

Happy Birthday to Fred Rook - our Vice President is 90 years old on the 21st June



Fred Rook attending the Thriftwood Memorial Service in 2014 in his Chelsea Pensioner uniform along with Hazaiah Gbadebo one of our youngest Beavers at the time.



Dodd's Deliberations

In the last edition of Woodsmoke I challenged you to put the OUT in ScOUTing. Well you definitely have been living up to the challenge.

I have been receiving many notifications of your day trips, nights out and camps. There is clear evidence that groups that offer these opportunities will grow and develop, and I encourage you all to continue doing so.

It was great to see all sections and groups parading at this year's St Georges Day parade. It is always a proud moment to accept the salute for the District. During the service I challenged you ALL to make a pledge to make a positive change in scouting over the next year in Barking and Dagenham.

I have read all your promises and there is a fantastic mix from leaders and young people on what you are going to do. So this is my reminder to you to not forget, and when you succeed why not tell us about it in Woodsmoke.

To remind you that we are looking to grow our sections and groups I also gave everyone Sunflowers to grow. So how are these going? Please post your pictures on our facebook page. I have had 1 entry from 8th B&D so far. Can you beat this?

Our next District event is the District AGM and Activity Night. I hope you can all make it and look forward see you there.

Finally, for all of you going on camp this summer may I wish you great weather and adventure.

NAN Form

Please ensure you use the latest NAN form which is downloadable from our website or Scouts.org.uk. This needs to be sent to the DC and Rose a minimum 7 days in advance of your camp.

There have been a number of occasions last month where this has not been followed. It really is important that the DC is informed, and not doing so may lead to camping permits being cancelled.

B&D District AGM and Activity Night

We are holding our second Activity evening linked with the District AGM on **Thursday 23rd June @ Hargreaves from 6:45pm to 9pm**. This year we have some new activities to try, and some old favorites too. Our SAS team will be providing hot food again, so please let Andy Dodkins know by email, text or Facebook if you are coming for catering purposes.

If you would like to stand for any roles on the District Exec committee, please contact Andy Dodkins by Monday 20th June for more information.

Vacancies

Media and Communications Manager. We are looking for someone to manage our media and communications. If you know someone who is a whizz on Twitter and Facebook, and has an interest in all forms of Media and Communications please let us know.

If you know anyone who would like to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Dodds for further information.



8th B&D Entry?



Beaver Bits

Hello everyone. I hope that you are all keeping well. So what have we been up to since the last Woodsmoke? Busy Beavers as always...

In April we all came together for a fantastic St George's Day Event. It was great to see so many of our Beavers in their smart uniforms, marching proudly through the streets with all of our other sections and leaders. A big well done to everyone who came along.

Down at the 9th, we've had quite an adventurous May. First, we went out to Mayesbrook Park for a mini beast hunt with Ranger Ruth who works for the Borough. I thoroughly recommend this visit. The Beavers absolutely loved discovering dry and wet land creatures. Next we went to Hargreaves for sessions in the traversing wall and archery. We certainly have some talented young people in our midst. Definitely been watching Hawk Eye from the Avengers!

Do let me know what you have been up to in your colonies so that I can include it in my Woodsmoke report. I love to see what everyone is up to. Especially during the summer months.

It is even lovelier to see your little ones send in reports. Please do try and encourage this.

Just a reminder that if you are going away from your usual meeting place for an activity or event you need to complete and send a 9.1 notification to myself and Dodds at least 7 days prior. Many thanks.

By now you will all be aware that we are no longer able to use the venue that we used last year for Sports Day. So, as a team of leaders at our last meeting, we decided to hold a District Birthday Party at District HQ on the same day...18th June, 2-4pm. Details have been sent to you all. Please send me your numbers as soon as you can so that we can cater for the right amount. I look forward to seeing you all there. It's going to be a great afternoon.

Our next event as a District is when we join Kubadoo in July. I'm really looking forward to this and to seeing our Beavers join in with the fun.

That's about it for now.

As always, keep Beavering away!

