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



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Jill's Jottings

If you could see Steve and I at the moment, we are walking around like Cheshire cats. Our eldest son and partner have just presented us with a beautiful granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth. Everyone has always said what a lovely feeling it is and boy were they right! It is a good job they live in Southend, we have to ration our visits a bit. I hope all your youngsters have returned full of energy after the summer months, I know my Beavers have, none missing on the first night and two extras this week. Our new home is carpeted and it does seem to absorb the noise a bit or I am going deaf in my old age! The 8th, 10/18th and 21st Beavers had their annual sleepover a couple of weeks ago, or should I say non sleepover. They had a great time with boundless energy. I love watching our youngest section taking advantage of all that is on offer.

I hope those that went to Thriftwood's Celebration Camp enjoyed it. Keep up the good work and thank you for returning after the summer break, ready to tackle the months when we

are mainly in our halls.

Health update

Bosun and Chief are now back in harness and both looking forward to better health.

Nikki is at present in King George's Hospital, she has picked up some sort of infection and her blood count is a bit low. She has changed to a different type of chemo and feeling a bit cheered off at present. Please do remember Nikki, Richard and Thomas in your prayers and ask for them to be placed on the prayer list of your Churches. Pat Scowen, Roger's wife has also been unwell, but hopefully now a diagnosis has been made things will gradually improve. I also gather Roger is having a cataract operation soon, if he has still to scrutinise your accounts he will be able to spot even more mistakes then!

On loan

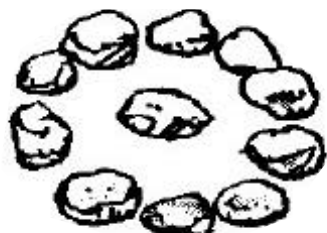
The District has various items that can be hired for a nominal rate. We have

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Growth, Recognition, Celebration



video cameras, digital cameras, speak easy portable p.a. system, and radios as well as high vis jackets and other items that Darren holds. Please ask either Darren or myself if you want further details.



Christmas Service

This years service will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel, Ripple Road on 17th December. Alec is arranging this and he will be sending invitations to all the groups shortly. It will be at 6:30 and refreshments will hopefully be served afterwards. Please do try to support this.



Gone Home

I am sad to report the death of Brian Jennings. Brian is the husband of Margaret, who, for many years was our appointment secretary and the main stalwart for our balloon race. Brian has been unwell for many years but during that time has supported Margaret in her scouting interests both in the District and in the 11th. He is now at peace with no more pain and suffering. Please remember Margaret and her family in your prayers.

Roundtable

I have spoken to Alfie and he will let me know the areas and meeting places shortly. It would be nice if more groups got involved in the collections. Remember it does benefit every one of you.



Jack Petchey

By the time you get this this last years award recipients will have had their evening of glory, I hope they enjoyed it. The district leader award went to Richard Blunden. Richard has worked very hard to maintain the links with Denmark, the last one when NIKKI was due to drop at any moment. He is a very valued member of the District team and has put in many hours of hard work building on the firm foundations Darren started to build. On top of his district work he runs a very successful Scout group. Well done Richard. He has decided to split his award in half. Using half to help with the exchange camp next year and half to buy resuscitation Annies for the First Aid training.

Jill May
DC

Nights Away

Can I please remind you all that the leader who holds the Nights Away Permit MUST be present at the sleepover/pack holiday/camp. A case has just come to light where a leader who was the only one with a permit, went out leaving a leader in the middle of their training in charge. This would NOT look good on an insurance claim and is not fair on the trainee leader. Ideally there should be more than one permit holder on any nights away experience.

