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## WOODSMOKE

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

## WOODSMOKE



April 2008

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# Jill's Jottings

Looking from my window, as I write this 'spring has sprung' but that is not what the weather forecast has told us. Fortunately the weather forecast got it wrong on Saturday. They predicted high winds and rain but as what seemed like hundreds of Beavers descended on Hargreaves for their Easter Egg Hunt, we had no rain and little wind. The boundless energy of our youngest section has to be seen to be believed, it is a shame you can't bottle that energy. I love to see the messiest beaver and I think one from the 17<sup>th</sup> definitely won that title, he was muddy from top to bottom!

I hope you enjoyed our Founders Day service, lets hope for even better support for St Georges Day Parade. I am desperately trying to get a band, but some people don't answer messages left on their answer phone!

It is good to see the back of Handcraft for a few weeks, the effort put in from the youngsters was really good, as a leader myself I would like to say Well Done to all the leaders who bravely get the glue out week in week out until the "DAY".

Some willing victims represented the

District at the County Swimming Gala on Saturday, unfortunately I couldn't sit with them this year, we usually have a good time putting the world to rights and forgetting their nerves but they tried their best and I hope enjoyed the evening.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

### Thriftwood

As you may have heard Bill and Mary are retiring from Thriftwood in January 2009. Obviously they will not go without some type of a "do" and details of that will be given out nearer the time. An advert has been placed on the website and North East for a replacement. If anyone is interested please apply for more details. Bills last AGM will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please put this date in your diary and make an effort to come and support him.

### Fellowship

Our next meeting will be at the 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ and we will be having a speaker. They will be talking about their job as a prison Chaplain, 8 p.m. start, everyone welcome  
The May meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> May meeting at Barking Park at 7:15. We

are being given a guided walk and talk on the history of Barking Park. Can I remind you that Fellowship is open to everyone in or out of scouting that enjoy good company, good food, occasion drink and a good laugh? Pass the word around and come along and join us.

### Chief Scout's Award

Tonight I had the pleasure of attending the Chief Scout's presentation at Gilwell.

I would like to congratulate Beaver Harry Whitefield (15<sup>th</sup> B&D), Cub Ellie Devonald (15<sup>th</sup> B&D) and Scouts Georgina Monk and Michelle Swart (1<sup>st</sup> B&D). Looking forward to seeing you when you receive your next Chief Scout's Award.

# Activities in the park

I am writing to you with regards to the opportunities which we may be able to offer your Scouts in Barking. I am the newly appointed ranger at Barking Park and I am hoping to get the community, especially children, more involved in activities in the park.

Based in Barking Park, we are committed to delivering environmental education, events, activities and fun days. The Park is an ideal location for looking at wildlife and enjoying the outdoors with a range of habitats including the lake, wooded areas and playing fields. We hope to deliver a wide range of activities and events throughout the year and if required, a programme can be tailor made around your groups needs.

Although we prefer you to come and enjoy what Barking Park has to offer we are also able to come out to you to give talks about our work, the park and any of the topics below. We can offer activities aimed at both

Well done you are a credit to your Group and parents.

### Health Update

Nikki and Richard have just come back from a, many time cancelled, holiday in Ireland. Nikki has finished her treatment and is feeling well. I know many of you have been praying for Nikki, Richard and Thomas and, on their behalf, I would like to thank you. I am sure that we will continue to hope and pray that Nikki has beaten the cancer and that their lives can now get back to some semblance of normality.

**Jill May**  
District Commissioner

adults and children which include:

Mini-beast hunting	Wildlife games
Pond dipping	Signs of the season
Camouflage trail	Wildlife gardening
Story telling	Bird watching
Colours in nature	Recycling
Sights, Sounds,	Composting
Touches	Evening bat walk
Orienteering	Trees and seeds
Natural Mosaics	Park History
Arts and crafts	

I look forward to hearing back from you soon as to whether any of these would be of interest to all or any of your scout age groups.

