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Jill's Jottings

Things are definitely hotting up in the District for centenary celebrations. The ideas from the book issued by HQ are very useful, so if you haven't dusted it down and started using it I suggest you have a look.

I am sure I am not alone when I say I dread this time of year when working at Beavers, yes the **dreaded** handcraft competition. Oh for my own HQ where you can leave things out to dry. My poor car has had the seats permanently covered in plastic bags to protect them from paper mache, clay, varnish, in fact you name it, and we still have the icing to go!!

Last week found us at Dagenham Pool for our Swimming Gala and what a night it was, only one parent complaint, groups sharing swimmers and every-one cheering the slower swimmers. That is what it should be like every year, well done to all who showed true Scouting attitude and spirit, may it last until the 5-a-side! Good Luck to those who are now to represent us at the

County Gala.

Rose and I spent a very busy day this week, making arrangements for the Treasure Hunt, please make sure your group supports this. More details will be out nearer the time but you can use CRB checked parents if you can't take them yourself.

District Camp

By now your numbers should be winging their way to me. I really do need them as soon as possible as I have to confirm numbers to Grangewater so they can arrange the correct number of staff and Chigwell need numbers to be able to make sure they can get crew. If any of you have any activity qualifications and are prepared to supervise some of the activities some of the time please let me know as this will also affect the number of staff Chigwell will need.

Congratulation to Emma Bates from the 10/18th for winning the Centenary

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Growth, Recognition, Celebration



badge competition. The 10/18th where the only group to enter the competition, a shame but never mind. Someone from the 10/18th also won the Thriftwood badge competition.

Census

Thank you to all of you that managed to enter your numbers on line this year. I know some of you had problems and I have spoken to Darren about this. We are going to run a training session at a later date to also enable you to be able to access the membership database which you will need to be able to do later in the year.

Unfortunately it does not appear that our numbers are up this year, in fact I make it 18 down. This is a bit disappointing as I know lots of groups are working very hard, so the district team

will be looking at the figures to see how we can support those who may be struggling.

Don't forget to use the recruit a friend scheme, it does motivate the youngsters to bring friends.

Happy Birthday

Another district member has reached a **special** birthday, congratulations Pauline.

Thanks Evening

Due to my son booking his wedding on the 19th May, we have now changed the date to 16th June. I will be speaking to groups about this evening shortly. It will be invitation only.

Jill May
DC

Dockland Scout Project

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HQTS Lord Amory, 631 Manchester Road, London E14 3NU

Open Days in 2007

We will be holding 4 Open Days this year.

Sunday 15th April Sunday 17th June
Sunday 12th August Sunday 7th October

The water activities will start at 1000 hrs and finish at 1600 hours. We will come off the water for 1 hour at lunch-time. (You need to bring packed lunches)

Activities:

Dinghy Sailing, Kayaking, Canadian Canoeing, Rowing, Motorboat trips, Air Rifle shooting.

Cost:

£15-00 per head. – Leaders who do not go afloat will not be charged.

Places need to be booked in advance, preferably by e-mail to: admin@lordamory.org.

For further details concerning Open days, Activity Weekends, RYA and BCU Courses please visit our website at: www.lordamory.org

Upcoming Events

March				
1	SL Meeting	17 th HQ		L
2/3	Beaver / Cub Handcraft	6 th HQ	http://www.badscoots.org.uk/handcraft/	
5	CL Meeting	6 th HQ		L
6	Chief Scout's Award Evening		B C S E	L
13	BL Meeting	21 st HQ		L
16	Comic Relief Red Nose Day		http://www.comicrelief.com/	
19	CRB Check Evening	21 st HQ		L
21	Appointments	St. Mary's Vestry		L
25	First Response	Red Cross HQ		L
30	50 th Dinner Dance	Thriftwood	http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/events/	
31	Beaver Easter Egg Hunt	Hargreaves	B	L
April				
14	Pioneering Day	Thriftwood	http://www.badscoots.org.uk/pioneering/	
20-22	Leaders Brownsea Island Trip	Brownsea Island		L
22	St. George's Day			
May				
2-5	Showstoppers Shows	Kenneth More	http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/gangshow2007/	
4-7	District Camp	Chigwell	http://www.badscoots.org.uk/districtcamp/	
10	SL Meeting	17 th HQ		
12	Scout Rally/Incident Hike	Chigwell	http://www.badscoots.org.uk/scoutrally/	
14-15	Charter Marks			
14	CL Meeting	21 st HQ		
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscoots.org.uk/calendar_index.html				

Beaver/Cub Handcraft Competition - 2/3rd March - 6th B&D HQ

Full details & rules at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/handcraft/>

Comic Relief Red Nose Day - 16th March

Further details & ideas at: <http://www.scouts.org.uk/comicrelief/>

Pioneering Day - 14th April - Thriftwood

Full details & rules at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/pioneering/>

Modules Update

Module 3 in January - only 1 person turned up. As this module is based on people working together in several small groups, the module was cancelled. The next module 3 will be held on 14 March 2007.

