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Jill's Jottings

By the time you read this two of our District Centenary celebrations will be over; our trip to Brownsea and our District Camp. I hope you found both enjoyable.

We tend to forget in our busy lives how exciting some of these things are for the youngsters. I went to our Cub Pack on Tuesday and some of my ex-Beavers were being invested. After the investiture one came up to me and said "Rusty, it is only 16 days until camp, I can't wait" Panicked me a bit but then I thought what isn't done, isn't done, and the youngsters hopefully will have stored up lots of memories for years to come.

The dates have been extended for the County Activity Day so please book your places and give them even more great memories.

Good luck to our Explorers and Network in Showstoppers. I wonder if we will see any of you with your name in lights in the future.

St Georges Day Awards

Congratulations to Pauline Pass and Malcolm Beerling on gaining the Bar to the Silver Acorn. Well deserved after a lifetime of service to scouting.

Jack Petchey

Congratulations to Aomide Ali (8th B&D) and Daniel Jackson (17th B&D) on gaining a Jack Petchey award.

AGM Dates

Can you please let me have your AGM dates as soon as possible to enable a District Team member to come along to support you.

Charter Mark

Congratulations to the groups gaining a Charter Mark, I hope you enjoy your evening of celebration.

Jill May
DC

Growth, Recognition, Celebration



CC Search

Your County Commissioner, Dean Milton, has accepted the role of Regional Commissioner for London and he proposes to stand down from his/her role with effect from 20th June and the process of finding a successor needs to begin.

I now invite you personally to contribute to the search by submitting a nomination (or nominations) of persons whom you feel should be considered for this important appointment.

If you wish to nominate yourself, this is perfectly acceptable, please do so and complete the attached form. As this is a confidential process, you should not indicate to others that you have nominated yourself.

I would therefore ask you to give serious and urgent consideration to people

with whom you work in Scouting, at work, or in the wider community, and to identify anyone who you believe has the qualities to be your County Commissioner. When considering a possible candidate please do not compare them against the current or any previous CCs. At this stage it is important to draw up a list with as wide a cross section of people as possible, so that the search group can begin the process of preparing a short list.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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Alan Dennison
Chairman of the Search Group

Full details and information at:

<http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/ccsearch/>

Hazard Alert - Plaster of Paris - Horrific Injuries

posted Friday, 23 March 2007 on The Institute of Occupational Safety and Health website

A recent accident at a foundation school in Lincolnshire resulted in horrific injuries to a sixteen year old girl. It appears that during an art lesson the pupil submerged her hands in plaster of paris, when it started to get hot, she tried to pull her hands out but the plaster had set too much to allow them to be freed. The emergency services were called but she suffered third degree burns to her hands which required the amputation of both thumbs and all but two fingers.

The accident is currently being investigated by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) who have requested that an immediate alert be sent out to all schools, warning them of the dangers of enclosing any parts of the body in this material.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/6485481.stm>

http://www.iosh.co.uk/index.cfm?go=specialist.news_item&id=1162&sgid=11

Upcoming Events

May			
2-5	Showstoppers Shows	Kenneth More	http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/gangshow2007/
4-7	District Camp	Chigwell	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/districtcamp/
10	SL Meeting	17 th HQ	
12-13	Scout Rally/Incident Hike	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
14-15	Charter Marks		
14	CL Meeting	21 st HQ	
16	BL Meeting	11 th HQ	
21	CRB	21 st HQ	
23	Appointments	St. Mary's Vestry	
June			
9	County Party Time		http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/2007/
9	Football Competition	May & Baker's	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/football/
15	Forest Boundary Hike		
16/17	Gilwell Beaver/Cub Fun Days		http://fundays.org.uk/
16	Thanks Evening		L
16	Sports Day (provisional)		http://www.badscouts.org.uk/sportsday/
30	Treasure Hunt Day		
July			
2	CRB	21 st HQ	
3	CL Meeting	6 th HQ	
6-8	Gilwell 24	Gilwell	http://www.gilwell24.info/
7-8	Camping Competition	Chigwell	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/campingcompetition/
9	BL Meeting	6 th HQ	
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html			

District Camp - 4-7th May - Chigwell

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

Football Competition - 9th June - May & Baker's

Further details at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/football/>

First Response

The next District course is scheduled for 22nd July 2007 - Maximum 10 people.