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LBBB Ranger Services  
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# Upcoming Events

April			
2	Module 1	17 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
8	EL Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
12	Maurice Pass Pioneering	Thriftwood	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/pioneering/">www.badscouts.org.uk/pioneering/</a>
24	ADCs Meeting	Jill's	
27	St George's Day	St. Alban's	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/stgeorgesday/">www.badscouts.org.uk/stgeorgesday/</a>
May			
8	SL Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
10	County Scout/Exp. Football	Chigwell Police	<a href="http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/">www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/</a>
10-11	Scout Archery Competition	Gilwell	<a href="http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/">www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/</a>
10-11	Apex Challenge		<a href="http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk/">www.apexchallenge.co.uk/</a>
12	CL Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> HQ	
15	District Executive		
17-18	Ocean Madness		<a href="http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/">www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/</a>
19	CRB	21 <sup>st</sup> HQ	
20	Appointments	Salvation Army	
20	BL Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> HQ	
22	ADCs Meeting	Jill's	
27	EL Meeting		
+lots more! Check out <a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html">http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html</a>			

### Maurice Pass Pioneering - 12<sup>th</sup> April - Thriftwood

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. £3 per person. Packed lunch and suitable gear for pioneering. Each group is asked to bring some of their own equipment.

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

### County Scout/Explorer Football - 10<sup>th</sup> May - Chigwell Police Ground

Scouts 10 a.m., Explorer Scouts 11:30 a.m. Finish: approximately 3 p.m. £2.50 per Scout/Explorer Scout

Further details at: <http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/events/>

# Training & Appointments

## First Response

The next date is 20<sup>th</sup> July, venue to be confirmed. Only 10 places are available - minimum of 6 in the class, if we do not get minimum interest, by 15<sup>th</sup> June, the course will be postponed. Also, there may be a charge for this course (to be determined).

dates about training requirements - but they have not attended modules 1 & 3. This means that we are unable to forward their details to enable them to receive their Appointment Card

Training for the above modules must be done by ALL.

## Training

There are several people who have been CRB'd and attended appointments, but we have not seen them since. At the appointments meeting we advise candi-

If the above applies to YOU please contact me immediately.

Chris Poole

adclt@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

## TOP SECRET - TOP SECRET - TOP SECRET - TOP SECRET - TOP SECRET - Training Dates

All modules held at 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens, Wednesday evenings, 7:15 p.m. for a PROMPT 7:30 p.m. start. All welcome, just turn up.

Module 1 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Module 3 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
Provisional (5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2008)

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# www.kidsoutdoors.com

The KidsOutdoors campaign helps more kids across the UK experience the freedom of the outdoors. We want to encourage a million new outdoor adventures.

KidsOutdoors is run by The Scout Association, which offers challenge and adventure to over 400,000 young people across the UK.

# Easter Egg Hunt



I went to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, I met lots of other Beavers and we were all really excited and couldn't wait to get out on to the field. First we played a game called "In the pond, out the pond", then we were split up and played games called Jenga & Hot Potato, after this we went back inside and all ate our packed lunch. After lunch we all had to line up outside and when Liono said "Go!" we raced up the field all looking for golf balls which we could then swap for a cream egg or if really lucky and our ball had a big number we could swap it for a big Easter egg. I was really really lucky and I found the bonus ball and I got to swap it for a really really big bag of sweets (which mummy took off of me because she said I was going hyper, she's such a spoil sport). The very best bit was walking through the deep puddles with my wellies and waterproof trousers on.

Dana  
Beaver (9<sup>th</sup> B&D)

When I went to the Easter Egg Hunt I thought it was lovely. I think everyone enjoyed it. The night before the Easter Egg Hunt I could not sleep, neither could my best friend Gemma from Beavers and my school. My mum (Bumble Bee) gave me lots of food to eat until bedtime. When we got to Hargreaves, we played a game with a rope in it. You had to jump over the rope when someone says 'over lodge' and we played egg and spoon race (plastic eggs of course) which was fun. Another game we played was one called gladiators where you had to try to bash someone's plate out of their hand with a piece of screwed up newspaper.



When it was time for the Egg Hunt we all lined up and ran everywhere. We had to look for golf balls. Me and my best friend both found a golf ball with a big number on it. This meant we won a big egg. Everyone got a little egg. It was very muddy but it didn't rain. We liked jumping in the mud. My wellies got very muddy and it was hard to get them off. When I walked around the mud squelched because it was inside my welly. I thank all the leaders and people for making the best Easter Egg Hunt.

