

# Contacts & Resources

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<b>GLNE County</b>	www.glne-scouts.org.uk	<b>Scouting Resources</b> www.scoutingresources.org.uk



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**Darren Dowling** is the Editor of *Woodsmoke*



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

# WOODSMOKE



## 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> handed the craft

Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> B&D on winning the Overall Beaver Handcraft trophy and to the 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> on winning the Overall Cub Handcraft Trophy

## Explorers swim away with it

Well done to B&D Explorers on winning the Explorer section of the County Swimming Gala. Adam McLeod and Rebecca Hagger proved themselves to be speedy swimmers indeed

**“After a visit to the gift shop, selling skip-grade-quality products for hugely extortionate amounts of money, we left for our London Tour”**

See the London report inside

### *In this issue:*

**Archery, Chess & Gala Handcraft Results  
London & Hendon reports  
First Aid Day & Pirates  
Go For It Day & Sailing  
Explorer Learning & Jobs**

[www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/)

Deadline for May Issue: 20<sup>th</sup> April

# Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

I have been really busy since the last jottings, in fact this week I have hardly seen my house at all!

Firstly a lot of us met at Thriftwood for Bill and Mary's retirement party, it was a lovely evening, catching up with people you only see once in a blue moon. They received some lovely presents. I have had a lovely letter thanking us. The next day found us at Founder's Day, the Church was packed, the singing lively, behaviour perfect, sound system working (Trevor) what more could we ask for, oh yes I forgot great refreshments and the bread pudding didn't show itself when I was weighed in that week!

Handcraft came next with the usual mix of glue paint and paper, Grace loved the sticky sweets, it did take me ages to unstick the pushchair though!

Next was the Chief Scout's Award presentation evening, two proud youngsters from the 15<sup>th</sup> attended and looked very smart. The next was a BIG disappointment to me, we had a number of Explorers that should have attended, not one turned up for their moment of glory, what a shame. The whole evening is one of celebration of the achievements that young people have worked for. This was the first time for ages that we have gained any, I am hopeful that the next Explorers to gain the award may feel differently.

I have recently taken three young people, new to Scouting to work in Groups, I would like to welcome Angela, Sekina



**Jill May** is the District Commissioner

and Dominica I hope you enjoy your time in scouting.

Next came the County Gala wow what a great night! not many of our youngsters turned up but Adam McLeod and Rebecca Hagger swum extremely well and won the Explorer section of the Gala, well done to you both, B& D are proud of you. Our other swimmers did well as well.

I have also spent one evening and all day Sunday doing further training, one on the membership system and one day on cultural awareness.

Unfortunately I am at a conference and am going to miss the Egg Hunt, save me an egg Ron, I have conned Steve into taking my place, I am sure it will cost me.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

## Health Date

We can add Cliff to our list this month, he has been trying out his own hospital, I hope the nurses were kind to him. I have been reliably informed he is now back home and doing well.

Nikki has been a bit unwell, those dratted white cells have gone awol again but she was well enough for the last

# District Diary

Upcoming Events

April			
1	Module 1	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ	
6	EL Meeting	Rothwell Road	
4	Four Inns Walk	Peak District	<a href="http://www.fourinns.org.uk">www.fourinns.org.uk</a>
18	Maurice Pass Pioneering	Thriftwood	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/mauricepass/">www.badscouts.org.uk/mauricepass/</a>
18-19	Apex Overnight Challenge	Nottinghamshire	<a href="http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk">www.apexchallenge.co.uk</a>
23	ADCs Meeting	Bromhall Road	
24	10 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> B&D Quiz Night	Dag. & Red. FC	
24-26	Pike View Hike	Bolton	<a href="http://www.pikeviewhike.co.uk">www.pikeviewhike.co.uk</a>
26	London Marathon	London	<a href="http://justgiving.com/markbeerling/">justgiving.com/markbeerling/</a>
26	St. George's Day Parade	TBA	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/stgeorgesday/">www.badscouts.org.uk/stgeorgesday/</a>
27	Network	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ	
29-	Showstoppers	Kenneth More	<a href="http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/gangshow/">www.gln-scouts.org.uk/gangshow/</a>
May			
-2	Showstoppers	Kenneth More	<a href="http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/gangshow/">www.gln-scouts.org.uk/gangshow/</a>
7	SL Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ	
11	CL Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/mauricepass/">www.badscouts.org.uk/mauricepass/</a>
17	Water Activity Day	Docklands	<a href="http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/activities/">www.gln-scouts.org.uk/activities/</a>
18-19	Chartermark Awards	Hargreaves	<a href="http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/awards/">www.gln-scouts.org.uk/awards/</a>
18	Network	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ	
19	BL Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ	
21	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue	
23-29	Cubjam 2009	Gilwell	<a href="http://www.cubjam.org.uk">www.cubjam.org.uk</a>
26	Appointments	Salvation Army	
+lots more! Check out <a href="http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/">http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/</a>			

