



Woodsmoke

The news from around
Barking and Dagenham District

October 2014

Barking and Dagenham Scouts take part in the first Borough Youth Parade



On Sunday 28th September Barking and Dagenham Council invited the District to their first Youth Parade.

Thank you all those groups who attended.

In total we had 43 young people, and 12 leaders. Ben Wilkinson, and Ashley Fenn led us with over 30 other groups from Barking Park to Abbey Green, where Jill and Steve were manning our display. It was a great event recognising the positive side of Youth in the borough, and a great way to put Scouting out there.



Malcolm Beerling the GSL of the 6th with the Mayor.

District Leaders with the Leader of the Council
Cllr Rodwell



Dodd's Deliberations

I'm sure you all back in full swing following the Summer break. For those that had their summer camp, I hope the weather was kind to you, and for those who have camps planned good luck with the weather, Autumn is definitely on its way. Well that's enough about the Weather.



The next few months there are going to be a number of changes in the District. This is to allow us to look forward and help the District grow, and provide even more fantastic Scouting opportunities for the young people in Barking and Dagenham. Change is always challenging, so if you have any concerns or questions, then please let me know.

New District Structure

The new district structure has been agreed by the District Executive Committee and I am in the process of recruiting for positions on the District team. You may already be in uniform or maybe not, a leader, a supporter, young or old. If you have key skills in any of the 5 clusters, then I am looking for you. There will be a number of key roles, and many supporting roles which will allow people to be part of the District team even if only on an occasional basis. If you like to be considered for a role, please let me know. Dodds

Moving Forward – 2014 – 2018 Barking and Dagenham Scout District

Finance & Fundraising

- Grants
- Accounts
- Fees
- Direct Debit
- Fundraising Ideas
- Property
- Gift Aid

Event Coordination

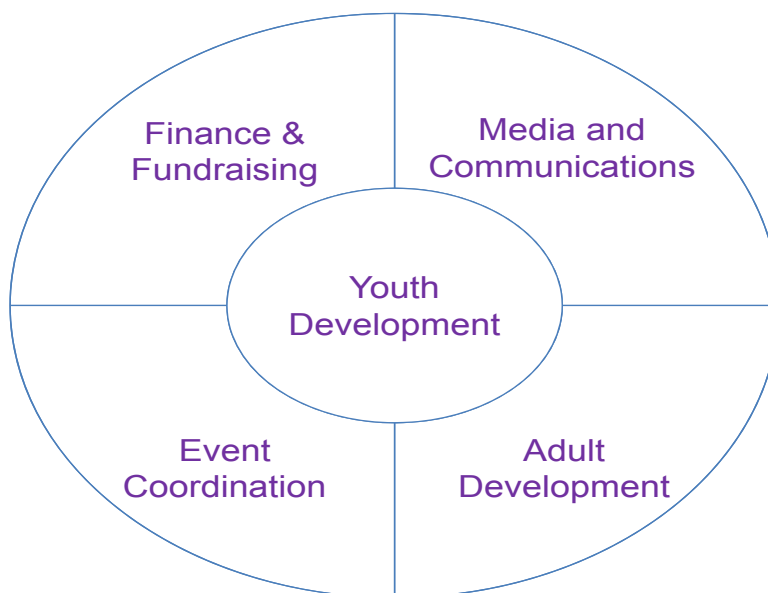
- Fundraising Events
- District Camp
- District Competitions
- Shows / Events
- Event Support
- SAS
- Skills Workshops
- Remembrance Parade
- St Georges Day Parade
- Thriftwood
- QM of Equipment

Media & Communications

- Woodsmoke
- Social Media
- Press
- Advertising / Recruitment
- Show / Event Display
- Promotion
- Growth
- IT / Cloud Storage
- Compass & IT Systems
- International Relations

Adult Development

- Training
- Appointments
- DBS Checks
- Skills Matrix
- Safe Guarding
- First Aid
- Nights Away Permits
- Recruitment



Youth Development
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts
Explorers, Young Leaders,
Queens Scout / DofE Awards
Network

Nights away and 9.1

Please remember to complete your Night away notification form in advance of any camp you are planning.