Emma Kersey  
Beaver (6<sup>th</sup> B&D)



Last Saturday the Beavers were all together as a District at Hargreaves Scout Campsite to take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The weather held out for us, but needless to say and in true form for Hargreaves the grass was extremely muddy. The Beavers (and some leaders I might add) had a great time walking through it all. Many thanks to the leaders who ran their games bases. Everyone had such a good time. The Giant Jenga game had me in stitches. The photos for the Easter Egg Hunt are now up on the District Website. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ron for arranging the day and for purchasing all of the chocolate eggs, tea, coffee and juice etc.

**Honest Leigh**  
**District Beaver Scout Leader**

# 19<sup>th</sup> B&D Cub Camp

The leaders came early to pitch up all the tents such as the cook tent, the Cubs sleeping tents and the leader's personal tents. The tents got pitched up, it took six hours to do so but when the leaders had finished they were relaxing until they had to meet the us Cubs at the car park to take us to camp. Once us Cubs arrived at camp we unloaded our gear into our tents. A while later once us Cubs had settled down we played a game then everyone had dinner. After dinner we played Add then we got ready for some hot chocolate. Once we had drunk that we settled down for bed. It was a long night but we all got through in the end. The next morning we all had to get up early to start of a new day. We had our cooked breakfast then we just sat down and had a good drink of juice. After that we went onto the field next to us and we played a lot of fun games together as a group. Once we had done that we had some more juice and then our leader let us go to the bouncy castle and the art centre. We all new our way back to camp if we got thirsty. We were in groups so that we did not get lost alone. Once we had finished that we came back to camp and we had our lunch. Then we went into a forest with our leaders and we named it Cubabithia after us Cubs. After that we went to a playground and player on the apparatus. We then came back and had our dinner. After dinner we sat around a camp fire with all the other groups and sang some songs. We then came back and had a cup of hot chocolate then we settled down for bed. That night it was pouring down with rain. But again we still got enough sleep. The next day we got up early again and had our cooked breakfast. Next we went to a big white tent to hear what a Christian had to say. Then we went to a disco to boogie it on down a bit. We then got packing away all our tents and we all went home. Well apart from me and the leaders who had to stay and pack up.

**Matthew Smith**  
**Cub (19<sup>th</sup> B&D)**

All the rules and files (such as home contact) required are laid out clearly at:

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/factfile.php?ID=16&subpage=commercial>

Make sure you have a home contact set up correctly and that the Scouts parents have completed a one day activity form.

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

### **Further Questions**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me:

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**Darren Dowling**  
**Acting ADC Scouts**

### **Under-11s go free**

Adults with a valid ticket, or using Oyster to pay as they go, can take up to four under 11s for free on the Tube and Docklands Light Railway at any time. Unaccompanied under 11s must pay the appropriate fare or use their child Oyster photocard to pay as they go.

The climbing wall is a short walk around the corner from Mile End station (approx. 10 minutes). There are excellent instructions and a map on the Mile End Wall website.

Turn left out of the station and then turn right on to Grove Road just before the huge yellow bridge. Walk for about 5 minutes passing a petrol station and under a railway bridge. Turn left down Haverfield Road just after the chip shop, go through the park gates and bear left in to our carpark. The doors to reception are on the right under the covered seating area.

### **Food**

The Britannia Fish & Chip shop on Grove Road just outside is a good place to get some lunch. If you bulk order I have found them very amenable and they tend to throw in the odd freebie such as drinks or food. There is a nice grassed area by the Wall or even along the canal where you can sit and eat your food.

### **Home Contact, Permission and POR**

The staff are qualified instructors so you do not need any special qualifications to take your Scouts to the Wall.

# Scouting - Mile End Climbing

Here is an overview on how to organise a trip to the Mile End Climbing Wall. My Scouts, Explorers and I have organised and executed a trip to the Mile End Wall on at least 6 occasions over the last few years.

## Mile End Climbing Wall

Mile End Climbing Wall is an indoor facility with qualified instructors.