# SCOUT SHOUT

## Checking a mate and repairing some Scouts

Hi All. Thank you to Suzanne for standing in for me at the March SL meeting, I was at the County meeting enjoying myself of course. There were a couple of new faces, sorry I missed you but welcome along, hopefully a few more will join us in May along with some Troops that don't regularly turn up.

I went along to the County Chess, not taking part just being nosey. Three of our Scouts took part: Ben Lawrence (6<sup>th</sup> B& D), Daniel Bailey (9<sup>th</sup> B& D) and Declan Dobson (19<sup>th</sup> B& D). There were 16 Scouts from across the County from what I believe were 5 District represented. After a lot of matches we had two Scouts in joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place, well done to Ben & Daniel, with Declan coming 4<sup>th</sup>, well done to Declan. Their great effort ensured that the District came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Congratulations and well done to all who took part in the County Swimming



**Richard Blunden** is the ADC (Scouts)

Gala.

Our First Aid Course for the Scouts would have happened just after the deadline for this issue but the wonderful editor of Woodsmoke granted us a days grace to get a report in, look for that elsewhere from Suzanne who helped organise it along with Steve (Skip 16<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations to all who attended, all Scouts behaved themselves and earned their badges (Stage 3). My thanks to the members of St. John for running the day and to all who helped out on the day.

I am still waiting for programmes of what you have planned for all but two Troops. Email, post or drop it in my door please, it would be nice to know what you are doing.

## Founder's Day

### Thank you

At the District Executive meeting last night I mentioned how helpful and enthusiastic the Explorers were at this event, together with a comment on their very smart uniforms. The committee said 'put it in Woodsmoke', so I did.



**Chris Poole** is the Local Training Manager

Well done Explorers.

round of chemo. Shelley has also been up and down, but managed to make to Beaver Leaders meeting.

### Swimming Gala

I have had answers from both Margaret Hodge and Jon Cruddas and neither can help get a reduction in the cost of the pool hire. This was discussed at length at the Executive meeting. It has been proposed that the Executive will pay for half the hire and the Groups pay the other half. One suggestion was, that when we run the fun/ sponsored swim instead of keeping half for yourselves, that money is given to the District to pay for the Gala the next year. No decision will be finally made until we have spoken at your sectional meetings, please make sure someone from your Group is there to put your views forward.

### Module 25

It has been suggested to me that we run a Module 25 in the District, this will enable us to have more training advisors, preferably one in each Group. I would like you to think of whom it will be in your Group. We will be contacting you to get a name and then proceed. This will greatly speed up training.

### HELP HELP HELP HELP

It is our District's turn to host the County AGM this year, this involves preparing and laying out the buffet, keeping it stocked, serving drinks and clearing up afterwards and other small jobs. I am pleading for a team of people to be able to do this. You will need

to be available during the afternoon and evening on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Please phone me if you can help. Thanks.

### News from the 8<sup>th</sup> B&D

Our Beavers and Cubs recently took part in the Marie Curie Pots of Care appeal. This involves planting a pot of daffodils, and then decorating a collar to go on the pot. They then took them home with a sponsor form to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. The picture shows the Beavers with the collars. This is really easy to organise and everything is provided by Marie Curie. All the details are on the Marie Curie web site.

[www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk)



### AGM Dates

Some Groups have already given me their AGM dates. Can you please let me know as soon as possible to enable a member of the District team to be with you?

# Fight Cancer

## London Marathon

This year Mark Beerling is running in the London Marathon on the 26<sup>th</sup> April and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you wish to help him reach his target of £1000 please donate using the link below:

Mark thanks you in advance

[www.justgiving.com/markbeerling](http://www.justgiving.com/markbeerling)



# 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night

## 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Scout Group Quiz Night

24<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30 p.m.

Dagenham & Redbridge FC small hall

£3 per head, Teams of 6-8

Bring your own food. Drinks must be purchased at the bar.

