

Contacts & Resources

District contacts and useful websites

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

WOODSMOKE



“We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it”

Robert Baden-Powell

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**50th Anniversary
New CSA form online
3rd B&D increase
CRB Dates**

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

Deadline for April Issue: 20th March

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

You have all been quite busy in the start to the New Year, well done.

The Mark Sutton was held at the Salvation Army Hall in Morley Rd, well done to those who entered, I expect there will be a report elsewhere in Woodsmoke.

A very BIG thank you to Nigel, for finding the funding for the hall, out of one of his many money pots.

The same night we held our annual SAS dinner at Top Meadow Golf Club. I think every member was there which is a good achievement and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Pauline for sorting this out.

Well done to those who attended Module 3 recently, the idea that you have to do training is getting through still some in the woodwork that ignore the reminders!

We have quite a few events coming up so I will look forward to seeing you there.

Gone Home - Rose Wildblood

Rose was one of our Vice Presidents for many years. She has been involved in our District in various positions since her Husband was the Borough Commissioner. She was a member of the, then, warrants committee and latterly has attended fellowship meetings. She was almost a walking archive keeping



Jill May is the District Commissioner

us on our toes and the straight and narrow. Rose would always comment on the smartness of youngsters and leaders alike also on the untidiness if she ever saw it!

She was proud to be involved in Scouting. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family at this sad time.

Census

The Census is now finished and I am pleased to say the District is up again, only a few but up.

Congratulations to the following Groups who have shown an increase: 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th, 11th, and 16th. The 4th have shown the largest increase of 13 new members. I will be meeting with the groups with the largest losses to see how we can reverse the trend.

One very obvious thing we can all look at is, does anyone know we meet at our meeting place? Steve can do the artwork and arrange the purchase of banners or signs to go outside your meeting place to let everyone know you are there. You only have to ask. The 16th have a metal sign on the fence outside their HQ and clearly it is working.

District Diary

Upcoming Events

March
April
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/

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:

With immediate effect please note that you will have to BOOK YOUR PLACE on any future District run Modules.

We cannot continue to hold modules where no-one turns up, if we know the potential numbers booked, we can decide whether it is viable to go ahead or postpone / cancel.

First Reponse Course

Sunday 20th March 2011
17th B&D Headquarters
Wilmington Gardens, Barking.

9:45 for 10 a.m. start, please wear scruff gear.
Refreshments provided, please bring your own packed lunch.
Finish about 3:30 to 4 p.m.

**Limited number of places
First come first served**

Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager



IS YOUR CRB IN DATE ?

CRBs are valid for 5 years - please check yours now as the process for renewal still takes a few weeks from the form filling out part.

Please remember to bring all documentation for renewal as it has to be seen again.

CRB Evening
14th March
St. Cedd's
7:30 to 9:00

Amendments to POR

At your sectional meetings your ADCs will bring you up to date with any changes but I have been asked about one. Beavers can now camp under canvas, and also be away more than 24 hours but only one night. Also all beavers should have the opportunity to have a night's away experience. Please do not panic. This does not mean that you have to take your Beavers in tents and I know some of you have views on this! So do I. In our District all beavers are offered the chance to go to a sleepover so there is still no pressure to do this if you do not feel confident. We have always taken the view that extra care must be taken with Beavers as if the Beaver is put off at a sleepover they may never wish to go away as a cub or scout. Come along to the next beaver leaders meeting and we will discuss this more.



Investiture at the 3rd

A great picture of our newest Group on the day of their investiture. Hopefully you will see them starting to take part in District events soon.

Founder's Day

It was a shame there was a shortage of young people on Sunday, perhaps we can do better for St Georges/ Renewal of Promise in April.