Upcoming Events

October			
1	CRB Checks	21 st HQ	
6	Kubadoo	Hargreaves	http://www.gne-scouts.org.uk/kubadoo/
13	Chiltern 20	Chiltern	http://www.scouts-gln-southern50.org.uk/
17	Spooky Welly Walk	Hargreaves	http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/
19-21	Sixers Camp / Cub Quiz	Hargreaves	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/sixerscamp/
21	County Scout Orienteering		
20-21	Centenary JOTA & JOTI		http://www.joti.org/ http://www.scout.org.uk/
26-28	Thriftwood Leaders Camp	Thriftwood	http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/
November			
1	SL Meeting	17 th HQ	
5	CL Meeting	6 th HQ	
10	Connect 4	6 th HQ	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/connect4/
13	BL Meeting	21 st HQ	http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/
17	Jungle Rally	17 th HQ	http://www.badscouts.org.uk/junglerally/
19	CRB	21 st HQ	
21	Appointments		
24	Live 07		http://www.scouts.org.uk/live07/
24/25	Beaver Sleepover		http://www.badscouts.org.uk/beaversleepover/
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html			

Sixer's Camp & Quiz - 19-21st October - Hargreaves

This event includes the District Cub Quiz on the Saturday night. Full details, times and forms at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/sixerscamp/> and <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/cubquiz/>

Connect 4 - 10th November - 6th B&D HQ

This event will be run on a new system which will allow all the Beavers to play the same number of games each and will choose a winner in the fairest manner:

Further details at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/connect4/>

on last years position in the Kilmuir trophy at the beginning of November. Last year we had a variety of objects to collect e.g. size 14 trainers, so we may be after volunteer contacts for this.

Three Explorers attended Project 818 back in August and enjoyed themselves so much they have definitely decided to do it again next year. They spent part of the week doing voluntary conservation work in Epping Forest and the rest of the week socialising with Explorers and Guides from all over the country. I am hoping that they will write a report for the next issue of Woodsmoke.

And finally - We have lots of new Explor-

ers coming up and it is most useful for us if we have their Scout record cards as many can't quite remember how many nights away they have done etc. It would also help if you could send us a list of those that are 13+ so we know how many to expect and we can start preparing for linking to Explorers. If you need to know which Unit is meeting on which night just give one of us a call. This is quite important for the next few months as we have a couple of nights where we are all together and the routine has changed.

Shelley Goodman
ESL

Other Events

Mountainwide - Climbing Courses

http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/activities_climbing.html

JOTA / JOTI - 20-21st October

<http://www.scouts.org.uk/2007/events/JOTA.html>

Live '07 - 24th November

http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/downloads/live_2007_update001.pdf

<http://nesst.copson.info/page.php?11>

<http://peak2005.org.uk/>

<http://www.activatedteam.org.uk/maineventexplorer.htm>

<http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk/>

<http://www.awesome2007.com/>

<http://www.camjam.org.uk/>

<http://www.campdowne.org.uk/>

<http://www.chamboree.org.uk/>

<http://www.charnwood.org/>

<http://www.cumbriascouts.org.uk/cumbaree/>

<http://www.downeactivitycentre.org.uk/>

<http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree2008/>

<http://www.explorersproject.org.uk/browser.htm>

<http://www.extro.org.uk/>

<http://www.gilwell124.info/>

<http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/monopolyrun2006/index.html>

<http://www.homestead.com/iowrevolution/>

<http://www.kij09.org.uk/>

<http://www.longmyndhike.org.uk/>

<http://www.meggernie.org/>

<http://www.nailer.org.uk/>

<http://www.norjam2006.org.uk/>

<http://www.poacher.org.uk/>

<http://www.sedanchair.org/therally/>

<http://www.sr-mc.org/>

<http://www.summitnetwork.org.uk/tpc/>

<http://www.tourdetrigs.org.uk/walk/Information/information.php>

<http://www.wings2009.org.uk/>

<http://www.wintercamp.org.uk/>

Carol Service

On behalf of the District Executive may I take this opportunity to invite your Group attend the Barking and Dagenham Scouts 'Centenary' Christmas Carol Service.

This event will take place on Monday 17th December at the Salvation Army Citadel in Ripple Road, Barking (opposite the Westbury Centre). The service will commence at 6:30 p.m.