Please phone one of the following no later than the 17<sup>th</sup> April:

Pauline Wakeling 01621 815570  
Loraine Hardiman 0208 517 5639

# CUB CHIT CHAT

Why not join me at camp?

Hi all you Cubby people, I hope you are all well. Well done and thank you to everyone who attended our Founder's Day service. Thanks to the 21<sup>st</sup> for hosting this event and for refreshments.

I have been to two County events, the first was the Cub Chess. Well done and thank you to Joshua Cooper (6<sup>th</sup>) and Luke Zajko (4<sup>th</sup>) who represented the District. The next event was the swimming gala. I was disappointed in the response to my requests for swimmers. I can't believe we only have eight swimmers in the fourteen Groups in the District. However I am extremely proud of those eight who are listed below who all swam extremely well.

Miriam Law (21<sup>st</sup> Cub), Jacob Simon (9<sup>th</sup> Scout), Briony Hagger (4<sup>th</sup> Cub), Daniel Bailey (9<sup>th</sup> Scout), Joshua Cooper (6<sup>th</sup> Cub), Rebecca Hagger (4<sup>th</sup> Scout who swam for Explorers), Matthew Simon (9<sup>th</sup> Cub), Adam McLeod (B.A.D. Explorer Unit)

The Explorers swam brilliantly and came first in that section of the Gala so well done to Rebecca and Adam. The District came eighth out of eleven. Well done and thank you again to the eight swimmers, you can all be very proud of yourselves.

**Rosemary Oakwell** is the ADC (*Cubs*)



I am busy planning our camps and outings for the summer and I will let you know how they go. Regards to camping if you feel you're too old or just can't commit the time to take your Pack camping they are always welcome to come with me and my Group. Even if you do take your Packs camping you can still join us. Please just give me a call and I will let you have the necessary paperwork.

I hope to see you all at St. George's Day Parade.

## Akela's Antics

Not been up to much again Scouting wise. I did attend Bill and Mary Hindley's retirement from Thriftwood party. A good time was had by all. I am looking forward to eating, drinking and dancing the night away at my nephew's upcoming wedding and that's about it for now.

# BEAVER BITS

## Hunt down those Easter eggs

Hi to all, by now all the Beavers would have got over the Easter Egg hunt at Hargreaves and had all of their chocolate Easter Egg. Well done to the Beavers that found the numbered golf

**Ron Pringle** is the ADC (Beavers)



balls and got the big egg.

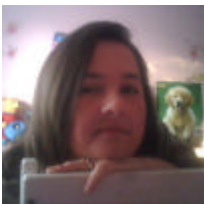
# BEAVERING AWAY

## Doing a jig

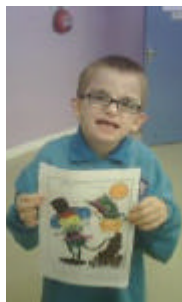
Hello everyone. I hope that you have all been keeping well. Our Beaver Scouts have had enormous fun learning about St. Patrick's day and made some terrific pictures. When T-Bag walked into the hall he did some sort of Irish jig and developed into a leprechaun. Bless him.... they go a bit funny as they age; the Beavers loved every minute of it however and really couldn't tell if he wasn't one. (Only kidding dad). Isn't it great now that the nights are getting much longer. The weather has been great too. I can't wait to get my Beaver Scouts outside to enjoy the warmer weather. We are hoping to have another Hikes Away day this year during the Easter holiday. Last year went down very well. We hiked to Hargreaves from our Headquarters at the 9<sup>th</sup> and spent the day playing games, having a picnic and enjoying



**Leigh Bradford** is a DBSL



the time together. This year we may be joining our Cub Scouts on a small hike in London which will be a real adventure for the children. I would like to wish you a very happy Easter. Enjoy the rest for those of you who will



be taking a holiday, but for all or most of us we have a nice long weekend to look forward to. Don't forget to join me in sending in your stories and reports on what you and your Colonies are up to.

# Showstoppers

Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

Performances: 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Matinee 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: £7.50 children and Senior Citizens, £10 Adults

Tickets available from 4<sup>th</sup> March at Kenneth More Theatre, 0208 553 4466

### Appeal for Back Stage Support

We would like to hear from you if you can help with sewing, costume/wardrobe, dressing room, make-up, painting, front of house, transport, publicity, advertising.