Honest Leigh - ADC Beavers

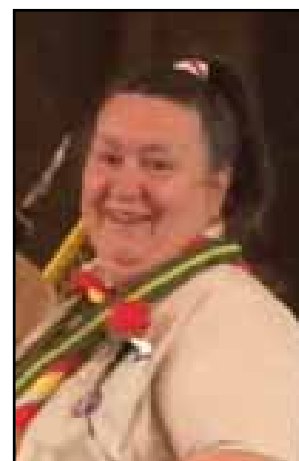
Cub Capers

Hi All you cubby people,

Hope you all well and enjoying your scouting.

We had 15 cubs take part in the Cyclist badge on the 16th April and I'm pleased to say they all gained the badge. St Georges Parade on the 24th April was next and it was nice to see so many cubs and their leaders attend. Well done to all leaders who gained an award.

The Swimming event on 30th April was great with over 100 Beavers, Cubs, Scout and Explorers, even some of the leaders went in. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run this event and to those who helped on the night, in the changing rooms, poolside and security.



County

Kubadoo 17th July

Cubs 100 Camp 23rd -25th September.

That's it from me, I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on the 23rd June.

Take Care

Chilly Akela Rosie

Scout Shout

In March the Scout section have held the Maurice Pass Pioneering Competition at the District HQ.

The morning comprised of scout skills bases with a focus on knots and lashes in preparation for the competition in the afternoon. After lunch the completion began in earnest with each patrol given a pioneering project to complete within a set time. The results were then judged by myself, Dan Warrington and Dave Nickols. The trophy was awarded jointly to the 1st and 10th/18th.

The Scout section also took part in the handcraft competition this year with a reasonable number of entries. The theme was a picture of either David Bowie or something space related base on as both David Bowie and Tim Peake both having been Scouts.

In April a good number of Scouts took part in the St Georges day parade.

There was also good attendance at the district fun splash and following feedback from leaders this thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

We have Scouts from 3 groups attending the Essex International Jamboree at Chelmsford in late July - early August and I hope to provide a report for the next edition of Woodsmoke.

Russell Browning - ADC Scouts

Columbus-Bellahøj Fund Raiser

On Sunday 1st May, three explorers, our supporters and me, headed for Church Langley to take part in the annual Abseil.

We are very pleased to report that all four of us abseiled and between us raised a fantastic £544.00

A massive thank you to Amy, Aaron and Bryon for their fund raising efforts and bravery

Same again next year we think, armed with lots more explorers



Waltham Walk 2016

Four Explorers (and Riff-Raff) from Barking and Dagenham took part in this year's walk in Danbury, it is a gruelling two day incident hike, organised and run by the Boys Brigade.

The competition is open to all youth groups and has two categories, a mini trek for 12 to 14 year olds, in which the youngsters navigate with a day sack around a slightly smaller course.



The main event is for 14 to 18 year olds, and scouts put their skills against, the boy's brigade and air/army groups too, it has been running now for forty years, and is well attended. It consists of an incident hike, carrying all of your kit for the weekend, clothes, tent, cooker and food, very much like a Bronze DofE , except it is over timed checkpoints, each with an incident, 16 miles the first day and 7 miles the second.... Yes miles.

Each checkpoint is secret and the next is written up when the competitors arrive at the destination, there is no fixed route, so they can hike their own way, providing they stay away from 'A' roads and larger 'B' roads. On arrival they have an incident to complete, in which they score points, but they can decline if they wish, significantly, the bases are fairly simple, but not after walking three miles to get to them. It is a very well thought out competition.

So, our young members.....

The weekend started with a 6.15 pickup outside St Cedds from there we travelled to Danbury, our first team The Columbus 'Clumsies' due out at 8.20am (I named them,

Waltham Walk 2016 - contd.

hee hee) Dan Warrington fancied taking a look at the competition for his scouts, so we coerced him into driving them up, while I took the kit

The weekend's food was distributed, between them, tents separated, and spread between them to lighten the load, the group were given a Trangia, fuel and a first aid kit to carry too, and then they were set and ready to go.....

The timed point to point hike, soon took its toll on all competitors, and as points were deducted per minute for lateness, there was no time to stop, and thinking and navigating 'on the move' was the only way to compete, checkpoints ranged from assault courses, to river-ford crossings, to jigsaw puzzles.

