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Jill's Jottings

The front of last months Woodsmoke had Bumper Issue, well I reckon this months will be a double bumper issue. Usually during the summer I have a chance to take a breather but not so this year. I know it has been the same for some of you as well.

I hope that all the camps, hikes and outings went of well, I have heard reports of some, so well done, and thank you for giving up some of your hard earned annual leave to give our youngsters a great experience.

Good luck as we head towards those winter months and lets continue to put as much energy into our second half of the Centenary Year.

Dawn Promise

I was very proud to see so many of you turn up for our Dawn Promise celebrations. I am sure the Explorer leaders must have bribed them to get out of bed; I didn't think that age group knew that 7:30 a.m. existed! Well done to everyone. The Mayor was very im-

pressed and it was just a shame the local press didn't pick it up [*there was a report in the Recorder - Editor*] as most of the neighbouring districts did get some publicity. In fact Newham even got a donation from the council! I must admit that although we all know we belong to a large, world wide family, it felt very moving to imagine how many others where remaking their promise at the same time as us. I have yet to find out whether Loraine, from the 10th/18th re-made hers on the deck of a cruise ship as she had said she would.

At the end of the year it will be interesting to see if any of our youngsters have gone to everything that has been laid on for the centenary year. I will have to do a little research.

Town Show

Thanks to everyone who supported the Town Show. Our champion balloon seller on the day was Danny from the 21st, he did what was asked and went out into the showground and sold

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Growth, Recognition, Celebration



nearly £40 worth of balloons, he was closely followed by Trevor and Olive, well done and thank you.

Some groups didn't bother to turn up and this does cause us problems. Rose and I will be discussing the way forward and putting together clear guidelines for next year. The balloon sales in advance were well down which of course affects our annual budget.

By now you should have made contact with the names given to you. Please make them feel welcome.

Jack Petchey

I am going to ask Darren to put a RF1 form on the web site for you to download, as every year I send them out and every year you lose them!

This years dates are as follows: 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 1st, 4th, 6th to me by 10th November at the latest.

7th, 8th, 9th, 10th/18th, 11th, 12th, YL Explorers by 18th May at the latest.

The forms MUST come to ME and NOT Malcolm Wetherall as I have to keep check of them and have the citation for the certificate.

If you have your nomination ready you can send it to me now even if you are in the second part of the year as Malcolm is quite happy to store them and then you know you haven't got to worry later. As in the last couple of years I will not be reminding groups. One group didn't send anyone in this year so have lost money!

Treasure Hunt.

Well done to the groups that braved the rain to join in the Treasure Hunt. It was

good fun and it was nice to see parents going along with their children, what better way to involve them. This is something we will be looking at doing again in a couple of years.

Shoe Box Day

I hope you are all going to support the Shoe Box Afternoon on the 29th September. We ask that **everyone** fills a shoe box for someone needy. St Mary's Church had said they will add our boxes to theirs so please make a lot of effort for this. We will end the afternoon with a campfire. A picnic tea will be needed and uniform to be worn. There will be a small charge for this as we have to pay camp fees.

Vera Rook

It is with sadness that I have to report on the death of Fred's wife Vera. She died back in July. Vera was a very warm caring person. I knew her best through her connections with Guiding, at one time she was my District Commissioner. She was a great fun person and on one training at Foxlease training centre in the New Forest we could be found doing silly things, like using a tree to make an emergency phone call!(No mobiles in those days) Apple pie beds and sewn up pyjamas also just happened that weekend! Unfortunately Ian Hume had a needle left in his pyjamas, fortunately health and safety hadn't got to us then. She was a smashing cook and we often had Vera's cakes at meetings, socials as so on. She was a great Brownie leader and must have made a massive impact on many young girls' lives. Our thoughts are with Fred and his family.

Upcoming Events

September			
3	CL Meeting	21 st HQ	
6	SL Meeting	17 th HQ	
10	BL Meeting	6 th HQ	
14-16	Thriftwood Celebration Camp	Thriftwood	http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/
26	Appointments	St. Mary's Vestry	
28	District Quiz Night	Dag. & Red. FC	http://www.badscoouts.org.uk/districtquiz/
29	Shoe Box Day	http://www.badscoouts.org.uk/shoeboxday/	
October			
1	CRB Checks	21 st HQ	
6	Kubadoo	Hargreaves	http://www.gln-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.badscoouts.org.uk/sixerscamp/
21	County Scout Orienteering		
20-21	Centenary JOTA & JOTI	http://www.joti.org/	http://www.scout.org/wse/jota.shtml
26-28	Thriftwood Leaders Camp	Thriftwood	http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscoouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html			