Module 1 in February - NO people from our District turned up. The next Module 1 will be held on 18 April 2007. If you wish to attend either module please contact me

Profiling Day

Profiling day in February was a success, we had ten attendees, all of whom have chosen the elements they wish to take for their training, several had elements validated.

**Next Profile Chance
Tuesday 24th April
St. Cedd's - 7.45 p.m.**

At the moment we have 5 Training people who are available on this evening. We can take a maximum of 2 people each - **Please book early - we only have 10 places.** Obviously if more trainers are available we will increase the numbers.

First Response Course

Sunday 25th March at Red Cross HQ, Cambridge Road, Barking

10 places available - again, please book early. Refreshments will be provided, please bring your own packed lunch

Chris Poole

adclt@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Appointment Committee Dates

All meetings held in the Vestry, St. Mary's, Grafton Road. (By invitation only)

21 March 23 May 11 July

NB: Reference forms are required from 2 referees, both forms must be returned to me before the committee can meet with you.

While I will do what I can, please feel free to badger your referees to reply quickly. Keep badgering

Veronica Poole

appointments@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

New Yellow Card

Every leader should have received a copy of the new 'yellow card' with their Scouting magazine. Further details can be found at:

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/child-protection/ypf.htm>

Also, don't forget that these are available, at no cost, from the Information Centre :

Open from 8am -8pm weekdays, and from 9am -12pm on Saturdays.
Telephone: 0845 300 1818 (Local Rate) Direct: 020 8433 7100
E-Mail: info.centre@scout.org.uk Scout Information Centre, Gilwell Park,
Bury Road, Chingford, London. E4 7QW

The Long Walk – a Personal Challenge

Michelle Swart from the 1st B&D decided on a very long personal challenge for her Chief Scout Silver Award. The challenge was to walk from London to Birmingham along the length of the Grand Union Canal. A distance of approximately 150 miles. She walked 13 stages ranging from 9 to 14 miles. She started in January 2006 and finished in December 2006.

The canal starts at Little Venice in London and ends at the Gas Street Basin in Birmingham. Michelle's ancestors used to work on the narrow boats and their route was mainly Birmingham to London. Her Nan lives along the canal in the Northamptonshire village of Braunston, once an important junction of the Grand Union Canal. There were many amazing sights along the way ranging from a totem pole to some beautiful Kingfishers. She narrowly

missed being blown into the canal by very strong winds on the last leg!

Her next challenge is the Thames Path. Good luck and well done Michelle!



Active Kids

The Scout Association and Sainsburys have announced a partnership and they hope to work closely with each other for the next few years. Sainsburys have extended their active kids scheme to include scout groups. all you have to do is register at

www.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids

and follow the online instructions. You will need your membership number. For every £10 that people spend in Sainsburys they will get a voucher. Save these up to get sports equipment.

The Offsite Team

Do you like adventurous activities?

Come and help young people experience adventurous activities at the 21st World Scout Jamboree. The off site team extends a warm welcome to instructors and groups who enjoy providing adventurous activities to young people.

abseiling - bouldering - caving - climbing - grass sledging - high ropes - low ropes - mountain biking

open canoeing - dinghy sailing - raft building - pulling - bellboating - kayaking - aqua challenges

Be part of the Centenary World Scout Jamboree. With its flexible time commitment options you'll get a valuable experience and the chance to be involved in the biggest ever World Scout Jamboree.

Join Now online
www.thejamboree.org/ostapply

Get involved in the biggest ever UK youth activities event. Volunteers of all ages over 16 and of all skills levels, be it experience, still in training or qualified, or can offer support to the site, all are welcome and you don't need to be a Scout or Guide member if you are over 18. The ability to offer and provide activity equipment is also very welcomed. Opportunities available for all.

Splash!
<http://eng.thejamboree.org/takePart/adult/offsite/splashroles/>

Adventure Roles at Gilwell Park
<http://eng.thejamboree.org/takePart/adult/offsite/gilwelladventureroles/>

If you can volunteer two weeks the most useful period is Thurs 26th July to Wed 8th August. Why not get involved and Help Make It Happen.

Kimberly Harwood on 020 8498 5468

EXPLORING

Sorry I haven't written anything for a while but I have just gone back to work after 18 months and am still trying to establish new routines.

