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Jill's Jottings

I hope your centenary year has got off to a roaring start. I have been using the ideas provided by HQ with my Beavers and the pictures of them will deserve a place in an art gallery in a years time .

I am also lucky enough to be able to ask the original Beaver leader back to run a part of the evening, as Heather Boorman started the 8th Colony. My son Simon was one of the original Beavers, I did invite him but he wasn't quite as keen as Heather!

I know most of you have only just gone back as I write this, so keep up the good work and give our youngsters a year to remember. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the swimming gala.

Founders Day

I have had a number of people approach me and the ADC's airing your disappointment concerning Founders Day. A couple of years ago, Districts were asked to sign up a commitment to support County events run for the Cen-

tenary. At the time the service was going to be run in Barking and Alan Denison, who is arranging it, had said he realised it was going to affect us but that he would give us any spare tickets. Unfortunately the venue has changed and although it is bigger it still means only 90 places for the District. Please rest assured that we will have our Founders Day service back next year and hopefully those who have been able to go to the County one will enjoy it.

CRB

Please start getting your extra helpers CRB'd ready for the District camp. You may be lucky enough to get them back on time.

Happy Birthday

Two Birthdays to celebrate this month, Heather Boorman is celebrating a special birthday, I will give you a clue, Scouting was 20 when she was born! Scouting was 40 when Veronica Poole

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Growth, Recognition, Celebration



was born and she is trying to see if she can grow old disgracefully, I am sure we can all help her with that!

Jack Petchey

I am still waiting for some groups to send in their nominations. Please send them early and make my life easier.

District Camp

I hope by now your forms are out and

your numbers coming in. I do need you to keep to the date as I have to confirm numbers with people. I can add some numbers if new youngsters start but I need the bulk returned now. Money needs to be paid to Addie but please ring her first to check when she is in

Jill May
DC

A Fond Farewell

2007 is a big year for Scouting. You don't need the District Chaplain to tell you that. It is a year of celebration – 100 years is a good long time. It is a year of challenge – how do we match up to the original ideals of the Scouting movement? And it is a year of change – what needs to be different today?

It will certainly be a year of change for me and my family. After nearly 17 years in Dagenham we shall be moving away in August to a place called Stonebridge, which is between Harlesden and Wembley in North-West London.

I know I am going to enjoy the celebrations in the District this year, especially Founder's Day and the special Scouts' Own at the District Camp. But it will be tinged with sadness. No-one likes to leave friends behind (I have been District Chaplain for several years). But no doubt there will be new friends to make in Brent. Do they have Scouts there?

Like I said, 2007 is a year of celebration, challenge and change.

Ron Herbert
District Chaplain

BEAVER BITS

Handcraft - Saturday 3rd March

Venue: 6th B&D, St. Mary's, Grafton Road. Drop off entries on 2nd March between 8 and 9:30 p.m. Categories are:

- Decorated Rocket (Pringles tube)
- Decorated Papier Mache Plate (Tea plate size)

Upcoming Events

February				
3	Leaders Profiling Day	21 st HQ		L
10	Swimming Gala	Dagenham		
25	Founder's Day Service		http://www.glns-scouts.org.uk/2007/	
March				
1	SL Meeting	17 th HQ		L
2/3	Beaver / Cub Handcraft	6 th HQ	http://www.bad-scouts.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.bad-scouts.org.uk/pioneering/	
20-22	Leaders Brownsea Island Trip	Brownsea Island		L
22	St. George's Day			

District Swimming Gala - 10th February - Dagenham Pool

5:00 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. start. Volunteers are welcome for jobs such as fire marshall, selling raffle tickets, land judges and more. Speak to Rose, ADC Cubs.

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

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

Pioneering Day - 14th April - Thriftwood

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

Correction: Showstoppers was incorrectly shown to be in April in last months insert. The Showstoppers show at the Kenneth Moore Theatre is actually taking place 2-5th May 2007.

Adult Training Module Dates

All meetings held on a Wednesday night, 7:30 p.m. start, at 17th HQ, Wilmington Gardens, Barking.

7	February	Module 1
14	March	Module 3
18	April	Module 1
13	June	Module 3
18	July	Module 1

No need to book, just turn up. See you there !

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

- Decorated Fairy Cake
- Decorated Small Pot (Air dry clay)
- Colony Effort - A3 Shield to represent your group
- Leaders Exhibit - Decorated Flower Pot (up to 10")

Full rules/details can be found at: www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/handcraft/

Beaver Leader Meetings

The next District Beaver Meeting is on Tuesday 13th March at the 21st B&D HQ at 8:15 p.m..

District Beaver Egg Hunt - Saturday 31st March

Venue: Hargreaves campsite. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. £3 per Beaver and £1 per leader. Please bring a packed lunch. Leaders are to bring a game to play.