District Quiz Night - 28th September - Dagenham & Redbridge FC

Full details at: <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/districtquiz/>
Teams of 8. Cost £3 per head. Bring your own food. Buy your drinks from the bar.
Contact Pauline Pass before September 15 to book your table

Kubadoo - 6th October - Hargreaves

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

Shoe Box Day - 29th September

Further details at: <http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/shoeboxday/>

Our Heritage



While other Scouts were at Hylands Park for the World Jamboree, Scouts from the 10th/18th Barking & Dagenham were invited to attend a Battle of Britain Memorial Day held at the Purfleet Heritage Museum on Sunday 5th August. They were able to listen to stories from some of the veterans who attended, some of which are over 90 years of age.

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.activateam.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.gilwell24.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/>

Health Update

Bosun from the 16th has definitely got his money from the NHS. He has now had at least five stays in hospital but is making progress and should soon be back with us. Keep up the good work Bos. Chief, not to be out done by his son, has had back problems but he is now getting about so that is good news. Suzanne has had a operation can now drive again and making the most of her time off from proper paid work. Life at the Blundens is continuing between visits for Chemo. The hospital is pleased with Nikki's progress and the next time she goes she will be changing to a different type of chemo. Thomas has had his first birthday and had a great time. Please continue to keep all these people in your thoughts and prayers.

On the Move

Both the 8th and 10th/18th have moved headquarters. The 8th will now have all sections meeting on Tuesdays at the Salvation Army Hall, Morley Road, Barking. We have been given a great welcome and hope now to move from strength to strength. Thank you to them for taking us in. The 10th/18th has moved to Becontree Heath Methodist Church behind the Ship and Anchor pub. They continue to meet on a Tuesday and again have been made very welcome. The 11th will be moving into Ripple School for a short

time while work is done on the Church Hall.

Phone Numbers

As Darren reported in the last Woodsmoke the district has its own phone number, 0208 924 0335, this goes to an answer phone and is checked every couple of days. This number is for outside enquiries, recruitment etc. If you want to speak to me PLEASE still phone on ***** as this is answered if I am in or I will phone you as soon as I get back in. A few of you are using the other phone and I have not been replying to you as quick as usual. Thanks

Christmas

Alec, our Chairman, is arranging this years Christmas Service. It will be at the Salvation Army Citadel in Ripple Road. Alec will be sending out details shortly. Also our time with the Round Table will be from the 17th December so please make a note of that in your diaries.

Census.

The last two quarterly census that have been taken show our numbers up considerably so please keep up the good work and lets see if every group can gain a Charter Mark this year.

Jill May
DC

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: 01621815570

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: 01621815570

METAL FILING CABINET

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

Free to anyone who wants it!

01708 459912

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.

District Quiz Night

District Quiz night.

Friday 28th September

Teams of 8. Cost £3 per head.

Bring your own food. Buy your drinks from the bar.

Contact Pauline Pass before September 15th to book your table.

Hmmm. Food & Drink!

As A.D.C. General Duties I should like to send all groups my sincere thanks for the food and drink they supplied for the District A.G.M. It certainly helps when everyone does their share and makes my job a lot easier! I had lots of favourable comments from our honoured guests and am happy to pass them on to you. Team work certainly works in our district. Thank you.

Pauline Pass
ADC General Duties

Sunrise



On Wednesday the 1st August I attended the Sunrise Breakfast at Barking. It was really early in the morning so I was quite tired. First of all we listened to speeches read by some of the leaders. There were also paragraphs from the Scouts telling everyone why he or she enjoyed scouting. Af-

EXPLORING

COUNTY ACTIVITY DAY

Many thanks to all of those who helped make our contribution to this county activity a success. From who made contributions of materials to those who loaned us a gazebo to everyone who helped on the day. We also had a contribution from Tesco, Galleons Reach and Wilkinsons as well as Julie Morley's neighbour's office. I had fun teaching a group of Beavers to make an origami sampan and when I looked at everyone else other leaders seemed to be enjoying themselves with paper plate faces, making badges and getting messy. We made a nice display of the faces but unfortunately a thunderstorm half an hour before the end meant that some got ruined and the children didn't come back for them. A prize for perseverance has to go to a young cub from Chingford way who tried to make a friendship bracelet. She just didn't give up until she had got the hang of it! Thank you once again for all your help and support. Some of the left over materials have gone to Ron for his Beaver sleepover where they will be making decorations and Darren for District business. When I have sorted out the rest I will offer it out to groups.