**Note:** Stage crew team must be available for the full show week duration 27<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, which includes rehearsals and 5 performances (CRB will be taken up where applicable)

Should you have any queries please contact: Mike Hayward (02085275435) or Peter Ford (02085246723) [Scouts] or Sue Handley (02085212671) [Guides]

Booking form available on the GLNE website:

[www.glnescouts.org.uk/gangshow/](http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/gangshow/)

# Take a hike

## Four Inns Walk 2009

Peak District  
4th April 2009  
[www.fourinns.org.uk](http://www.fourinns.org.uk)

## Apex Overnight Challenge

Sherwood Pines Forest Park, Nottinghamshire  
18th - 19th April 2009  
[www.apexchallenge.co.uk](http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk)

## Pike View Hike

Bolton  
24th - 26th April 2009  
[www.pikeviewhike.co.uk](http://www.pikeviewhike.co.uk)

## Adult Pike View Hike

Bolton  
2nd - 4th October 2009  
[www.pikeviewhike.co.uk](http://www.pikeviewhike.co.uk)

## Apex Extreme

Ilkley Moor, West Yorkshire  
2nd - 4th October 2009  
[www.apexchallenge.co.uk](http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk)



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# Flying Days

Peter Seddon (Deputy County Commissioner)

Please find below the flying dates for this Spring / Summer. I am still to receive the final paperwork from the Scout Flying Club, but the information I will need for each participant is:

Name, Age, Weight in kilograms (this is for the weight and balance calculations for the aircraft)

The basic format is the same as last year. We will be utilising a Seneca twin engined light aircraft which seats 6. Flying from Stapleford Airfield the flight will either be over towards Hanningfield Reservoir or over the Dartford Crossing and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Last year each flight cost £27 although I have not had the exact price for this year I would anticipate it being around the £30 mark. Payment can be made in cash on the day – I just need the names in advance!

Flight dates are: 16<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July

All flights take place in the morning, assemble at 9 a.m. Full details will be issued to participants nearer the date.



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# Archery Course

Alan Hodge (Tolmers Scout Camp)

The GNAS Archery Leaders Course at Tolmers is a nationally recognised course for instructing Archery to Scouts and Guides, other youth organisations and educational groups. Candidates must be a minimum of 17 years old. The course is run over 4 days over 2 consecutive weekends. Some of the course takes place in a classroom but there are also sessions on an outdoor archery range so please bring suitable outdoor clothing for this.

The dates of this years course are:

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Saturday 25- April 2009, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009

The course fee is £160

Participants must attend all 4 days for the course. Please bring a packed lunch. Warm drinks will be supplied.

If you are interested, please send an email to:

[info@tolmers.org.uk](mailto:info@tolmers.org.uk)

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# First Aid Day

Suzanne Squirrel (District Scout Leader )

On one of the warmest days of the year so far, forty three Scouts from Seven groups attended a first aid course run by St. John Ambulance members from Barking and Romford units. Unfortunately this course took place inside a cold Scout hall. The aim was to cover all the subjects required for the Stage 3 Emergency Aid badge, this was selected as this is the first stage where you learn resuscitation techniques.

So we learnt about making an emergency telephone call, hypothermia (very apt) and learnt how to deal with bleeding and shock, how to place an unconscious casualty into the recovery position and how to carry out chest compressions to the tune of Nellie the Elephant (if you sing it in your head then your chest compressions will be at the correct rate, try not to do it out loud as people will think you are a little bit bonkers).

One of the last things we showed the Scouts was an automated external defibrillator (AED). These are used to shock a patient's heart back into a normal rhythm. They can often be found in train stations, airports and shopping centres and if they are used early enough the patient has a much better chance of survival so look out for them next time you are out and about. A big thank you to the 21<sup>st</sup> for the use of their hall.

A huge thank you to the St. John Ambulance adults and cadets; Joe, Claire, Lydia, Michael and Martin (a little confused at being at a Scouting event but in a different



uniform). Also to Mark, Tom and Peter from St. John who helped set up and pack away by bringing the ambulance along.

My thanks to Steve 'Skip' Wakeling for his invaluable help and bringing along some of the equipment. Thanks to Daniel Warrington from Explorers for being our gopher, he learnt many valuable tea making skills and as if we could forget, thank you to Richard for, well, being you!

As for the few Scouts who were late, start times are there for a reason and you were lucky to still be included and for the seven Scouts who booked themselves onto the course but did not turn up shame on you, you missed a fantastic course and an opportunity to learn an extremely useful skill. To those Scouts who turned up congratulations for achieving your Stage 3 badge. I only had good comments from the St. John Ambulance members at how pleased they were with your behaviour and enthusiasm for the subject and impressed at how quickly many of you picked up the necessary skills, so well done to you all.