Founder's Day 2

About two weeks ago I received an email from Dean our CC to invite two Beavers and two Cubs from the 8th to go to Westminster Abbey on the 22nd February to attend the wreath laying. Steve and I took four very excited and very smart youngsters up to London yesterday. We were shown to our seats along with two scouts and two explorers from other Districts and Dean Jeffreys our County Commissioner. The youngsters were fascinated as they were sitting in the seats reserved for High Commissioners, ornately carved little booths. The behaviour of all the youngsters was a credit to scouting. The wreath laying was after Evensong which was a bit hard for them to understand. This is the first time that the ceremony has taken place on the 22nd, the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden Powell. It was a great honour to take our youngsters up to Westminster and I hope that they will remember the occasion for years to come. I was hoping to be able to show some pictures but unfortunately my camera did not cope with the lack of light by the memorial. Thank you Dean for the invite.

CRB

A reminder that the CRB evening is at the 21st B&D at 7:30-9:00 on 14th March. Please remember to bring everything with you.

GSL Conference

Can I remind you that we need one representative from every group to attend the Conference? A lot of planning is going into this and it should be a very informative day. If your GSL can't go then send someone else or bring your deputy with you.

Health Updates

For those of you that don't know, Ethel has had a fall on the cobbles at Heathway. She has had an operation on her eye socket and is now at home recovering.

Both Fred Barns and Alec are recovering from their recent operations. Daggers has been in hospital as well but is back with his scouts.

Nikki is continuing her fight; they are having a few days away at the moment. Please continue to member

them in your prayers.

Thank you

A big thank you to Barking and Dagenham Round Table for their donation from the Christmas float money.

Another Thank you.

To all the Groups that input their numbers for the census on time. I did manage, with burning lots of midnight oil, to get our returns in on time. Yippee we weren't the last District to get the returns in. Well done.

Congratulations

I had the great pleasure of presenting Chief Copleston with his 40 year long service award last Tuesday. What an achievement. Congratulation also goes to Margaret Jennings 30 years Veronica, Sharon and Amanda for receiving their awards at Founders Day.

50th Anniversary Danish-English Exchange Camp 1961 - 2011.

Just a reminder to everyone about this event: Saturday 12th March, 2011 at St Mary's Church Hall, Grafton Road, Dagenham from 4 - 9 p.m.

50th Anniversary

Malcolm Beerling

Drop in whenever you like and stay for as long as you wish. Anyone who has ever been involved is welcome to attend - whether you camped in England or Denmark or the family offered home hospitality and obviously all those going this year!

Looking forward to seeing you all there - bring your photos!

CUB CHIT CHAT

Chess? Did I do the Chess?

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

Oh dear, I must be getting old. I can't remember if I reported the results of the Chess, but I think I did!

The Circus Skills Day was really good, I enjoyed it and I think the Cubs and Scouts did. I learnt how to spin plates, stilt walk (I knew how to do that) use a Diablo, to juggle and to walk on the tightrope. Well done to all the Cubs and Scouts that attended and congratulations on gaining their badge.

Next me and T took put our lives in the hands of the Scouts when we agreed to be the judges of the cooking part of the Mark Sutton competition. All the Patrols did very well and their cooking is getting better. I enjoyed all the dishes.

The next couple of weekends were free of Scouting stuff but it never quite



Rosemary Oakwell is the ADC (Cubs)

in my house so all the things I planned to do got left.

Well done to everyone who attended the Founders Day service.

Next weekend (26th) sees the Scout Cycle cross at Crow Camp, I hope the weather is good and it's not raining. I will also be visiting the 10th/18th and 6th who are in camp this week as it half term.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Handcraft Competition and Cub leaders at the meeting on the 7th March at the 6th B&D HQ.

That's it from me, take care

Chilly Akela Rosie.

Scouting in GLNE

Paul Fix

I am please to announce that the County have now introduced a online Notification Form that can be used by Leaders for submitting details of young people who have completed their Chief Scout Award so that they can be invited to the County Chief Scouts Award Evenings at Gilwell Park.

Full details can be found in the documents online, this new process can be

used instead of sending the Chief Scouts Award Notifications postcards to Barbara, however these can still be completed if this is the desired option.

Copies of all the documents will be posted to Section Leaders and Group Scout Leaders .

I'm sure you will agree that this a positive step forward in the quest to make things easier for section leaders!!