Also please remember to notify Dodds at dc@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk if you are going out for the evening for an activity, or if you are going out for a day trip or attend an event. This includes activities like visiting the park.

“Let Dodds know”

Thank you to all those who have filled in a questionnaire. I have currently had 46 replies. Your replies have helped me shape the new structure, and also inform me of the good and not so good but of B&D Scouting. Sorry if I haven't replied to you in person, but I have taken each and every comment, and reply on board. For those that haven't completed it yet, please do so, your views are very important to me.

You can find the online survey at the following location.

<http://questionpro.com/t/AK7njZRMLR>

Many thanks. Dodds



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Training!

CRB

The next CRB is on **Monday 17th November 7.00-9.00 at 21st HQ.**

Please remember to bring your NI number, and as much proof of who you are and proof of your address with you.

Training

Module 3 is on Wednesday 12th November.

It is being held at the 17th B&D HQ in Wilmington Gardens. 7pm for a 7.30 start.

1st Response

Next 1st Response is on Saturday 8th November

Have you booked on a course yet? Call **Steve Wakeling** on **01621 815570** to book your place on the next available course, at least a month before.

Safeguarding

Thank you to all who attended the session on **24th July.**

Future dates to be arranged.

During October and November I am hoping to arrange a couple of evening to update training. This will be your chance to come along, get modules validated and get PLP updated. Dodds is starting to work on reviews and there are many of you who have not completed your training in the allotted time.

Check on here for local modules and the County web site for County run modules.

Reminder, First Response has to be booked with Steve Wakeling at least a month before the date of the course.

Jill

Forthcoming Events

17th October – Spooky Wellywalk

23rd October – Dane Camp information evening for all Leaders, and Scouts / Explorer parents interested in finding out more about the international camp to Denmark in 2015.

1st November – Scouts cyclo-cross.

1st November – Beaver Connect 4

3rd November – District Cub Leaders meeting

5th November – District Beaver Leaders meeting

6th November – District Scout Leaders meeting

7th November - 10th/18th Quiz Night @ D&RFC

8th November – 1st Response

9th November – Remembrance Parade

12th November – Module 3 Training

15th November – Jungle Rally

16th November – Thriftwood Memorial Service

17th November – CRB Checking

19th November – Appointments Committee

21st November – SAS / Explorer Bowling Evening

22nd November – Cub Quiz

THRIFTWOOD NEWS

Anyone keen on photography will have plenty of rich colours to capture on camera at this time of year. The trees are beautiful and there are plenty of conkers.

Nov 5th

The crew are staging their first **Bonfire & Firework** night and everyone is welcome from the 4 Owner Districts.

Cost is Adults £5 & children £4.

There will be other stalls with food & games etc.

Times: **Gates open at 6:00p.m.**

Bonfire at 7:00p.m.

Fireworks at 7:30

See you there

Nov 16th

Thriftwood Remembrance Service

11 for 11:30 a.m. service.

All are welcome to attend. In fact it would be good to see more than the usual 6 faces from our District

Pauline Wakeling - Thriftwood Rep

10th/18th Scout Group Quiz Night Nov. 7th

7 for 7:30 p.m. start

Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club (Main Hall)

Teams of **no more than 8**

Bring your own nibbles

Drinks MUST be bought over the Bar

Admission cost £3 per head - There will also be a raffle

Scouts help launch this year's Poppy Appeal



The 6th, 9th & 10th/18th each with a Scout and Cub representative, helped to support the Royal British Legions Poppy appeal launch on Friday 26th September.

The Mayor for Barking and Dagenham was also present (she was once a Cub leader at the 6th B&D)

Scout Shout

Hi All,
Thanks to the Scouts that attended the Youth Parade through Barking. I understand it was an excellent event and well supported by our District and other youth organisations.

Coming up soon is Cylco Cross on the 1st November. Transport for bikes is being arranged, please let me know if you still wish to enter a team so that I can arrange pick up points for bikes.