If there is enough interest we plan to run another course in November so watch out for details.

# Words from the Wood

News and information from Thriftwood Campsite

## Assistant Centre Manager

Company: Thriftwood Scout Campsite

Location: Brentwood, Essex

Benefits: Competitive Salary  
NGB training and qualifications  
Relevant industry training

Start: Immediate

Duration: Permanent

### Description:

Would you like to work for one of the premier campsites in the UK? Do you have experience in instructing adventurous activities? Would you like to further training in coaching and estate management?

Set in 97 acres of woodland, Thriftwood provides quality camping and adventurous activities to Scouts, Guides and other youth organisations. It is also developing the provision of residential packages for primary and secondary schools throughout the UK. We are currently seeking an enthusiastic person to fill this junior management role.

The ideal candidate must thrive in a fast paced environment, act on their own initiative and be able to balance the needs of creating a fun educational environment within realistic commercial boundaries.

**Colin Tilbrook** is the *Warden*



### Responsibilities include:

- Leading our volunteer service crew and seasonal staff in instruction of on-site activities.
- Assist in all areas of Estate Management
- Ensure that all visitors have an outstanding experience
- To ensure Health and Safety and security standards are maintained

Please apply with a CV and covering letter to

Alan Pyle  
105 Shepherds Hill  
Harold Wood  
Romford  
Essex  
RM3 0NP

Before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009

For further information please contact Colin Tilbrook, Centre Manager on 01277 212784 or email [enquiries@thriftwood.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thriftwood.org.uk)

[www.thriftwood.org.uk/](http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/)

# Water Activity Day

## DOCKLANDS COUNTY WATER ACTIVITY DAY Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009

The County have booked the Scouts Docklands Project Lord Amory in the East London Docks for a day of mixed water activities with a back drop of Canary Wharf.

### Who is eligible to attend?

The activities are open to Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and leaders and can be booked either as Groups, Districts or individuals if over 13 years of age. First come first served for places.

### Activities

The water sessions (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) comprise of rowing, dinghy sailing, kayaking and open canoeing. They will try to allow people to do a session of each

### When

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009 from 9:30 in the morning with activities starting at 10:00 and finishing at 4:30 in the afternoon with a break for lunch.

### Cost

The day of activities is **£16 per head** with full instruction and equipment pro-

vided, including buoyancy aids hats etc. Which for a days activity is exceptional value for money. But participants will need to bring 2 changes of clothing (one for the morning and one for the afternoon session) own packed, money for tuck shop where hot and cold drinks etc are available. There are also changing and shower facilities at the centre.

### How

Travel by own means of transport to Docklands address below.

### Where

HQTS Lord Amory  
Dollar Bay  
631 Manchester road  
London  
E14 3NU

and is easily found on Google, Multimap or even the A-Z. A map can also be found on the DSP website

[www.lordamory.org](http://www.lordamory.org)

### Booking

**To secure your place deposits of £8 should be sent to the undersigned no later than April 2009.**

If you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact either: - Andy Jones or Trevor Jones or Vince Turner.

**Andy Jones (GLNE ACC Activities)**  
**Trevor Jones (GLNE Water Adviser)**  
**Vince Turner (GLNE Water Adviser)**

[www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/](http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/)

# Scouting in GLNE

## 10<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree Reunion

Please can you help us to trace some "Scouts" who attended the above Jamboree. We are a small group of "Old Scouts" aged between 64 and 67 years who attended the above Jamboree in July 1959. We are trying to trace all the Scouts who attended this Jamboree. Please circulate this request via email, word of mouth etc. as we are planning a reunion sometime in July this year to mark the 50 years anniversary of this very special Jamboree.

## Vacancies

GLNE currently have the following po-

sitions that need to be filled in the County Team:

- ACC (Explorer Scouts)
- Assistant Centre Manager (Thriftwood)
- County Training Administrator
- Child Protection Awareness Co-ordinator
- District Commissioner - Epping Forest South
- District Commissioner - Romford

If you feel that you are able to fulfil one of these positions, or know someone who can, please take the time to read the Role Descriptions and to contact the CC to discuss the matter further.

The full versions of these articles and all the related information can be found online at the County website.

[www.glne-scouts.org.uk/](http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/)

professionalism and of the gala – there are too many to name them all, but on behalf of all the competitors and team managers can I thank them all for their time and commitment.