District Beaver Sleepover - 24/25th November 2007

This has now been booked. The price will be £25 per Beaver. 18 places are available and can be split into groups of 12 and 6 to accommodate boys or girls. Places are on a first come-first served basis. There is room for 7 leaders. Grass sledging and Pedal Karts have been booked (weather permitting).

Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers

Are you unsure of what training you require? Did you know you can use prior learning to fast track the training modules? Then come along to the

sider taking on the role of Training Advisers within the District. A number of modules will be available for completion during the day, some of which could be validated there and then.

**Leaders Profiling Day
Saturday 3 Feb 2007**

10:00 – 12:30 and 13:15 – 16:00
21st HQ, St Cedd`s Church
Lodge Avenue

For further information please contact:

Chris Poole

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The day is split into 2 sessions, morning and afternoon, the profiling will take approximately an hour. We will have experienced Training Advisers to help you look at your current training needs and draw up your training plan. We also need Leaders, experienced former leaders and Fellowship members who are current Woodbadge holders to con-

This is your opportunity to drop in and talk to Trish and other experienced leaders/training advisers about your life experiences which might allow you to automatically qualify for one/some of the training modules and/or find out what you still need to do; and update your personal record.

CUB CHIT CHAT

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

Chess Competition

January has been a very quiet month for the Cub section, we only had the Chess Competition. Well done to Terry Smith, Declan Dobson (4th), Luke Willcocks (9th), Cameron Fraser (10/18th), Matthew Lilley and Liam Wells (21st). The top 4 will be representing us at the County Chess in March and I will be contacting their leaders soon.



I still need some officials so if you know anyone who would like to be a fire marshal, lane judge or raffle ticket seller please let me know.

Swimming Gala

Next event for the Cubs is the Swimming Gala on Saturday 10th February at Dagenham Pool. 5 for 5:30 p.m. start.

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Handcraft

The Handcraft Competition is next on 3rd March. All exhibits are to be brought to the hall (St. Mary's) on Friday 2nd March between 8 and 9:30 p.m.

Akela's Antics

Sorry but I have not done anything un-

usual this month. As I said at the beginning, January has been a nice quiet month.

That's it, take care.

I hope to see you and your Cubs at an event soon.

Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs

Safari Trip



Woburn Safari Park is offering discounted rates to Beaver, Cub and Scouts during 2007.

cludes hints and tips, a risk assessment, health and safety advice and a map with demonstration timetable.

The special rate is: £4.50 per child (aged 3 to 16) and £6.50 per adult (Group organiser and coach driver are admitted free of charge). This rate is only applicable to groups travelling on a coach or minibus (not applicable to cars) and there must be more than 12 individuals in the party.

We have also produced a resource pack to aid with badge work. These can be used in conjunction with a visit or as a stand alone resource: Beaver Pack Helps with 'Environment Award', Cub Pack Helps with 'Animal Carer', 'Global Conservation' and 'Naturalist' badges. Scout Pack Helps with 'Global Conservation' and 'Naturalist' badges. Each pack costs £5.00 and can be ordered from the Education Department. All material can be photocopied.

The above price includes:

- Unlimited circuits of our safari drive through, home to animals such as big cats, rhinos, giraffes, monkeys, bears, wolves, elephants and antelope.
- The play areas including the 'Super Ark' indoor play area-new for 2007 (opens in April).
- Animal Encounters where penguins, reptiles and other animals can be found.
- Interactive walkthrough exhibits such as Land of the Lemurs, Rainbow Landing, Australian Walk-about and Monkey Business.
- A programme of demonstrations and talks including Sealion Cove, Elephant Encounters, Birds of Prey and Penguin Feeding Time.

For more information or to book a visit, please contact us on (01525) 290991 or email education@woburnsafari.co.uk.

No deposit is required at the time of booking. We ask for payment on the day and will only charge you for the number of children and adults brought on the day. We hope to see your group soon!

Adele Clegg
Head of Learning

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www.discoverwoburn.co.uk

Woburn Safari Park
Woburn
Beds
MK17 9QN

This rate is available on any day from 10th March until 28th October. Groups must book in advance to receive this special rate. Upon booking, a confirmation pack will be sent to you which in-

SCOUT SHOUT

Chess

We had 15 Scouts enter this year. After 7 rounds in the Swiss system the standings were:

Individual

1st Place	Adam Letch	6th
2nd Place	Hayley Freeman	19th
3rd Place	Martin Squirrel	6th
	Kristopher Brown	16th

Troop Trophy

6th B&D

My thanks to the 17th for kindly hosting the event. Thanks also to the judges and admin people.

Photos, full details and score sheets are available at:

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/chess/scout_results_2007/

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/photos/chess07/

Darren Dowling
District Scout Leader



Scout Leaders Meetings

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.

Maurice Pass Pioneering

Taking place on 14th April at Thriftwood this years Maurice Pass will see a new format used where the Patrols and Leaders will receive some training sessions before they try something themselves. See the information booklet for more details or contact Richard.