<http://www.mileendwall.org.uk/>  
020 8980 0289

You don't need to know anything about climbing as they will assign an instructor to a group of 8 who will take them through everything. They have different types of climbing walls, abseils, traverses, walls you can climb with no ropes (you just drop onto crash mats) and the exhausting but fun monkey room (handholds everywhere – ceiling, walls etc!).

The staff are normally very good at handling the children and know their stuff. There is a small area to watch for the leaders and there are lockers you can safely stow your gear in.

## Opening Hours

Monday - Thursday 12.00 pm - 9.30 pm  
Friday 12.00 pm - 9.00 pm  
Saturday and Sunday 10.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Bank Holidays 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

## Costs

It is best to speak to Mile End Wall over the phone and discuss your needs as you will have to book over the phone really anyway. The cost will work out at something in the region of £120 for 20 people or £70 for 10 people.

I have worked on a budget of around £10 per person (£7 for climbing, about £1 for the train fare and some left over for a fish and chip lunch).

## Transport

It is best to get the Underground to Mile End station. If you visit the ticket office on the day they will do you a group booking which works out rather cheaply:

Group Day Ticket	Adult	Under-18
Zones 1 - 6	£3.50 each	£1.00 each
Zone 1 - D	£5.00 each	£1.50 each

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/faresandtickets/oneand3daytickets/2906.aspx>

# Handcraft



The Handcraft Competition came next. I was blown away by the masses of wonderful models, drawings and various crafts that were on display by not only the Beaver Scouts but also from the Cubs and Leaders. It was a fantastic day. Well worth the weeks that build up to it where we are all covered in endless glue, paint and messy stuff that sticks to

you and everywhere else for that matter! Congratulations and well done to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for coming joint 1<sup>st</sup> place, the 8<sup>th</sup> for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> for coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. A huge pat on the back to everyone who entered. I'm looking forward to next year's competition already. I sat with our Akela and Baggy whilst the judging was taking place and jotted down a few ideas for craft items to make. Please all do the same so that Handcraft 2009 will see some new and exciting exhibits.

Don't forget to take a look at the Beaver Forum for ideas and suggestions and do add some of your own.

**Honest Leigh**  
District Beaver Scout Leader

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Section A</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> B&D	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Section B</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D	19 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Colony Effort</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	4 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Beavers Overall</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D	19 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Beaver Leaders</b>	Julie Morley	Jan Kersey	Mary McLeod
<b>Section C</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> B&D	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Section D</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	10/18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	4 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Pack Effort</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	10/18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D
<b>Cubs Overall</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	6 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> B&D	10/18 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Cub Leaders</b>	Frances Askem	Paul Robinson	Cliff McLeod

# Beavering Away



Hi all. Can you believe that Easter is already upon us? It only seems like last week that we were getting over Christmas. The Beaver Scouts have been having a fun time throughout March. They have been making stuff for the Handcraft Competition, searching in a forest for golf balls at the Easter Egg Hunt, working hard on badges and lots more besides.



by making delicious smoothies.

Mandy, Ron and myself have been visiting a few of you now and I would like to say many thanks for making us feel so welcome. It's been great fun seeing all of

the Beavers in the district within their own environments. They've certainly been teaching me some new stuff. We haven't visited all of you yet but we'll be dropping by very soon.



My Beaver Scouts have had heaps of fun whilst working on their Healthy Eating Badge. We had a "best healthy sandwich" contest which saw them making some rather strange but interesting sandwiches. We also

Just a reminder to encourage your Beaver Scouts to submit a report to Darren for the Young Reporter of the Year Competition. I asked a few of you at the Egg Hunt to get your Beavers to write about their day, so please do this and send it in as soon as you can.

Well that's about it from me for now. Have a wonderful Easter all of you, go easy on those eggs!! See you all at St Georges Day parade. Take care and Happy Beavering,

held a taste challenge where they were given different fruits to taste whilst wearing blindfolds. That was very funny. They looked at and discussed not so healthy foods and completed the evening

**Honest Leigh  
District Beaver Scout Leader**

# Cub/Beaver Fun Day

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008. £13 for young people and £8 for leaders  
[www.fundays.org.uk](http://www.fundays.org.uk)

## D of E Award

Peter Banks has returned from illness and is now well enough to be out and about. Peter is keen to get Troops involved in the D of E Award and is willing to come down and speak to any Troop and give advice. He says that even though it is really for the 14+ Explorer age, he wants to keep the 13.5 year olds interested and start training them up.