Beaver Scouts:	Chingford & Hornchurch
Cub Scouts:	Epping Forest South
Scouts:	Hornchurch
Explorer Scouts:	Barking & Dagenham
Overall Winners:	Hornchurch



# County Gala

Dean Jefferys (County Commissioner)

As ever the standard of swimming and sportsmanship was outstanding and although there not everyone could win a medal, every participant was a winner for taking part and representing their Districts in such a creditable manner.

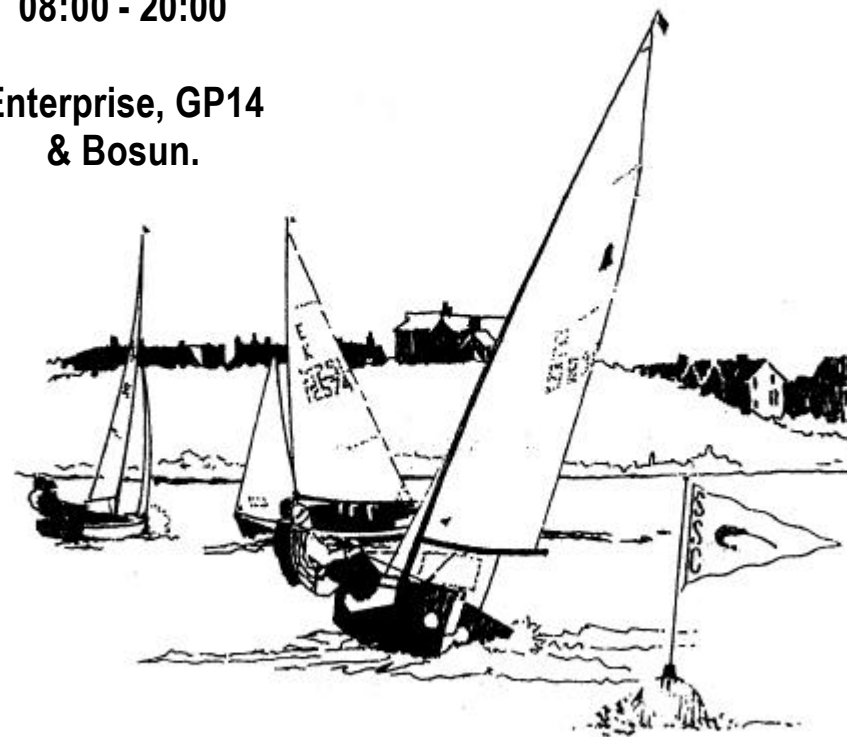
A large and highly effective support team worked hard to ensure the pro-

# National Junior 12 Hour Race 2009

# Southport Sailing Club

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June.  
08:00 - 20:00

Enterprise, GP14  
& Bosun.



For additional information view  
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# Explore Learning



Dear Scout leaders, Free Number Fun and Writer Badge Workshops!

I am writing to let you know about Explore Learning, a brand new OFSTED registered education centre, which launched in Romford in November 2007. Explore Learning is a network of innovative learning centres for 5-14 year olds, designed to help children build and extend key literacy and numeracy skills, gain confidence, and develop a love of learning. Explore Learning centres are dedicated to supporting the local community, and run regular free literacy and numeracy-based events in schools as well as Brownie and Cub Packs. Over the coming months we will be offering Scout Groups the chance for us to visit them and run a workshop based on the Number Fun and Writer badges.

Many of our centres have built up very good relationships with their local Scout Groups and have found that the Groups really enjoy the activities, specifically those that build on mental maths strategies and money work. We have also found that the Cubs and Scouts work particularly well in teams to complete challenges.

We are delighted to be able to offer your Scouts the opportunity to take part in our events, and would be grateful if you could pass on this information

to Scout leaders in the area, or alternatively provide addresses where we could send some information packs. Please note, all our events are completely free of charge and we provide all the resources needed.

If you would like us to visit your Scout Group and run an activity that works towards the objectives for either the Number Fun or Writer Badge, simply contact us via email or telephone and let us know the time and day that you normally meet. We are able to take bookings as far in advance as necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the number below if you would like more information and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

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# County Chess

Darren Dowling (Webmaster)

36 Cubs took part in this years competition. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day: Romford for hosting the event, Rose and Ken for helping to run the event, Geoff and Chris for helping to judge, Joanne for doing the refreshments and to Jackie and Alan. A big thank you also to Ken for making trophies for everyone. Our District was represented by Luke Zajako



and Joshua Cooper, who came 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Well done to both of you.