Each base became harder as fatigue set in, as simple as they were, if of course you are just observing the race. As most of you will understand, getting yourself back together to set up and cook after such a day extremely difficult,

A good night's sleep prevailed, and the leaders awoke fresh and ready to motivate! Our young members, arose and cooked a nice breakfast of bacon rolls and pancakes, struck camp and had their sites inspected, as all camping skills were monitored for points, during their stay, and were ready to be motivated..... After an inspirational talk, by me! you know the one. The explorers were ready to crack on, with a nasty twist in store for them, last in had to leave first, so the quicker ones, on the



previous day, were rewarded with a longer rest.... Cruel, very cruel.

The second day was as the first, a further 7 miles, of incidents, not just at bases!

The 'Clumsies' came 5th overall, and won a trophy for the highest scoring mixed gender group. A special mention for our George who teamed up with his explorer friends from Essex, as he did last year and

they finished a very impressive third overall.

Jill's Jottings



Training

We are running Modules 5,6&7 on Sunday 26th June at the 17th HQ in Wilmington Gardens starting at 10.00 am. This is an all day training, we should finish approx 4pm, bring a packed lunch, Tea or Coffee and biscuits provided.

Jill

Vandome Cycles ran two badge days for Cubs and Beavers recently at the District Headquarters - here are their details if any one needs cycling lessons or advice on cycling.



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Morrison's Madness

On the 16th and 17th April, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from the 9th and 12th Barking and Dagenham set out on a journey through the ages all the way to the deepest depths of Dagenham. That's right, it was Dagenham's own Morrison's in Chadwell Heath.

During the whole project, we raised a massive £876.31 which we are all very proud of and loved every moment of it. One of the 9th Barking and Dagenham Cubs said it was "amazing to get so much money in my pot".

Over the weekend, we had 16 young people help the fundraising project and they all worked their socks off.

Many thanks to those from the 9th B&D; 12th B&D and Columbus-Bellahøj ESU.

Each one of these aided the fundraising for the groups.

We hope you didn't feel too tired the next day!



Michael Tucker - Columbus-Bellahøj ESU

SAS report

Fairly quiet time in the last 2 months.

However we were involved in the planning and organisation of the swimming gala which was a resounding success - a cub said to me that the swimming had been the “best fun ever - when are we having it again”!

Thanks to Leigh and Rose for all the work they did to make this such an amazing evening and the Explorers who helped in the water.

SAS also assisted at the cycling badge courses.

Six SAS members joined Ilford East SAS at the end of April for a holiday to Worcestershire.

If anyone would like to be involved in the SAS, you would be very welcome to join us, especially if you can't make a regular commitment but would still like to be involved in Scouting.

Malcolm - SAS Manager

Do you ever find yourself in need of another pair of hands in an emergency?

The Scout Active Support (SAS) members are willing to stand in for your leaders in a time of difficulty.

Call Malcolm or Sue Beerling on **01708 459912**.

This can not be a permanent arrangement, but could be of help in case of long term sickness, term-time holidays, etc.

District Diary June - July - August

June

Wednesday 15th	County AGM		Sir James Hawkey Hall, Woodford
Saturday 18th	District Beaver 30th Birthday Party		District HQ
Monday 20th	Thriftwood AGM	All	Thriftwood
Thursday 23rd	District AGM	All	Hargreaves
Sunday 26th	Thriftwood Trustees' Meeting		Thriftwood
Wednesday 29th	Appointments Advisory Committee		District HQ

July

Monday 4th	Cub Leaders Meeting	Cub Leaders	District HQ
Wednesday 6th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	Beavers	District HQ
Wednesday 6th	Scout Leaders Meeting	Scouts	District HQ
Saturday 16th	Kubadoo	Cubs/Beavers	Hargreaves
Saturday 16th	DofE Drop In Day	Explorers	District HQ
Monday 18th	Chief Scout's Award evening	Invitees	Gilwell
30th July - 6th August	Essex Jamboree		Chelmsford

Facebook and Website

Don't forget to look at

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

This has various links including the latest NAN forms, District minutes, and Woodsmoke.



**Remember -
Woodsmoke is Bi Monthly!**

Articles for the **September/October 2016**
edition of Woodsmoke
should be in by the

24th August at the latest

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

The new schedule will be:

**September/October
November/December/January**

February/March

April/ May

June/ July/August

Thanks Steve May - Editor

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