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

## Archery Competition – 10/11 May – Gilwell Park

## County Football – 10 May – Chigwell Police Sports Ground

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

## What is your Troop doing?

Looks like this is going to be a long running problem. By the time of the last SL meeting I had only received information from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10/18<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Dave told me what the 7<sup>th</sup> had planned at the meeting and I was promised information from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to reading that as those two Troops tend to be quite active and come up with some interesting ideas (as have the other Troops mentioned above). The ideas are sent out to all the other SLs as and when I receive them, so get sharing in order to fill in your next Troop programme and save you and your Scouts a lot of head scratching! That only leaves the 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in 'event limbo'.

## Change of leadership

I will be stepping down as Acting ADC

and as DSL, with a changeover period handing the reins back to Richard over the next few months.

I would like to thank ALL the Scout Leaders for all their hard work. I really do appreciate all you do for the young people.

I know the pressures that are put upon us all and I admire you all for all the time, effort, expertise, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm you put into Scouting in B&D.

I only wish I could have done it without doing the nasty on Richard and dropping things back on him and doing a runner, sorry mate.

## Upcoming Events:

Pioneering Day 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Thrftwood

SL Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
8 p.m. at 17<sup>th</sup> B&D Wilmington Gardens

Year	Scouts
1993	163
1994	163
1995	158
1996	168
1997	157
1998	179
1999	170
2000	
2001	94
2002	100
2003	134
2004	127
2005	156
2006	162
2007	151
2008	142

It is interesting to note the long term trend in the numbers of Scouts in B&D.

**Darren Dowling  
Acting ADC Scouts**

(6<sup>th</sup>), Ayomide Alley (8<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Ferguson-White (8<sup>th</sup>) and Gemma and Daniel Bailey (9<sup>th</sup>). Thanks and well done to the Explorers, Sally-Ann Sindrey, Adam McLeod, Max Juffs and Sam Bale.

groups attending.

That's it from me, take care.

Chilly Akela Rosie  
ADC Cubs

Please remember I need to know if you are taking Cubs out and about and I would like your NAN form 3 weeks before you go to camp. If you are camping with another group or groups a NAN form should be completed by each group, however I will allow the camp leader to complete one NAN form listing all the

#### Upcoming Events

27 April	St. George's Day Parade St. Alban's
12 May	CL Meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ, 8:15 p.m.

## SCOUT SHOUT

#### County Scout Chess

Congratulations to Martin Squirrel (6<sup>th</sup>), Daniel Bailey (9<sup>th</sup>) and Keenan Casey (4<sup>th</sup>), who insisted on playing on his birthday! They did an excellent job of representing our District at the County Chess. Martin came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in the individual competition and B&D came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District competition. Well done!

#### Incident Hike / Scout Rally

I have **CANCELLED** this event. There are a couple of reasons for this but one of the main ones is that not a single Troop (apart from when I talked to myself, which I do a lot) got back to me to let me know if they were going. I had been asking this for 5 months and across 2 SL Meetings. Richard noted at the meeting that it was important that Troops communicate effectively with the District team and events like this take an incredible amount of planning and it wasn't fair for some people to do a lot of hard work

and then find the turnout to be disappointing. Hopefully the Incident Hike will take place later in the year.

Richard said he will be dropping the Scout Rally from the calendar in future.

#### Maurice Pass Pioneering - 12<sup>th</sup> April

Everyone should have had the information booklet on this by now. Please take note of the details in the booklet and bring as much equipment as you can yourself. Ensure your Scouts complete and hand in a one day activity form.

#### Scouting Challenge - 10<sup>th</sup> May

Please note the deadline for handing in your challenge records and reports.