[www.glne-scouts.org.uk/reports/](http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/reports/)

# Training Thoughts

Wanted - Training Advisers

**FROM NOW ON I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING - PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE BY PHONE OR BY E-MAIL**

## Training Advisers Needed

We need more people in the District to do Module 25 - Assessing Learning. Ideally, we would like to see at least one person from each Group come forward to do the above module, this would lead to the District having more Training Advisers, evenly distributed over B&D.

Qualification required - You must already hold a wood badge.

If you are interested please contact me



**Chris Poole** is the Local Training Manager

and I will liase with Jill.

01 April 2009      Module 1  
17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ      8:00 p.m.

03 June 2009      Module 3  
Venue to be advised

26 July      Modules 5, 6 & 7      Venue  
B&D District - address tbc

09 September 2009      Module 1  
Venue to be advised

# Handcraft

Mitchell Ellis (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Cub)

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March the Cubs had a Handcraft Competition. I entered the competition, I made a cake in the Homemade Cake section. We spent weeks making exhibits. We made odds and ends and painted stones and bookmarks. In the odds and ends I came second and second in the home-made cake. We got trophies for the Cub Leader's Flowers as well. We all did the Pack Effort Previously we have come 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and now 1<sup>st</sup> place.



Rosemary Oakwell (ADC Cubs)

I was pleased that every Group entered an exhibit or two for the Handcraft Competition. There were a couple of categories that didn't have many exhibits so we will be looking at this for next year. I am always looking to improve and amend competitions so that the Cubs get more enjoyment from competitions. Why not ask the Cubs what they would like and bring their ideas to the next CSL meeting.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Section A	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D
Section B	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	4 <sup>th</sup> B&D	6 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> B&D
Colony Effort	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D
Beavers Overall	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D
Beaver Leaders	Carol Leaver	Jacqui Cox	Julie Morley
Section C	10 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D
Section D	10 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D	7 <sup>th</sup> B&D
Pack Effort	10 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	4 <sup>th</sup> B&D	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D
Cubs Overall	10 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D
Cub Leaders	Lyn Browning	Paul & Maggie	Graham Russ

# Go For It Day

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Hargreaves Camp Site

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

£5 per person

Beaver Leaders, Cub Leaders, Young Leaders and Helpers of both sections are invited to come to Hargreaves on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May to have a fun day enjoying many activities, picking up new ideas and meeting up with friends across the County.

Activities will include:

- Archery
- Pedal Karts
- Mini Pioneering.
- Trampolines
- Bouncy Castle
- Bungee Run
- Push Ball
- Climbing Wall
- Traversing Wall
- Blind Trail.

# cubs



- Giant Games.
- Bases covering Zones/ Challenge Badges, Programme Themes and Colony and Pack Games
- Programmes on Line
- Fun Quiz
- Camp Fire.

Lunch will be provided and hot and cold drinks will be available all day.

**Please bring along any craft, game or activity idea that has been a success in your Colony/ Pack to share with us. We will also have lots of ideas for you to take away!**

Please speak to your ADC to complete a booking form no later than 1<sup>st</sup> April. We look forward to seeing you and your Young Leaders and Helpers on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

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# Pirates!

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King Louie (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)

The 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Scout Troops had a fun weekend away playing pirates. All the Scouts and the leaders dressed up to make it a better weekend.

The Scouts had a map of Chigwell Row Campsite and had clues to find the treasure. They also did Go-Karting and Crate Stacking. Even the bad weather could not dampen their weekend.

The last word goes to one of the girl Scouts who said "Do we have to go home, can't we stay longer?"



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# New Arrival Minibus

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Don Luxford (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>)

Don and Wendy Luxford (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>) would like to proudly announce the arrival of granddaughter Ellie-May who was born on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, weighing 7lb 8oz.



Our school in East Ham has a T-reg LDV minibus which we would like to pass on to a Scout Group for a minimal amount. No local Newham Scout Groups have storage or the need for a minibus, so I am looking to see if any Essex group may be interested.

[stephen.beach@plashet.newham.sch.uk](mailto:stephen.beach@plashet.newham.sch.uk)

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Faye Bryant (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Cub)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March was amazing. The Handcraft Competition was judged!

Unfortunately only two of the 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Cubs went, however we found out that we had won overall! All of us were astonished. We had put all our effort in and won. We all took part in the Pack Effort. Proudly, we came in first place. It was Ikki (a leader) who helped us put it all together.