Any questions or feedback please let me know and then I can update any of the documentation

www.glne-scouts.org.uk/awards/

BEAVER BITS

Start the year off as you mean to go on

Hi all my little Beavers, not much to say at present except that Beaver Sleepover is filling up fast, there are only 6 places left so if any of your Beavers wish to attend then get in quick. Not much going on at present except today I went to the Founder's Day Parade and was happy to see so many Beavers all smart at the service.

Brain now gone dead so only a reminder of the next Beaver Leaders Meeting on 8th March at the 21st B&D HQ.

See you all soon.

Ken Thompson is the ADC (Beavers)

THRIFTWOOD BADGE TEAM

All courses take place at Oak Lodge

Courses from 18th January 2011 to July 23rd 2011

CUB SCOUT MAP READER ACTIVITY BADGE



Tuesday 18th, 25th January 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday 1st February 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Saturday 5th February 9.30am to 11.30am

CUB SCOUT DIY ACTIVITY BADGE



Tuesday 29th March 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday 5th, 26th April 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday 3rd May 7.00pm to 8.30pm

SCOUT MODEL MAKER ACTIVITY BADGE

New 2011



Tuesday 8th & 15th February 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Tuesday 1st March 7.30pm to 9.00pm

SCOUT PIONEER ACTIVITY BADGE



Tuesday 10th 17th 24 May 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Tuesday 7th June 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday 11th June 9.30am to 2.00pm

SCOUT SURVIVAL SKILLS ACTIVITY BADGE



Tuesday 8th, 15th & 22nd March 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday 26th March 9.30am to 2.00pm

SCOUT DIY ACTIVITY BADGE

New 2011



Tuesday 14th 21st 28th June 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Tuesday 5th July 7.30pm to 9.00pm

LEADERS TRAINING COURSES

T.B.A

Tuesday 12th 19th July 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Saturday 23rd July 9.30pm to 2.00pm

Book Early

All Courses are £2.00 per night

To book:

Tel: 01708 230014

Email: thriftwoodbadgeteam@gmail.com

Box of Ideas

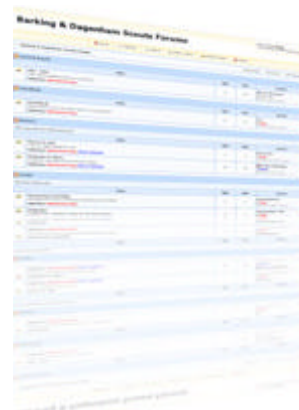
Russ Dyble (Development Officer GLN)

grammes for every week of the year, 'Programmes in a Box' can help you out!

The CD-Rom or printed booklets include 40 weekly programmes (and all required resources) for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts and 20 for Explorer Scouts, following a four year rolling plan, ensuring a balanced programme including two activity badges and one challenge badge each term. The 2010/11 edition of "Programmes in a Box" is available to pre-order at <http://bit.ly/piab2010> - We accept Paypal through our site, but if you would prefer to print an order form and post a cheque, one is available. For more information, please email orders@programmesinabox.co.uk or contact Russ Dyble, Project Co-ordinator 01442 262686.

'Programmes in a Box' is a year's supply of 40 weekly programmes for Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops (12 for Explorer Scout Units), written by experienced section leaders from across London. Whether you're looking for a few new ideas, or you want enough pro-

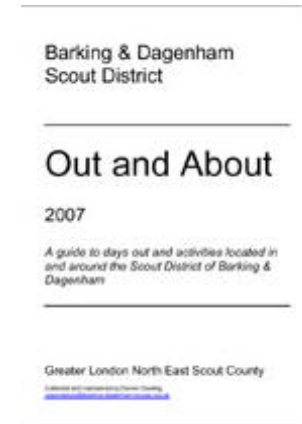
Forum



The forum allows you to chat with leaders and Scouts within the District. Why not share ideas and take advantage of the wealth of information and resources that

are to be found on the forums.

Out & About



Out and About is a guide to days out and activities located in and around the Scout District of Barking & Dagenham.

All this and much more at www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/

Forms



The forms available on this page may change throughout the year as special events take place (for ex-

ample, the Town Show will require Balloon Race forms to be distributed a couple of months before the actual event

Programmes



Programmes Online - from The Scout Association

Programmes - from Scouting Resources