This is the first time that the Executive has arranged the District Christmas Carol Service, which previously has always been organised by a designated Group within the District, and it is also the first time that this venue has hosted this Service.

We would very much appreciate your assistance and support. To this end, could you please let me know (by telephone or letter) if your Group is intending to participate and how many people are likely to attend from your Group. I realise that this request is an impossible question to answer exactly, but an approximation of numbers will be of enormous help. If you are unable to contact me, please be kind enough to contact our secretary Pam Guest, with your guesstimates!

Yours in Scouting

Alec Everitt
Chairman

Thriftwood Events

By the time you get this the 50th Birthday Camp will have already started but there is a leaders camp on 26-28th October: <http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/events/>

Classifieds

2 RELUM TENTS

Pauline Pass has 2 Relum 12 foot tents for sale. Only used once

£200 ono for the pair.

Contact Pauline on:

METAL CAGES

Pauline Pass has 2 metal cages. They are very handy for storing or moving gear—think of the tall cages that supermarkets use to restock shelves

These can be yours for a donation. Pickup only. Contact Pauline on:

Free to anyone who wants it!

METAL FILING CABINET

Malcolm Beerling has a two drawer metal filing cabinet for offer.

Free to anyone who wants it!

Achievers Connected

The Jack Petchey Foundation have just introduced a new feature called:

"ACHIEVERS CONNECTED" - www.jpfonline.org.uk

Achievers Connected is an online community especially for Achievement Award winners. All Achievement Award winners are entitled to join "Achievers Connected". The website includes a personal diary and message board enabling award winners to talk with other achievers from all around London and Essex, and there are competitions and prizes.

Tea Towels

I would like to know if groups or colonies would be interested in making and purchasing some District branded tea towels. Many schools produce these and sell them to parents and they would turn a small profit and, if designed sensibly, they would be a good advertisement for Scouting in B&D. Please contact me with your thoughts. Examples can be found at:

http://www.hope-education.co.uk/wcsstore/Hope/_include/images/products/KC894_RF8_MULTI.jpg

Darren Dowling

Who are you? What do you do?

Barking & Dagenham
Scout District

Directory

2007

A directory of adult members and their
appointments, qualifications and contact
details

Greater London North East Scout County
www.gln-southern50.org.uk

We are in the process of updating the Directory and other resources. Can you please carefully check your groups pages on the directory, make any corrections or amendments and then send them to Darren as soon as possible.

We also want to know your current email address and any qualifications you may have (archery, shooting, canoeing etc... ANY thing related to ANY activity please).

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/directory/>

It will pop up a screen prompting for password/username. If you do not know these then contact me with your personal details (e.g. a name, which group you are in, what position you hold) and I will email you the username, password and instructions on how to get into the directory. Paper copies of your groups pages have been issued at the section meetings recently.

Darren Dowling

Cyclo Cross

Numbers for Scouts attending the Cyclo Cross MUST be handed in at the next SL meeting else will then certainly have to make your own way and may not even be able to attend. All participants MUST have a cycling helmet, bike in good working order and a puncture repair kit. Each group should bring a tool kit and a bicycle pump for running repairs.

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/cyclocross/>

Danish Camp 2008

This is an excellent opportunity for Scouts and Explorers to have the experience of a lifetime with two weeks spent joining up with our Scouting friends in Denmark. Details available at:

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/danishcamp/>

Upcoming Events

Chiltern 20 - 13th October:
<http://www.scouts-gln-southern50.org.uk/>

County Orienteering - 21st Oct. - Gilwell

Cyclo Cross - 1st Dec. - Crow Camp

Carol Service - 17th December

Next SL Meeting

The next SL Meeting is on Thursday 1st November at the 17th B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens at 8:00 p.m. Topics to discuss include Cyclo Cross and events in 2008.