EXPLORING

Explorers will be returning from the summer break on Tuesday 11th September. This will be an everyone night (usually Young Leaders) so if you have anyone due to come up this could be the night. I will try to get a calendar out that shows the meeting nights after this.

Since the last time of writing a group of Explorers spent the weekend at Gilwell 24 and voted this the best one ever. The highlight of the weekend was Alfie impersonating Bryan Adams playing the air guitar to "Summer of '69" for which he won a prize, Mandy and Cookie from the 4th selling thousands of Krispy Kreme doughnuts of which none was saved for their beloved leaders and the boy Explorers spending 4 hours on a two and a half hour hike (it was a good job they didn't take the girls with them – it would have been longer). We also helped out at the Town Show and on the Activity Day as well as fitting in Ron's last Church Parade – This weekend was the busiest for so long I can't even remember everything that happened.

As I write this several Explorers are taking part in Project 818 and I will write more about this next time. Our other achievements are Jamie Saunders having a letter published in the Scouting magazine, a good turn out for the Renewal of Promise (many were on holiday at this time) and helping the 10th/18th with their Wellgate farm weekend. One of the Explorers is busy developing a website for the unit and it is looking good! More details when it is up and running.

Tracey has now turned into a responsible adult and we wish her luck for the future as a fully fledged scout leader. Shelley

Shelley Goodman
ESL

SCOUT SHOUT

Scout Challenges

As a special 'one-off' event the normal annual scout events of Incident Hike, Scout Rally and Survival Camp have been replaced, for the Centenary Year only, by some special Challenges. Two of these are Hiking Challenges and the third is a special Scouting Challenge which can be earned by any individual Scout as well as their Troop as a whole.

www.badscouts.org.uk/challenges/

Orienteering

Orienteering - Please make an extra special effort to attend this County Event on 21 October. I will pass out details as soon as I have them.

Out and About

Please remember I would like to be informed of any camps, trips or activities your Troops take part in. Currently only a few leaders are letting me know.

Chief Scout Awards

Details of how to award the Chief Scout Award can be found at:

www.glnescouts.org.uk/chiefscout/

Get Well Soon

Best wishes to Bosun and Chief from the 16th, Wayne from the 17th and Nikki, Richard and Suzanne from the 6th. I hope they all make speedy re-

coveries.

Kandersteg

Wayne from the 17th has been offered a special deal at Kandersteg (International Scout Centre in Switzerland) and had 40 places for 12 days at £390 (half price) in 2008. He currently has 29 going and is offering the remainder of the places to interested parties. He needs to know by January of anyone wishing to take up the remaining 10 or so places. They only need to take clothes as all other equipment is provided and they obviously will need a valid passport.

Upcoming Events

Chiltern 20 - 13 October
www.scouts-gln-southern50.org.uk/

County Orienteering - 21 October

Cyclo Cross - 1 December

Next SL Meeting

The next SL Meeting is on Thursday 6th September at the 17th B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens at 8:00 p.m. Topics to discuss include Orienteering and Cyclo Cross.

Darren Dowling
Acting ADC Scouts

ter that at exactly eight o'clock all the Scouts around the world said their promise, it only lasted a few minutes but it was a great opportunity. Finally there were a few more words from the leaders and the mayor. Oh and lets not forget when we wished Tea-Bag a happy birthday. 62 that very day!
Gemma Bailey, 9th B&D

Working Weekend

On the 10th of August 2007 the 9th Scout Group went to Crow Camp and done a lot of things such as, painting, cooking and challenges at night which included 4 things. They were sleeping 6 foot high, in a bivvi bag, a ground sheet box and in a hut. We cooked a lot of things such as veggie kebabs, sausages, bacon, egg, and mince-meat and jacket potatoes. It was hard work but we had a fun time.

Daniel Bailey
9th B&D



9th Scouts go Loopy



Day 1: Today was the first day of our 3 day hike, called the London loop. 'T' dropped us near Chingford station, it was there that our adventure began. It was explained to us that in pairs we would each have to lead the way at some point during the day. The first pair to lead was Chloe and Pikey, while they were leading on the map it said we would come up to a muddy area, it was a stream typical! As Sophie was walking in the water she slipped, she didn't fall over, but she got herself

muddy and Joe had a nice patten of mud up the back of his legs, it was very funny.
[The rest of this article has been cut as it forms part of the Hike Challenge!]

