15	CRB Check Evening	21st B&D HQ
16	Appointments	Salvation Army
18	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
21	First Response	21st B&D HQ
27	Beaver Easter Egg Hunt	Hargreaves
27	County Swimming Gala	Fulwell Cross
31	Module 3	17th B&D HQ
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/		

First Response

All at 17th B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens.

All of the following dates are on a Sunday, 10:00 a.m. start until about 3:30

Refreshments provided – Please bring your own packed lunch.

21st March 11th July
7th November

Minimum number of people 6
Maximum 10

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

SCOUT SHOUT

Communication is key

Richard Blunden is the *ADC (Scouts)*

Hi all. Hopefully you will have received the minutes from the January meeting electronically; those that get it by post should be in a few days. Please let me know if you do not receive the minutes or you have an email address that I can send it to instead of posting it(the easiest way is to email me then I can save it).

Please read the minutes as there are a few things that need a quick response. If you have any questions call/text/ email me. I also require your plans and ideas for the upcoming year and remember I also need to be informed of any trips, the information I need is where you are going, how many and your EHC could you please email me this information or on paper through my door please.

The Mark Sutton is getting close; please make sure you have all the information you need if you don't ask.

In regards to the Gala I expect an announcement somewhere else in Woodsmoke.

Training & Appointments

March on down to a module

Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager

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	3rd February 3rd November	2nd June
Module 3	31st March	8th September

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.

CRB

Well done to the Groups that are getting there CRBs up to date, please check yours and get it redone after four years. Next date 15th March.

Training

If you are waiting for a training advisor to be allocated to you can you please contact Chris so he can sort one for you?

Christmas Card

I did ask in the last edition for anyone who did not receive a Christmas Card with a calendar in it to let either Veronica or myself know. This means that there is a problem with your entry on the membership system. Also if you find your name is wrong or any other details wrong, don't moan to others tell us, preferably in writing and we will try to get it sorted, we can only do it if we know!

Receiving Woodsmoke

Again I asked in last months edition for you to try and have Woodsmoke by email, please contact Darren and don't forget to let Malcolm know so he can reduce the amount printed.

Nights Away Permits

Recently we had a problem with a Group wishing to go away without the correct paperwork in place. Please note NO camp will take place unless the correct paper work is with Rose at the correct time and you have your Nights Away permit. The people that had them in the first batch now need to have them renewed. Download the form from the web site and get it to Rose. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED. WE WILL CANCEL CAMPS.

Umbrella Camp

Just to remind you that we are running another Umbrella Camp 11th-13th June at Chigwell. This is open to all Groups especially aimed at the leaders who feel they would like to camp with a bit of moral support. Please think about it.

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.

Race Night

(10th/18th B&D)

10th/18th "Race Night"
7:30 p.m.
Friday February 12th
Dagenham Football Club
Victoria Road
Adults £3
Children £1

Bring your own food
Drinks must be purchased at the bar

Come and join the start of our Group's 80th Birthday Celebrations.

A FUN Race Night that ALL the family can join in.

Numbers are needed by February 2nd

Contact Loraine :

Tabletop Sale

(8th B&D)

Can I remind or inform you that the 8th Barking and Dagenham are having a charity Table Top sale at the Salvation Army Hall, Ripple Road on Saturday 17th October.

£10 per table

Booking with:
Eileeen Symonds

Booking forms and payment before day. No games of chance or raffles or alcohol please. We still have vacancies for tables but would prefer no more white elephant type stalls so to ensure a variety. A good chance to raise money for your Group/charity.

Train Up

Barbara Drozdowicz (B&D CVS)

Barking & Dagenham CVS are offering trustees (i.e. directors, governors) FREE training in 2010. The sessions will focus on developing the knowledge and skills of trustees, both organisational and personal, to understand their legislative responsibilities, ensure the organisation is operating legally and help to identify how to prevent and resolve staff and trustee disputes.

Not understanding or complying with legislation could put your organisation at financial and reputational risk. In Spring 2010, NEW legislation will be coming into effect, that will impact the ways in which external agencies especially funders, work and fund organisations in the Third Sector.

On the 26 January 2010 (TUE) we are holding a training “Recruiting and Retaining Trustees”, an event of special value for existing board members who wish to find new trustees.

Details: 26th January 2010, 5:30pm – 8:30pm, venue – B&D CVS (JR Room), refreshments will be provided.

On the 28th January 2010 (THU) we are holding a training “Equalities Law and Boards’ Responsibilities” which will present existing equalities legislation as well as prospective new duties coming along with Equality Act entering into force this spring.

Details: 28th January 2010, 9:30am – 1:00pm (1:00 – 1:30pm lunch), venue – Starting Point (Barking).

On the 2nd February (TUE) we are holding a training “Board – Staff Relationships: Governance versus Management” which will present ways of establishing fruitful relationships between a Chief Executive Officer and a Chair of the Board as well as turning this relationship into effective partnership.

Detail: 2nd February 2010, 5:30pm – 8:30pm, venue – B&D CVS (JR Room), refreshments will be provided.

Book a place by sending an email to jessica.collins-smith@bdcvs.org.uk or call her on 020 8227 5482 and remember more than one place can be booked per organisation.

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