Altogether we made; a painted stone, bits out of odds and ends and many



more. The leaders did not get away with doing nothing, they had to make some flowers out of different materials. Ikki participated in this one and made flowers out of socks. Fortunately she won.

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# Vision 5k

I am writing to you on behalf of Sense, the national UK charity which supports over 275, 000 children and adults who are deaf blind or have associated disabilities. We provide specialist education and advisory services for deaf blind children and their families, to offer vital early assessments and individual programmes to help children develop to their full potential.

We are delighted to announce the launch of Vision 5K UK, a fantastic and unique series of 5 km blindfold challenges across the country and this year, we would like to scouts, cubs, beavers and their families from your Scout Group to "Accept the Challenge" at our London event on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009 (Father's Day) in Greenwich Park.

We encourage you to wear a blindfold, team up with a friend or family member who acts as their sighted guide and challenge their senses! We guarantee you will see the world in a completely new way! Everyone is invited to raise vital funds for deaf blind people whilst also experiencing the challenges faced by the people you will be directly supporting.

Vision 5K can benefit your Scout group! Vision 5K UK would be of key benefit to Scout Groups especially with regard to helping children understand the day to day challenges deaf/ blind people face every day of their lives. If 95% of what we learn comes through our sight and hearing, can you imagine the life of a person who is deaf AND blind?

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# London

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Daisy Ellis & Rebecca Wall (19<sup>th</sup> B&D)

We went to London. We left at 9:00 and got back at 8:00. The Groups that went were 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We met at Becontree train station. When we got to London we went on a tour of there. For example the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the Transport Museum. When we were the tour we saw people dressed up on stilts. There was a skeleton that just sat there and jumped up in our faces.

We also found out amazing facts like when we went to the Thames River and in the olden days there wasn't a wall there so if they were drunk they would have fell in. At the end we went KFC!

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Scott, Don, Rick, Russell, James

On 7<sup>th</sup> March the 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> B&D Scouts went to the transport museum then they took in the sights of London ending at the Tower of London for dinner in the KFC. All of the leaders would like to thank the Explorer who came along to help with the Scouts.

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Cemone Collins (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)

We went on a London walk on a Saturday. It was very hot and a long walk. After we walked we went to KFC and had something to eat. After we ate we



walked to a train station and we saw the 'Gherkin' up close. It was wicked.

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Michael Warman (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)

On 7<sup>th</sup> March we went to London Transport museum, showcasing everything from coal powered trains in 1900's to modern day double-decker buses. There was also a map with areas on the back to be slotted into various numbered terminals scattered about the place which punched vertical shaped holes. After a visit to the gift shop, selling skip-grade-quality products for hugely extortionate amounts of money, we left for our London Tour.

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# RAF Hendon

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Rikki Nolan (7<sup>th</sup> B&D Scout)

Our trip to the RAF Hendon was very fun. We left the church at 9:00 and walked up to the train station. Unluckily the train station was closed so we had to get the rail replacement bus. We got off the bus at Barking and got the Hammersmith & City line towards Moorgate and then got on the Northern line then got off at Euston then walked to the museum.

When we got to the museum we looked around and talked about the planes. And went into a room called the white hall where there were different types of transport like planes, motorbikes and cars. Here are a few pictures of them.

Then we had lunch. Then we went into a large room where there were lots of plastic WW2 people where one was talking! Also there were aeroplanes with one called the Spitfire! To bring it all together we watched a WW2 movie which was very fascinating.

Next we went into another room (which isn't the last!!!) there was Donald Duck on an American aeroplane, we had fun in that room, there was lots of things to do like a computer where you can put in a year and it will tell you what happened in that year.

We went into another room where



there were even more aeroplanes, one of them you could sit in and move the handle also lots of activities, which include going into aeroplanes and computers with quizzes on. It was all very tiring but when we got told we were going in the play part! We had lots of science games, for example pushing and pulling. Tired out we got on the trains and went home good night Cubs and Scouts see you next week bye!

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Ryan Watson (7<sup>th</sup> B&D Scout)

In February, I won't be so precise as I have forgot the specific date, Dagenham's 7<sup>th</sup> Cub/Scouts went to the RAF Museum.

Personally my favourite part was going inside one of the handful of replicas of the 'Sunderland' and trying to drive the helicopter and Freddo following me round the museum.

Annoyingly I managed to slide off a bench shaped as an aeroplane wing.

A 'soppy camel' - okey dokey Akela I thought of it to be the 'Sopwith Camel'.