Darren Dowling
Acting ADC Scouts

EXPLORING

The Explorers are currently busy preparing for the Spooky Welly Walk on the 17th October. At the time of writing all the places have been taken but I am taking names and numbers as reserves. If you have booked places I would like the money by the 9th of October otherwise your places may go to those on the reserve list. It promises to be just as good as last year and we wish that more people could attend but we will stick with 60 for safety reasons.

As well as the Welly Walk we are looking forward to Shoe Box Day and a camp being organised by a group of Explorers as part of their Scouting Skills badge. If any of your Young Leaders help to organise a camp (and they must do most of it themselves) they may be eligible for their Scouting Skills badge. If you need to know more please contact one of the Explorer leaders. We are also hoping to improve

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SCOUT SHOUT

Cancelled Meeting

The Scout Leaders Meeting on 6th September 2007 was cancelled as the hall was being refurbished. Apologies for the late notice on this but I only found out myself late on Wednesday night.

Camping Competition

We had two teams in the Len Bridge this year (7th and 8th) and four in the St. George's (6th, 9th, 10/18th, and 16th). Well done to the 28 Scouts who attended, I hope they all went away knowing a little more about camping than they did when they arrived. My thanks to all the leaders who helped during the weekend but especially to Dave for running the Len Bridge, Marc, Stuart and Peter for helping throughout the weekend and to Rose and Ken for judging the St. George's. A full set of notes for the St. George's is available in the link below, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Len Bridge		St. George's
7 th B&D	First	9 th & 16 th B&D
8 th B&D	Second	6 th B&D
	Third	10/18 th B&D

Town Show

Well done and thank you to all those Scouts who took part in the parade. You were a credit to the District. Thank you to all the leaders and helpers who worked hard on the parade and manning our base at the Town Show. The

Mobile Display Unit showed Scouting to be very modern and professional. Please ensure that you chase up all the people who 'signed up for Scouting' at the Town Show as I have already had some contact me and say they have not heard anything from their allotted group. This shows us in a very poor light and I don't think there is a Troop in the District who can afford to turn away young people or helpers. Photos available at:

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/photos/townshow07/>

Scout Challenges

As a special one off event to replace this years Scout Rally, Incident Hike and Survival Camp, the District is challenging every Scout to complete a series of events that lead to several trophies.

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/challenges/>

Chris Webb (ACC Scouts) has kindly agreed to judge the Scout Hiking Challenge.

Orienteering

After much hassling of the ACC Scouts I received information after the deadline, so I am being petty and not posting it or phoning round with it (but I have emailed it).

Two Old Men In Different Circumstances!

The old man was sitting out in front of the village pub, his glass was nearly empty. Then an American tourist came out and placed a full one in front of him and said "You look as if you need this Old Timer". "Thank 'ee zur" was the reply. "Tell me" said his benefactor, "What do you do Old Timer?". There was a brief pause, then the old man said, "Oi just sits 'ere and thinks" (another pause) "Sometimes oi just sits".

I am a bit like this old man these days! I sit down with a mug of coffee and I think! Of course I think of Vera, of those halcyon days of our courtship in the 1940's, and in the 50's and 60's when the babies were growing up. And I tell the Lord that I want to start all over again!

Then I also think of you, yes you, who I picture reading this. I always knew that Vera and I were blessed with many friends, but to see so many at the Thanksgiving Service, the lovely flowers in church, especially for Vera; the over 200 cards and letters that I have received, telephone calls, photographs, offers of help. I am really overwhelmed. I just cannot thank you enough.

Then, like the old man, sometimes "I just sits". Then I wake up and find that I have spilt coffee in my lap! Or is has got cold on the table at my side!

May the Good Lord bless you all, our so Many Friends.