What have we been up to? It's been quite quiet on the Explorer front although we have attended both the Cyclo Cross and the Chess Competition and helped out at the Mark Sutton. We held a Christmas Quiz on our last evening before Christmas and it went down well. Congratulations to the winning team which included Kelly, Jason, Blondie, Tracey and Louise. Commiserations to the "dummies", the leaders team (who would have been just Kris if Adem hadn't volunteered to join him). Well done to Luke for winning the Explorer section of the Swimming Gala and thank you to Jason for helping and Geoff for supporting.

We have about 6 Explorers and two Networkers rehearsing for Showstoppers – and nearly all of them have solos. Tutu's

and bumble bees may tempt you into going along to watch in May.

Since the last time of writing three more Explorers have joined the ranks of responsible (!) adults; Adem in December, Nic and Stuart on the 24th January (Nic is older by an hour) – Good Luck for the future to all of them.

Finally, now we have lost some Explorers to Network it would be good to find out all of those due to come up so we can begin to welcome them to the next stage of Scouting. Let us know of your 13-14 year olds please and we can send out information packs and begin to tell them of forthcoming events and camps. If you have any Scout record cards of those who have already gone up can they please be passed on to me, especially if they have been working towards badges and awards.

Shelley Goodman
ESL

Charity Masked Ball

Charity Masked Ball in aid of ChildLine on Saturday 7th July 2007 at Stock Brook Country Club, Billericay, Essex

Tickets £40 per person including:

Reception drink

3 Course Dinner with Wine

DJ & Dancing

Dress Code: Black Tie and Mask!

For Tickets and further information Contact Tanya on: NA in web version

County Activity Day

Booking forms are available online (<http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activityday/>)

I am due at the next meeting on the 10th of February, if there is anything you want me to ask or issues to raise let me know.

We have almost finalised the craft activities we are going to offer and I shall be asking for all your old bits and pieces soon. We are going to definitely need: wool and embroidery silk, paper, paper plates, glue, beads, paints and other colouring instruments, scooby doo strings and if any one can help with badge making equipment I would be grateful. Keep an eye on the website for more info.

Shelley Goodman
Activity Day Rep.

SCOUT SHOUT

Mark Sutton

My thanks to all the Scouts, Explorers & Leaders who gave up their Saturday to take part & to help run this competition, it was very close in the end with the 16th just hanging on by 5 points to take the trophy. My congratulations to the 16th and too the 6th and 9th for coming 2nd & 3rd respectively.

1 st	16 th B&D	511 points
2 nd	6 th B&D	506 points
3 rd	9 th B&D	482 points

A few Troops behaviour let them down on the day and they lost points because of this. Please remind your Scouts of the standards of behaviour required at anytime in Scouting.

Swimming Gala

Not the great turnout I would have hoped for but to those Troops who made the effort it was a good one from them, well done & thank you.

Under 12

1 st	4 th B&D
2 nd	9 th B&D
3 rd	12 th and 10/18 th and 17 th B&D

Over 12

1 st	9 th B&D	Overall	1 st	9 th B&D
2 nd	6 th and 1 st	2 nd	4 th B&D	
3 rd	4 th B&D	3 rd	1 st B&D	

Congratulations to the Troops who placed and my thanks to everyone who helped out at the gala.

Maurice Pass

Next event is the Maurice Pass Pioneering Day, this has been changed this year I hope to see a lot of you there and information is available online and at the SL meetings

Browsea PL Camp

The County are sending 2 Patrol Leaders to Browsea Island for a PL camp on July 26th to 28th, the camp is free (excluding travel to & from), for those who are PL's at this time and would like to go names to me ASAP please more info can be found here:

http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/2007/2007_patrol_leaders_camp.pdf

I have asked for all Camps, Trips and ideas from your troops to date I have received only 2 troops info, could the rest of you please catch up.

My email is adcscouts@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk any person associated to your troop/group that has an email that I currently do not have can you please get them to email so I can add them to my distribution lists to make everyone's lives easier.

The next SL meeting is Thursday 1st March at the 17th B&D HQ, 8:00 p.m. Please make sure your Troop sends a representative, this can be an assistant leader or even a young leader if you are unable to attend. Full standings of all competitions are online and available at the next meeting.

Richard Blunden
ADC Scouts

Recruiting Parents

Don't forget that help is at hand if your Group is trying to recruit parents to help out. The no-nonsense Parents' Guides to Scouting, developed in association with St Ivel, are intended to help Leaders with the recruitment of parents either as occasional helpers or warranted Leaders. Why not purchase some and give them to parents of your new youth Members and even to those who are old hands? The guides give a brief history of Scouting, tells parents what Scouting gives young people and then details ways in which parents can help and the benefits of doing so.