#### Climbing Wall Courses

Details are available at:

[www.gln-scouts.org.uk/activities/activities\\_climbing.html](http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/activities/activities_climbing.html)



## NEWHAM & BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT DISTRICTS TRAINING

3 Modules in 1!

Module 5 - FUNDAMENTALS OF SCOUTING



Module 6 - CHANGES IN SCOUTING



Module 7 - DIVERSITY IN SCOUTING

**Sunday 20th April 2008**

Gladstone Hall, Evesham Road  
Stratford, E15  
(HQ of 11th Newham West)

OR

**Sunday 6th July 2008**

Scout Hut, Wilmington Gardens,  
Barking IG11  
(HQ of 17th Barking & Dagenham)

10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m. Both days

Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.

Bookings to:

[dc@newhamscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@newhamscouts.org.uk) or  
[adclt@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk](mailto:adclt@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk)

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# District Resources

## **District Directory & Minutes**

Details of how to obtain the directory online and minutes of sectional meetings can be obtained by emailing the webmaster:

webmaster@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

## **Nights Away/One Day Activity Forms**

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

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

## **Out and About**

A guide to places to see and things to do, within reach of our District:

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

## **Jack Petchey**

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

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

## **Risk Assessment Form**

A sample Risk Assessment form can be found at:

[www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/resource\\_forms.html](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/resource_forms.html)

[www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/incidenthike/2005/](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/incidenthike/2005/)

## **Forums**

These forums are an excellent source of information and a good place to chat with other leaders and swap ideas. Why not sign up today at:

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

## **Event Attendance & Records**

A record of groups who attended and 'won' events can be found detailed at:

[www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/event\\_index.html](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/event_index.html)

# Scouting

Apex Challenge	10 - 11 May	<a href="http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk/">http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk/</a>
Malvern Challenge	27 - 29 June	<a href="http://www.sr-mc.org/">http://www.sr-mc.org/</a>
Sun Run	4 - 6 July	<a href="http://www.sr-mc.org/">http://www.sr-mc.org/</a>
Essex Jamboree	26 Jul - 2 Aug	<a href="http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree2008/">http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree2008/</a>
Camp Downe	26 Jul - 4 Aug	<a href="http://www.campdowne.org.uk/">http://www.campdowne.org.uk/</a>
Poacher	26 Jul - 2 Aug	<a href="http://www.poacher.org.uk/">http://www.poacher.org.uk/</a>

# BEAVER BITS

Hello to all, we have just had the District Beaver Egg Hunt. There were 59 Beavers that went and they all got muddy and had a good time.

Our next District Beaver Leader Meeting is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the 9<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ at 8:30 p.m.

I hope all the Colonies have a football team of 7 (plus two subs) for the 7-a-side-Football at May & Bakers in Dagenham on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We will be starting at 9:30 a.m.

Then a week later on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June we have a trip to Walton-on-Naze, pick up at 9 a.m., home about 6:30 p.m.

We will be having a District Beaver Sports Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Mayesbrook Arena, so Leaders please get your teams ready for this event.

Beaver Meetings for this year 2008:  
Tue. May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9<sup>th</sup> HQ, 8:30 pm  
Mon. Jul. 7<sup>th</sup> at 21<sup>st</sup> HQ, 8:15 pm  
Tue. Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9<sup>th</sup> HQ, 8:30 pm  
Tue. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 21<sup>st</sup> HQ, 8:15 pm

**Ron Pringle**  
**ADC Beavers**

P.S. I need all your Beaver numbers for the census by 12<sup>th</sup> April.

# CUB CHIT CHAT

Hi all you cubby people, hope you are all well. congratulations to the winners.

There were a number of events towards the end of February. First up was Founder's Day Service. Well done to everyone who attended. A few more Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers would have been nice. Thanks to Simon for a very good service and the 21<sup>st</sup> for refreshments.

Next up was the Handcraft Competition and I'm pleased to say every Group entered. Well done and thank you. Con-

We then went to the County Chess. Well done and thank you to David Nunn (9<sup>th</sup>) and Terence and David Seow (17<sup>th</sup>) who were the Districts representatives.

I was disappointed with the response for Cubs and Scouts to represent us at the County Swimming Gala. There were 65 Cubs and Scouts at the Fun Swim, all swimmers, but I only had 2 Cubs and 4 Scouts at the County Gala. Thanks to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks and well done to Emily Bradford (9<sup>th</sup>), Michael Jones