Fred Rook

Census

Please be aware that the ADCs will be contacting you to obtain the Census figures around the second week of October. All they will need is the numbers of boys and girls in your section. Please have these to hand as it takes some time to chase everyone up. You are welcome to email or text these figures to the ADCs but only in the second week of October. These are collected 3 times a year by the ADCs and the deadlines for handing them in to the DC are 15 April, 15 July and 15 October, which is why the ADCs have to collect the numbers just BEFORE those dates. Equally collecting these figures weeks before the deadline is defeating the object so please have the figures to hand in the fortnight before these deadlines.



Essex Jambo!

Essex International Jamboree 2008

www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree
jamboree@essexscouts.org.uk

26th July to 2nd August - Kirby-le-Soken, North Essex.

Come and join thousands at one of the UKs biggest jamborees, where over 7,000 Scouts and Guides gather in Essex every four years for the Essex International Jamboree 2008 for a week of activities and international friendship.

International Friendship and Adventure

Participants can take part in a variety of activities including water and a variety of land activities. In the evening the market square will offer a busy atmosphere of live entertainments from around the globe complimented by a selection of eating areas to suit all tastes.

The Staff Experience

If you're 16 or over, why not join the staff team, and help make the Jamboree happen. You could volunteer to help set up the campsite, assist with activities or help to ensure that everyone has a great time by providing adventure and fun to thousands of young people. The staff experience includes evening entertainments, relaxation areas and a full catering provision.

All fees include a badge, a scarf, site fees and entertainments and online registration is now open at www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree



Nights Away & One Day Activity Forms

These important forms, and details of how to use them, can be found at:

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/nightsaway/>

depending on weather. Each group to bring a game.

www.badscouts.org.uk/easteregg hunt

Beaver Christmas Bash 2008

Kidspace, 28th November 2008
6pm-8pm, £6.50 per Beaver (approx)

BL Meetings 2008

Monday, January 14th at 6th B&D HQ
Tuesday, March 11th at 21st B&D HQ
Tuesday, May 20th at 9th B&D HQ
Monday, July 7th at 6th B&D HQ
Tuesday, September 9th at 9th B&D HQ
Tuesday, November 11th at 21st B&D HQ,
Cheese and wine Christmas celebration

Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers

CUB CHIT CHAT

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

During September I found myself with a few free weekends, very rare and very cherished. I got loads of stuff done around my house and garden. Good thing really as October looks to be quite busy.

Balloon Race

Going back to the Balloon Race, from the 1096 sold we only had 22 returned - mainly from Suffolk. The winning balloon was sold to Grandad Zajko by Luke Zajko of the 4th. The balloon went all the way to Denmark. The cheque will be on its way to Grandad shortly.

A short report this time. I bet your glad about that as i usually waffle on.

I hope to see you all soon at one of the upcoming events.

Take care

Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs

Upcoming Events

6th October Kubadoo at Hargreaves
10 - 4 p.m. Cost £8. Please note the updated notes on the following website, especially regarding parking.

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

19-21 October Sixers Camp at Hargreaves

<http://www.badscouts.org.uk/sixerscamp/>

20th October Cub Quiz at Hargreaves
6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

<http://www.badscouts.org.uk/cubquiz/>

17th November Jungle Rally
17th B&D HQ 9:30 - 1:00 p.m.

<http://www.badscouts.org.uk/junglerally/>

BEAVER BITS

Hello to all, welcome back after the holidays.

District Directory

Can everyone check their groups entries are up to date in the District Directory, if not please let Darren know.

Spooky Welly Walk

The Spooky Welly Walk is on Wednesday 17th October at Hargreaves, 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Money must be paid in advance by the 9th October to Shelly (ESL).

<http://www.badscouts.org.uk/wellywalk/>

Connect 4

Connect 4 Competition is on Saturday 10th November at 6th B&D, 10 am to 12:00 p.m. 4 Beavers per Group, leaders to bring their own Connect-4-Sets.

<http://www.badscouts.org.uk/connect4/>

Beaver Sleepover

I need all the deposits in by the end of October for the Beaver Sleepover, thanks.