The guides, which can be purchased in

packs of eight for £4, are accompanied with a Leaders' guide and CD. This contains tips and case studies of how to involve parents as well as forms and posters that can be out up in your Scout buildings.

The guides are proving to be very popular amongst Leaders with around 800 a week being ordered through the Scout Information Centre. You can purchase the packs by calling 0845 300 1818 or ordering through the Information Centre Catalogue on www.scouts.org.uk/scoutbase and typing in the code: PGUIDE.

Pedal Car Olympics

National Scout Pedal Car Olympics
11-13th January 2008
Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre

Prizes

1st Prize - £150 F&T Vouchers
2nd Prize - £100 Vouchers
3rd Prize - £50 Vouchers

Cost per Person

£21 - Camping
£29- Shared Indoor Accommodation
Leaders (Camping only) Free!
(Includes free uniform badge)
All other onsite activities free

The Event

The event is open to all Scouts, Guides, Explorer Scouts and Ranger Guides. The competition is for teams of 4 in two categories, junior (under 14 yrs) and senior (over 14 yrs). Younger participants can race in the over 14 category but under no circumstances may over 14's race in the under category.

Full details and entry forms can be found at:

<http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/events/>

BEAVER BITS

Hello to all. When you read this the district beaver handicraft competition will be over, I hope most of the Beavers had put something into the competition and got a certificate for an exhibit they have done.

District Beaver Egg Hunt - Saturday 31st March

Just to remind you all about the District Beaver Easter Egg Hunt at Hargreaves campsite on Saturday 31st March, 11 am to 2 pm. £3 per Beaver, £1 per leader. Please bring a packed lunch and the leaders of each Beaver Colony to bring a game to play.

District Centenary Camp - Saturday 5th May

On Saturday 5th May it will be the District Centenary Camp at Chigwell. All Beavers can for a day at £10 per child.

Celebrating 100 years of Scouting, there are lots of activities planned over the day. 10 am to 9 pm. We will be laying on coaches for the day.

District Beaver Sleepover - 24/25th November 2007

24th-25th November 2007 will be our District Beaver Sleepover. I know it's a bit early to talk about this but its at Chigwell campsite. Saturday 12 noon to 12 noon Sunday at £25 per Beaver for the weekend. I need to know who is going A.S.A.P. as it is getting booked up very quickly, it's on a first come first served basis

Our next District Beaver meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March at 21st B&D H. Q.

Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers

Farewell to the CC

Dean is to be appointed Regional Commissioner for London and will therefore be standing down as County Commissioner later this year. Dean writes:

"My new appointment will take effect from 1 April 2007, however I will continue as County Commissioner until 20 June 2007 hopefully handing over to my successor at the County AGM. A search process to find the new County Commissioner will begin in the near future and you will receive details in due course. I have thoroughly enjoyed my six years in post and I have been both

proud and privileged to be your County Commissioner during that time. I have been extremely fortunate to work with so many dedicated, enthusiastic and hard working people and we can look back with tremendous pride at all we have achieved. I will take with me many happy memories and stories of my time in GLNE and I am extremely sad to be moving on. Thank you all for your true support and friendship over the years and I would like to wish everyone in GLNE the very best of luck in the future. I know GLNE will continue to go from strength to strength."

CUB CHIT CHAT

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

Swimming Gala

Well done and thank you to everyone who helped and took part in the Gala. Congratulations to the winners. I've done it again, not checked the final scores. There was a mistake made in both Sections C & D, some points were left off the final score sheets. The overall result was not affected. I have spoken with all the Akelas of the Packs concerned and given my apologies and issued new certificates where required. The 6th and 9th will share the section D trophy. The correct results are as follows:

Section C

1st	6th B&D	8 points
2nd	1st B&D	5 points
3rd	4th B&D	4 points

Section D

1st	9th B&D	9 points
2nd	6th B&D	8 points
3rd	1st B&D	3 points

Overall		
1st	6th B&D	16 points
2nd	9th B&D	9 points
3rd	1st B&D	8 points

When you read this we will have had the County Founders Day Service, Handcraft Competition (with the correct results first time) and the County Cub Chess. A full report on these events next time.

Please remember I need to know about outings and camps. A District Cub leader or myself will be visiting you in the next few weeks, just to see how you are getting along, so please don't worry about the visits.

The next CSL's meeting is on the 6th March at 6th B&D HQ at 8:15 p.m. If you cannot attend you can always send another leader from any section, a helper, a parent or a young leader. They can also attend the CSL meetings with you.

That's it from me. Take care, see you at an event soon

Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs

Gang Show 2007

The show once again will return to The Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford, commencing Wednesday 2 May at 7:30 p.m. through to 5 May with a matinee performance on the Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and evening show at 7:30 p.m.

<http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/gangshow2007/>