

Contacts & Resources

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

WOODSMOKE



“I had to get down on the ground and put my arm down the dark hole praying that I did not get bitten by a rabbit”

Ron Pringle

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Deadline for August Issue: 20th July

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Hello, I thought this may be my last jottings, but no, not yet contrary to what a couple of people have been saying, there is no replacement at the moment.

I had a great time at the Football and it went off without too many stroppy parents, that is always a bonus. A big thank you to Rose who did most of the chasing around. I really love watching the Beavers running around like headless chickens.

My next major event was a holiday, a week in Yorkshire with Pauline and Steve. We had a great time and for the second half of the week had good weather. We found lots of good coffee shops and scrummy cakes, well if someone took the time to make them it would have been rude to refuse wouldn't it!

I am sorry to say, that due to a family problem I have missed a couple of AGMs, but hope to make some others.

We also had a successful Umbrella Camp. This is a great time for you to camp with support, and a great chance for Rose, our Nights Away advisor, to be able to check up whether you are safe to be let out on your own! You could say it was an enlightening weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.



Jill May is the District Commissioner

CRB

There are still a lot of you that need to renew your CRB, if you know it is you please come along to the next evening, 19th July, 7:30 at the 21st B&D HQ.

Health Update

I am sure most of you have followed Richard and Nikkis journey on the television, in the papers and on the special Facebook page, Nikki is due to start the new drugs this week so please keep her in your prayers.

Nikki's latest scan has showed an increase in cancer growth in previous locations and now in the chest area, the tumours in her brain are now bigger than they were in January. Nikki has started chemo and thanks to Margaret Hodge and her team she will be starting the drug Lapatainb on the GSK access program this week. Should they not be able to change the PCT/NHS decision or the government's timetable, the funding is in place should they need to do it privately.

District Diary

Upcoming Events

July		
1	SL Meeting	17 th B&D HQ
5	CL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ
11	First Response	21 st B&D HQ
12	BL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ
13	Appointments	Salvation Army
15	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
17/18	Town Show	Central Park
19	CRB Check Evening	21 st B&D HQ
25	Modules 5, 6, 7	17 th B&D HQ
24-	Danish Exchange Camp	
August		
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/		

EXPLORING

Trip Away

TRIP TO BROADSTAIRS

A trip to Broadstairs in Kent has been arranged for

Wednesday 4th august 2010

At a cost of

£7 per person

Leaving St. Cedd's Church, Lodge Avenue at

9.00 am

As part of the home hospitality week of the Danish exchange camp.

Shelley Goodman is an AESL



There are a few places left on the coach so phone or e mail Shelley Goodman on

QUICK

Training & Appointments

All trained up

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 November

Module 3 8th September

Modules 5+6+7

Sunday 25th July, 9:45 a.m. for 10 a.m.

Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager



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.

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

Words from the Wood

News and information from Thriftwood Campsite

Colin Tilbrook is the Warden



Thriftwood Badge Team Courses

First Response Training

Sunday 6th Dec

NSRA Rifle Course

31st October

Water Splash

every Wednesday during Summer Holidays

TLC (Leader's & Teacher's Camp)

22-24th October 2010

GNAS Archery Course

27-28th Nov. and 4-5th Dec. 2010

Campfire & Carols

11th December 2010

National Pedal Car Olympics

7-9th January 2011

Oak Lodge Makeover & New Look for 2010

Oak Lodge has received a substantial makeover to the main hall. New Dormitory block building started.

Climbing Walls Floodlight

Why not make use of the facilities and enjoy a floodlit climbing, Ice Climbing or Abseiling session?

New Activity for 2010 - Inflata-BULL

A fantastic new activity for 2010, the inflata-bull. A rodeo bull ride, with a twist, can you stay on whilst your 'friends' try to buck you off?.

Campfire with Carols

Saturday 11th December 2010, 3 p.m. Burgers, Hot Dogs etc. Mince pies & Mulled Wine will be on sale before and afterwards. Tuck Shop will be open with a wide range of reasonably priced toys and stocking fillers

National Scout Pedal Car Olympics 2011

2011 event booking now open, 7th-9th January

www.thriftwood.org.uk/

BEAVER BITS

Fond farewell

Hello to all. Well, it's here at last, my ten years as ADC Beavers is now over. As I look back over the years I have seen hundreds of young kids go to the District events that we have arranged. It has been very humbling to hear what they say when we take them out on trips.

One said "it's the first time I have seen the sea and sand", how we take it for granted. At lots of Beaver Sleepovers some kids say I do not want to go home or can we stay for the week, or when they see the foxes and rabbits running around at night they say 'wow'. It must be hard for the parents to let them go on the sleepovers as it is the first time they have been away from them, but the kids go home a little bit more grown up and a bit more confident. We have had some laughs over the years, on the egg hunts one kid lost a numbered golf ball down a rabbit hole I had to get down on the ground and put my arm down the dark hole praying that I did not get bitten by a rabbit but could not get the ball. This year one Beaver came to me with one of last years numbered golf balls he still got an Easter egg, and the children that go in nice white trainers at Hargreaves camp site and go home caked in mud or fell over in the muddy pools of water, but all go home happy



Ron Pringle is the ADC (Beavers)

with chocolate. I have had great memories over the years it has been a great honour and a privilege to do this special scouting job.

Well done to the teams in the Beaver Football. In first place the 15th / 19th. Second were 10th/18th and third were the 12th. It was a very hot day, a big thanks goes to Barry Ledger for stepping in to help with the refereeing again thanks. If any Beaver Leader would like to do the refereeing next year let the ADC for Beavers know.

I hope all Beaver Colonies have a team for the Sports Day on Saturday 26th June, and if you have any small wellies please bring them along, thanks.

The next District Beaver Meeting is on Monday 12th July at the 6th B&D at 8:15 p.m.

For the District Beaver Sleepover I need all deposits as soon as possible please as per the date on the forms.

DISTRICT SL'S BITZ

Can you kick a ball?

Since the last report we have had the Five-a-side Football competition, the weather this year could not have been more different than last, the day started somewhat overcast but the clouds quickly disappeared to show a beautiful clear sky and probably one of the best days of the year so far. Our thanks to all the Scouts and leaders for their help in making sure the day went well it was nice to see so many of the Groups willing to share kit to ensure that all Scouts wanting to take part could. A huge thank you to the referees for working so hard on such a hot day. Congratulations to the 17th for winning the trophy. It is a shame the World cup team don't seem to show the same commitment.

The District AGM is Thursday 24th June, it is to be held at Harmony House, Baden-Powell Close, Dagenham 7.00 for 7.30 start. There will be a raffle held this year to raise money for St. Francis Hospice, if you have a good quality prize please bring it along on the night. Don't forget to bring with you any trophies you may have so that they can be handed out, if you cannot get to the AGM please contact one of the DSLs to arrange a drop of time and place.

Sports Day is Saturday 26th June at Mayesbrook arena; we will need help on the day for starters etc so we will be looking for any help Groups can

Suzanne Squirrel is a DSL



provide. At the moment the weather could be anything so as usual for the English summer bring a raincoat and suncream!

Next Scout leaders meeting is 1st July usual time, usual place.