<http://www.badscouts.org.uk/beaversleepover/>

Handcraft

The Handcraft competition next year will be at 6th B&D, dates and times to follow. Categories are as follows:

1. Door hanger (not just "Do not disturb") A5 size

2. Mosaic Beaver picture A4 size – this is a picture of a beaver covered mosaic style, can be any colour.

3. Fridge magnet no bigger than 4"x3" (8cmx10cm)

4. Stained Glass Window A4 size – black card or paper with coloured tissue any design

5. Any other entry A4 size

Colony Effort: Lunar landscape in an A4 copier box or similar

Leaders Effort: Decorated Cake 7"-8" (no bigger) Theme is Birthday

<http://www.badscouts.org.uk/handcraft/>

BL Meeting

Last District Beaver Leader meeting is on Tuesday 13th November at 21st B&D. Please bring some food and drink thanks.

Walton-On-The-Naze Trip 2008

Anyone interested please speak to Ron. This activity used to happen and it would be nice if enough people were interested to have it again.

Beaver Sleepover 2008

Watt Tyler Country Park
27th -28th September 2008
Places for 16 boys, 16 girls & 7 leaders
This has already been booked

Easter Egg Hunt 2008

Hargreaves, 15th March 2008
11am-2pm, £3.00 per Beaver, £1.00 per Leader
Packed lunch, scruff clothes,



Out and About

A guide to places to see, events and things to do, in and within reach of our District, is now available at:

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/outandabout/>

At the moment it has around 75 entries. If you have anything you would like to see added to the guide please email:

outandabout@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Healthy Explorers

Rosemary is doing a Health Check on the Explorers, so can you please let your Scout Leaders know that she will require the following information:

- How many 13½ year old and upwards Scouts you have?
- How many Scouts sent to Explorers are still there?
- How many Young Leaders you have at your group and which sections they are working with

Rosemary would like a list so she can photocopy it for Kris Pringle, the Explorer Leader.

Also note please that Scouts should not be held back at Troops past 14 without the knowledge of the Unit and Darren.

...got the T-Shirt

There are many excellent sources of Scouting related material online. One of the new ones is:

<http://www.JoinTheAdventure.co.uk/>

and there is a more complete list to be found at:

http://www.scoutingresources.org.uk/connected_shopping.html

Read all about it!

I am very interested in any reports or photos of any events you may have had. Not only for putting on the website or in Woodsmoke, but also for section records. It will also help keep Out and About up to date and give District an idea of how busy each group is. Submissions can be sent to:

Woodsmoke: woodsmoke@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk
Website: webmaster@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Or simply handed to me or popped through my door. I can handle pretty much any data format and media types.

Darren Dowling



Photo Stacks

These photo stacks were done as a quick experiment in Photoshop. I would be interested in peoples opinions of them as I am thinking of creating some more, perhaps specific to certain District events.

<http://www.dpdowling.plus.com/photostacks/>

New Explorer Website

One of the Explorers, Jamie, has been very busy lately designing a new look website for the Explorer Unit. Things are looking good so keep your eye on the following as it will be going live soon.

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/explorers/>

Jack Petchey Form

The RF1 form that is used to send details of applicants for the Jack Petchey award can be found at:

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/jackpetchey/>



JOTI

The World Scout Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) is an international Scout meeting on the Internet which takes place every year on the third weekend of October. This is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Further information, including how to get involved, can be found at:

<http://www.joti.org/en/>

JOTA

The JOTA is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides all over the world speak to each other by means of amateur radio contacts. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, via the radio waves.



Further information, including how to get involved, can be found at:

<http://www.scout.org/jota/>

Appointments Venue

Please note that Appointment Meetings will now be held at the Salvation Army Hall in Morley Road, Barking.

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?G2M?X=544811&Y=183708&A=Y&Z=1>

Fellowship Survey

A survey on the current state, and future, of the Fellowship can be found at:

<http://q.scouts.org.uk/s/E7NTGXF6UnL0Np4>

The survey may be completed by section leaders and other members, not just current Fellowship members.