Good News

We may have a chance to run module 25 (Assessing Learning), within the District. This module is required if you wish to help with adult training, Please contact me if you wish to take part.

Module	Date	Cost
16 Nights Away (Runs together with)	19 May 07	
17 Activities Outdoors	20 May 07	£50
12 Providing Balanced Programme	03 Jun 07	£7
23 Safety For Managers and Supporters	30 Jun 07	£7
16 Nights Away (Runs together with)	07 Jul 07	
17 Activities outdoors	08 Jul 07	£50

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Notes

- Scout Rally/Incident Hike has been cancelled and will take place later in the year. Please bring the dates you have free to the next SL meeting so we can arrange a date and time that will suit all of us. The initial idea is to schedule it for September though this can easily change.
- Please make sure you give your numbers attending upcoming events to the ADCs. In particular Richard would like to know the number of Scouts/Teams/ Patrols intending to come to events like the Camping Competition and Football.
- Please note the change of date for Sports Day to the 16th June.
- How would you like to attend a special showing of a film at a local cinema? We are toying with the idea of booking a special exclusive screening for the District. Speak to Darren if you are interested.
- Richard has asked that you bring details of what your Troop is up to this year to the next SL meeting, and Rose would be interested in similar information for the Cub section.



**Greater London
North East Scout County**

Introducing your
**County Adult
Recruitment Team**

Are you planning your 2007 Centenary Events?
Are you holding Open Evenings/AGMs?
Is your Group taking part in any public events/shows etc?
Do you need extra adults?

Are any of the answers YES... Then contact us today -
WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!!

To book the team at your event or to request help contact us today

Tel: (07956) 587606
Email: recruitment@glne-scouts.org.uk

NEW ANSWER PHONE
RECRUITMENT NUMBER
0845 094 1534



Lea Rivers Trust

The Lea Rivers Trust is an environmental charity based in Bromley-by-Bow who work along the Waterways of East London and improve these areas for people and wildlife. I am looking for local groups to get involved in conservation workdays with LRT such as clean up sessions, planting or creating bird boxes. If your group is interested, please get in touch with me on the details below.

Vicky D'souza
Waterway Citizens Officer
Lea Rivers Trust
Tel: 020 7515 3337 Ext 222
Fax: 020 7515 3338
www.leariverstrust.co.uk



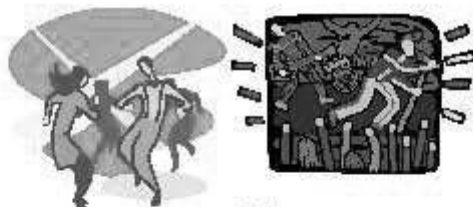
County Centenary Celebration Party for Leaders/Adults and Families

at Hargreaves Scout Campsite
Hainault Road, Little Heath, Romford
Saturday 9th June, 2007

Start 7.30pm till 11pm



Food and Drinks



Disco

**Come along and
join the
Centenary Party**

Entertainment for
the Children



Adults £10, Children £5 (under 15)

The price includes Disco, food,
drink (beer, wines and soft drinks) and Entertainer

This is an all ticket event
please book by the 15th May, 2007.
and include a stamped address envelope with booking.
Tickets are available from Miss Barbara Westcott,
117 Levett Gardens, Goodmayes, Ilford. IG3 9BX
Cheques to be made payable to GLNE Scout County

http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/downloads/county_party_event_2007.pdf

JST WORKING WEEKEND

On the first week of the Easter holidays, 11 Explorers from Barking & Dagenham and a few from Chingford went along to Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre to help out at the first official JST (Junior Service Team) working weekend. The JST operates in much the same way as the main Service Team, but is targeted at members aged 14-18.