Pack Holiday



On Saturday 18th August 25 Cub Scouts and 13 Leaders set off for Sheffield in a coach for our Pack Holiday.

It was a very long journey but I kept everyone entertained with my singing as we were allowed to take our MP3 players!!

We arrived at camp to some very wet weather, but it was not cold. Once we unpacked our gear and changed into our old clothes, Chilly Akela, Baggy, Honest Leigh, Akela, Bagheera, Shere-Khan, Taz, Julie, Ikki, Mang, T-

Bag and Blondie took us for a walk around the site to show us where everything was.

On Sunday we walked down a very steep hill into the town to go to church. It was very nice and everybody spoke different to how we speak.

On Tuesday we visited Magna which is kind of like a science museum. It had a wet area which was the best. We all got very wet. Poor Baggy fell over and hurt his legs. Mummy (Honest Leigh) said that he made sure that everyone knew about that.

We tried rock climbing, canoeing, cave maze, archery and used the aerial runway. It was brilliant. I was a bit scared in the canoe, but I didn't fall in the water. Poor Scott did though, but he was fine and managed not to lose his wellies.

We had a camp fire and disco at camp. They were really cool. Someone has to tell T-bag though that he can't dance!

The sixes then put on a gang show which was rounded off by some of the leaders doing a sketch which was really funny.

We learnt lots and lots about scouting, how it all started, scouts from around the world and the timeline from 1907 to 2007.

We also went swimming where Chilly Akela and Honest Leigh taught us some water aerobics.

Sadly Saturday came round and we all had to go home. Hathi and Mummy (Honest Leigh) took us for a long walk to the river while the other leaders cleaned up and then we got on the coach for the long journey home. We stopped at a service station and had lunch and then came home. Not before me and Jack entertained more people though with our singing!

Emily Bradford
9th B&D

CUB CHIT CHAT

Hi all you Cubby people, hope you are all well and have had a really good rest. I hope all your camps went well and the weather was good.

Since the last issue there has been only a few district events. First up was the Treasure Hunt around Barking town centre. The weather could have been better but it did not stop Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all groups apart from 2, so well done and thank you to all who attended.

Next was the Town Show. We had the MDU lorry from Gilwell Park and took part in the parade. Thanks to everyone who took part in the parade and help man the base and sold balloons. A balloon came back from Denmark and the winning ticket holder will be getting the cheque soon.

Activity Day was on Sunday 15th July. I was at the Town Show but I have heard that everyone had a good time. Well done and thank you to all who helped man our base there.

Well done and thank you to all who attended the Dawn Promise. A very early start but there was about 80 of us.

I think that's it from me.

Take care, see you soon.

Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs

Akela's Antics

I have not done much for a while but made up for it during July and August with the Scouts from the 9th. We went swimming, pizza and bowling, then hiking 6 parts of the London Loop, a working weekend at Crow Camp with backwoods cooking, working in Thriftwood shop and a Pack Holiday with Cubs from 3 different Packs. Oh, just forgot, also went climbing at Mile End.

Upcoming Events

3rd September CSL Meeting
6th B&D HQ at 8:15 p.m.

6th October Kubadoo at Hargreaves
10 - 4 p.m. Cost £8

19-21 October Sixers Camp at Hargreaves

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

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



BEAVER BITS

Well, I hope you all had a good long rest. I went to the Scout Jam-boree -what a day! I saw nearly every nation in Scouting and did a lot of badge swapping with other leaders, it was a great day out.



BL Meetings

Down to Scouting. The next District meeting is on Monday 10th September at 6th B&D HQ, 8:15 pm and the last one of the year is on Tuesday 13th November at 21st B&D at 8:15 pm.

At the next Beaver Meeting we will have to sort out all next year's leader meetings and Handcraft ideas so bring your diaries please.

Spooky Welly Walk

The District Spooky Welly Walk is on Wednesday 17th October 2007 at Hargreaves camp site, 6:30 pm to 8 pm. There are places for up to 60 Beavers only.

Connect 4

The District Beaver Connect 4 Competition will be at 6th B&D HQ on Saturday 10th November, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 4 Beavers per Group.

Beaver Sleepover

The District Beaver Sleepover is now full up.

CRB

There are some CRB checks still left this year on Monday 1st October and

19th November at the 21st B&D HQ, 8 pm.