We have a Denmark exchange visit parents / leaders meeting on the 23rd October at 21st HQ r/o St Cedds Church, Lodge Avenue starting at 7:30 pm. Information is still coming in from Denmark so please try to attend for the latest information.

Last thing as a reminder to Scout section leaders we have our next meeting on the 6th November, 8pm at Wilmington Gardens.

Thanks, Russell

Dane Camp 2015

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Cub Capers

Hi all you cubby people,

I hope you all had a great summer and camps. I took my cubs and scouts to Well End Scout campsite in Herts. A great time was had by all of us and I flew out to Tenerife 2 days after we came back for a well earned rest.

Since returning after the summer I seem to have been very busy, with Ken we helped the 6th take there gear to camp. I looked after the explorers for 3 weeks while Pat was away on his hols. I've keep the Beavers well feed and watered on 2 sleepovers and helped at Module 16.

We also had Kubadoo with loads of Cubs and Beavers enjoying a number of activities based on the Cube. Despite the rain the children had a great time not sure about the leaders we just got wetter and wetter. Thank you to all the leaders that came with the Beavers and Cubs and for helping to run the activities.

I worked out that me and T will have camped every month from April to December this year, not bad going for 2 oldies.

We have a couple of events in November

Jungle Rally 15th at 17th HQ 9.00 for 9.30am start

Sixers camp 21st-23rd at Guide Campsite, Chigwell Row during this event the cub quiz will take place on Saturday 22nd at 6.30pm.

Take care

Chilly Akela Rosie

Akela's Antics

No news of the new addition to my ever growing family with the neice due in October, have 2 more Nieces pregnant one in Feb '15 and the other in April '15.

I had my 60th birthday in September and enjoyed a great party.

Darius, All About Camp
 Well my best things about camp is that you learn new stuff and appreciate all the food they provide, all the care and all the fun activities such as wide games (night time games) and more. Also you meet new friends. So keep if you haven't tried it then can't try because you might as love well achieve stuff in life. WHILST YOU CAN!

CAMP



The 6th B&D Cubs having fun at Summer Camp

Darius, ALL ABOUT CAMP!
 Well the best thing about camp is when you go Zorbing and when you have the best presented food ever. You can also meet new friends and learn new stuff you have seen or heard about. When you have never done camp you will want to go back again, again and again. It is so fun you will want to tell your Mum everything about camp. You also go on hikes which is very tiring! You have to walk from a really far distance and then you have to walk back to your hut. You also get to sing songs around the camp fire which is really fun. **AND YOU ALSO GET TO MEET NEW FRIENDS!**



Facebook and Website

Our new website has gone live.

Why not have a look at
www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk



Our social media presence is going from strength to strength. Our "B&D District Scout Leaders" facebook group now has 49 members, and we have 107 likes on our "Barking and Dagenham District Scouts" Facebook page. Why not join too?

In particular the Website has created a lot of interest from young people wishing to join groups in the District, and we have a few new leaders looking to join us to.

Situations Vacant

Assistant District Treasurer

We are looking for an Assistant District Treasurer to help Angie with looking after our Finances. It's not all about crunching numbers. We are looking at fundraising opportunities, writing bids for grants, company sponsors, online banking, and finding ways of being more efficient with our money. If you think you may be interested or know someone who could help, please contact dc@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk for more info.

District Secretary

We are looking for a Secretary to join the District Executive Committee. Want to know what we get up to, then please contact dc@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk for more info.

Communications and Media Team

We are looking for people who are interested in joining a growing team to develop our Brand, and methods of Communication.

In particular we are looking for people that are keen to develop ideas for recruiting leaders, and young people into Barking and Dagenham Scouts. Do we have our own logo?, How about posters on bus stops? Radio adverts? Local newspapers? How do we get our message out to our whole community? If you have the ideas, then we are looking for you.

Articles for the November edition of Woodsmoke should be in by the 20th October.

Please let us know what your Group has been upto, with photos all the better.

Please email andydodkinsdc@aol.com