The weekend started off with Explorers from Barking & Dagenham and Chingford all arriving on the Friday night and pitching up in the rain (as usual). As Saturday morning came we were all given our jobs for the day. One team had to prepare for the Jamboree by putting up a marquee three times as high as the tallest man and the other group were responsible for putting together Check Tents, which are small wooden huts with a canvas over the top and they link together. It took all day to finish the job, but we had a whale of a time doing them. Although we struck a water main banging the pegs into the ground, we managed to finish earlier than we expected. But the work wasn't over for us, because then we had to move hundreds of chairs to a Scout concert being put on for the Jamboree. Once we had finished, we were invited to the show which was like Showstoppers but was put on by one district.

We stayed up till a reasonable hour (come on we're Explorers, you know what we mean) and were shocked when we were woke up on Sunday morning at 7:00... I say no more! But then we were off again working. Only for a short while because we were whisked away to have some well earned fun. We were given the wall at Gilwell Scout Campsite where we learnt how to belay one another and how to tie yourself and others in. Overall the weekend was packed with fun and laughter, but productive at the same time. There have been several, if not all of the Explorers who attended, who have signed up to be members of the JST and be able to work their on all JST weekends and other events.

All the Explorers who attended would like to say 'thank you' to all the leaders who helped organise and run the JST weekend and I hope that more Explorers will join in on the fun on the next official JST working weekend which is the Cub & Beaver weekend on the 16 & 17th June. For more information about the JST, please email:

Lance Horsey
jst@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Jamie Saunders – B&D Explorers (Columbus)

SCOUT SHOUT

Hello Everybody

Cancelled Meeting

Thank you to all for your understanding that meeting will now be joined in with the May meeting.

Maurice Pass Pioneering

This was very under attended, to say I was disappointed is an understatement. A very big thank you to the 4 troops (6th, 7th, 9th, 10th/18th) that made the effort. All the details were given out well in advance so I would like to know why? Answers at the next meeting or on an email please. The standings were:

1st – 6th B&D
2nd – 10th/18th B&D
3rd – 7th/9th mixed patrol

Well done to the winners and to all who helped out on the day, your Scouts behaved impeccably on what was a very hot day.

Scout Rally/Incident Hike

Due to unforeseen family emergencies recently I have not had the time to arrange the planning of this event. As this takes the most organising of all the events, myself and the DSLs have decided to postpone this event till later on in the year to make sure that the Scouts get the best event possible.

If I had received the dates from all the

troops like I asked I would be able to work out some possible dates but as I have only received 2 troops details (the 9th and 10th/18th) I can't. Could the rest of you have a think about when would be best and bring some dates with you to the next meeting for discussion please or email me if you are unable to attend.

District Camp

I look forward to seeing you all at the camp, especially Grangewater as I missed this last time.

District AGM

This is quite important, could each and every Troop please ask 1 Scout in their Troop to write a small paragraph about their experiences in Scouting from the Troop and district over the last year, and their feelings going into the next. I could ramble on in my report but I think it would be nice to hear from the scouts themselves. Please forward the paragraphs to me at my home address or by email: adcscouts@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Richard Blunden
ADC Scouts



County Activity Day
at Chigwell Row Guide Campsite,
Lambourne Road, Chigwell Row.
Sunday 15th July 2007

Latest News

Take advantage of the new extended times and Book before the end of April and still get the special discount of £2.00 per ticket or you can now book up to the end of May



Zones

Scouting Centenary,
Water, Craft x 2,
Food x 2,
Adventure,
Challenge,
Games x 2,
Active,
Experiment

Other attractions

Characters,
Party Entertainers.
Displays by the
Army and Navy

Special Activities

Quad Bikes,
Climbing Walls,
Massive Bouncy Castles.