Kubadoo

Please do not forget the County Kubadoo at Hargreaves on Saturday 6th October.

Away Day

On Saturday 13th October I will be at the District Away day to sort out all next years Beaver dates.

2008

District Beaver Egghunt at Hargreaves Saturday 15th March 11 am to 2 p.m.

District Beaver Sleepover at Watt Tyler, Pitsea, September 27th/28th
Room for 16 boys, 16 girls & 7 leaders.

District Beaver Kidspace Party, Romford Friday 28th November, 6 to 8 pm.

Ron Pringle
ADC Beavers

Out and About

On Thursday 2nd August the 9th Scouts had a day trip out which involved swimming, followed by a meal at Pizza Hut then into the bowling alley for a few games. The day was completely organised by a couple of Scouts, Daniel and Gemma. They planned the trip, did the bookings, issued the forms and collected the money. They were responsible for all aspects of the trip and spoke to the people involved on the day. In fact we even got a deal at the pool, a discount at Pizza Hut and an excellent rate at the bowling alley once we explained we were Scouts and that Scouting was 100 years old. The Scouts thoroughly enjoyed themselves and didn't want to go home!

Chloe and Daniel had already planned another day after our Hike Camp in April which involved ice skating, followed by pizza and then the cinema.

We also have a couple of Scouts planning our now traditional annual trip to Southend for later in the year and another lot all vying to plan another trip out.

Don't let anyone tell you that 12 year old Patrol Leaders are incapable of showing excellent leadership skills. We have had Scouts organise trips, activities and camps for many years and they truly do the work themselves. I have seen some Scouts show skills that would put an inexperienced leader to shame. If you trust them and give them the responsibility they will usually reward you by stepping up to the challenge and taking it on board. Once they have a few under their belt, with minimal help from a leader, you will find that it just snowballs and they take on everything themselves. As an added bonus the next lot of Scouts see what they are doing and just assume it is normal and pick up the reins themselves with ease.

Coupled with a working weekend at Crow Camp, a day sorting out the stores at the hall, a week long Pack Holiday with the Cubs, three days hiking with the Scouts and a group BBQ, August has been business as usual for the 9th.

Darren Dowling
ACSL 9th B&D

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/>

Town Show

I would like to thank all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and leaders who entered in the Dagenham Town Show Parade. A special thank you to the 21st for going home to get a tent and things for our display, Steve May for painting our Beaver Scout scenes, and Carol and Leigh for face painting the Beavers who were on the lorry, not forgetting Steve from the 9th who drove the minibus. I think the biggest thank you should go to the four Scouts who pulled the trek cart all the way, with their ingenuity for changing over while on the move, and yes, they do listen to what we teach them, as Derren from the 16th proved when we were halfway up Heathway hill. He soon sussed out that the mallet was a very handy brake. I hope everyone wasn't too tired to enjoy the show when we arrived at the arena.

I would also like to thank all those who supported the County Activity Day and I hope that the older Scouts and Explorers were not too disappointed. At least the rain kept off until the last twenty minutes. Lastly I would like to thank all who helped on both days at our Scout stand at the show. I cannot promise I will be at the next Centenary in person but I will be in spirit.

Ken Thompson (T-Bag)
9th B&D

Jambo!



<http://eng.thejamboree.org/>

The 21st World Scout Jamboree gave an excellent display of Scouting for 2 weeks.

Jambo, by 'The Adventure' was released on 2 July. Digital downloads can be made by following the link below. The CD single includes both English, French and Remix versions of the song together with a Karaoke version and a bonus movie - "Jambo the video". It is also available in Tesco's

<http://eng.thejamboree.org/interactive/song/>

Scouts celebrate their centenary at sunrise



● EARLY BIRDS: Members of Barking and Dagenham Scouts celebrate 100 years of scouting

Barking and Dagenham District Scouts

MORE than 80 members came out in force to celebrate the centenary of scouting. They gathered on Abbey Green, at the junction of London Road and North Street, Barking, where they joined with scouts from around the world to celebrating past successes.

They also renewed their scouting promise at the same moment 100 years ago that Sir Robert Baden Powell started his experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset, which led to the formation of the movement.

Short readings were given by leaders and scouts about their scouting experiences, including memories from Mayor, Cllr Fred Barnes, who was a former member of the 1st Dagenham Scout Group.

Darren Dowling, acting assistant district commissioner, said of the early morning celebration: "Some of them, you have to kick out of bed at that time of the morning, but they were very proud to be there in their uniform. They were excellent."

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