Arena Events &
Inter-District
Competitions

Beavers Obstacle Course

Cubs Chariot Racing

Tug of War
Scouts, Explorers
and Leaders

Book by 30th April, 2007

£8.00 per person
(Leaders free)

Book 10 tickets get one free

Book by 31st May, 2007

£10.00 per person
(Leaders free)

Book 10 tickets get one free

No bookings on the day.

To book visit the County Website at www.glne-scouts.org.uk and download booking forms, or use the forms obtainable from your District Leaders. Completed booking form and cheques only, made payable to GLNE Scout County should be sent to: Miss Barbara Westcott, 117 Levett Gardens, Goodmayes, Ilford. IG3 9BX Please note that tickets and details of the Event will be dispatched at the end of June 2007.

<http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/activityday/>

BEAVER BITS

Hi to all. We just had the District Beaver Egg Hunt at Hargreaves and it was a very good day for all the Beavers, Leaders and Helpers. We had the sun on our side but some of the Beavers still managed to find the mud in the boggy parts.

District Centenary Camp - Saturday 5th May

Just to remind you all about the District Centenary Camp on Saturday 5th May at Chigwell. All the Beaver leaders will be getting info about pick up points and times to meet the coaches.

Football - Saturday 9th June

On Saturday 9th June we will have our 7-a-side Football Competition at May & Bakers Sports Ground, Dagenham. All Beavers are to wear shin pads in all their games.

BL Meeting - Wednesday 16th May

The next District Beaver Meeting is on Wednesday 16th May at the 11th B&D HQ, 8:15 p.m.

Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers

County Activity Day

Don't forget to book your tickets by the end of the month to get them at the lower price of £8.

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed paper, wool, and other craft materials so far, especially Mary McLeod, the leaders at the 15th, and Julie Morley at the 9th. I still need loads more, especially coloured paper, wool, paper plates, Scooby Doos, paints, crayons etc. (it doesn't matter if these are partly used) and paper plates.

I will be drawing up a rota for helping on the base on the day. I know one group is definitely not going (they told me ages ago) if there are any others out there I need to know by the end of May.

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Further information at: <http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/activityday/>

CUB CHIT CHAT

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

Not much happened in the Cub section last month so I went to the Beaver Easter Egg Hunt which was really good and everyone enjoyed themselves. I then went to the Scout Maurice Pass Pioneering Competition at Thriftwood. I was not required to do much so after lunch I went down to the lake and sat and read my book.

There are a couple of events in May and I hope to see you there, either at Showstoppers or District Camp.

If you don't like camping or are unable to take your cubs away to camp there are a few places left for the following camps:

Whitsun Camp - 25-28th May

At Thriftwood, cost £45 (This price includes accommodation, food, activities and pocket money)

Pack Holiday - 18-25th August

At Hesley Wood, Sheffield. Cost £120. This price includes accommodation,

food, activities, trips out and transport).

Please contact me for a camp form.

Please let me know when you are going to camp or are out and about. Please remember you must have a home contact and they must not be related to anyone in the party. Details of this and a set of camp forms, with notes on how to use them, are available at:

www.badscouts.org.uk/nightsaway/

That's it from me. Take care.

Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs

Upcoming Events

14th May CSL Meeting
21st B&D HQ 8:15 p.m.

9th June 5-a-side - May & Bakers
9:00 a.m. for 9:30 a.m. start

16th June Sports Day
Mayesbrook Arena
9:30 a.m. for 10:00 a.m. start

Have a laugh!

The 6th B&D has made a joke book containing 100 jokes. These come from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders, older leaders, DC, CC (yes the last 2 do have a sense of humour!). We tied the book in with Comic Relief so if anybody would like to purchase the book all we ask is a minimum donation of £1 per book. Simply contact any leader from the 6th about this.