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## WOODSMOKE



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# Jill's Jottings

When I started thinking about writing this months jottings it suddenly occurred to me there will only be one more jottings before the Christmas edition, scary isn't it. Lots of events seem to have been taking place all over the district; this is great, keep up the good work. Unfortunately the DC Explorer Challenge had to be postponed until the spring for a few reasons.

The District Quiz had a good turnout from a few groups and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who went. The winning team came from the school I work in, they had a great night and have booked for next year. The 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> were the winning Scout Group beating the 8<sup>th</sup> by a couple of points. Congratulations to them.

This was the same weekend as the District Beaver sleepover and the 8<sup>th</sup>'s 80<sup>th</sup> celebration. Both these occasions went well.

The following weekend found the District team at Veronica and Chris's house for our Away Day. This is where we work on the development plan, update ourselves on Group positions and plan next years calendar to enable it to

be printed and out to you in time for Christmas. A long day but well worth it.

The next event was the sponsored walk. This was supported by 8<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and Explorers. It was a shame more didn't turn up but those that did enjoyed themselves and raised a good amount of money for the District and their Groups. The weather was kind to us and it was quite relaxing sitting outside Jubilee House in the warm autumn sunshine. Just the sound of Cubs to disturb us, you can't have it all can you.

Keep up the good work.

### District Charity

Sue Beerling suggested that perhaps we could use the Teenage Cancer Trust as our charity for the year. This was put before the Executive and discussed at the Away Day and agreed upon.

I have been in touch with them and they are pleased we have chosen to support them. They can send speakers to Groups if anyone wishes. The trust has specialist units set up in hospitals which resemble five star hotels. Not at

all what you would imagine for a cancer ward. Do look them up on their website to find out more. Over the past couple of years the number of Groups supporting the non-uniform night in aid of the charity has dwindled, please think of a one night fundraiser for your Group and send the money to Roger for the charity.



### Jack Petchey

Thank you to all the Groups who have submitted their forms with no nagging - this must be a first! Remember the following Groups have to have theirs in by May: 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, Network, Explorers, 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have them ready now, send them in. I already have the 17<sup>th</sup>s so think about it. I hope the youngsters going to the presentation enjoy the evening and don't forget NO JEANS, shirts tucked in and iron your scarf!

### Flexible scouting

For some time now a more flexible approach to leadership has been encouraged, sometimes even running two sections with and overlap to utilise leaders better. Recently the 8<sup>th</sup> had a problem, Marc, our Scout leader, had gone to university and this left us with no leader. We were approached by a Scout's sister who showed an interest but obviously needed some experience. At the AGM I made a plea and this time some ears weren't deaf and I got a result. Some of you will remember Richard Munns, he was a leader in the 8<sup>th</sup> many years ago until work pressures took him away, he was at the AGM and decided

that a rescue package needed to be launched and so it has. We now have a rota and he roped in Brian Taverner, again a past leader. They provide the experience and Katy and Peter (one of our Dads)

are there helping and training at the same time. I know this is early days and we will have some hiccups along the way but if you are in the same boat don't bail out, think outside of the box and see what can be done. I was extremely pleased to be able to invest Katy and welcome Richard and Brian back into the group last Tuesday.

### Health Update

I am pleased to say Shelley is now back home recuperating after her recent operation. She is threatening to come to the Spooky Campfire but hopefully will stay in the warm away from all the germs and damp air. Take it easy Shelley and enjoy the rest.

I am sorry to tell you that Nikki's cancer has returned in different places. She is again having treatment and I ask that you remember Nikki, Richard and Thomas in your prayers.

### Carols at Thriftwood

Bill is holding Carols at Thriftwood starting at 3:00 by the Campfire. Refreshments will be on sale before and after the singing. Sounds like a good time to be had.

**Jill May**  
District Commissioner

# Upcoming Events

November			
3	CL Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ	
4	Chief Scout Awards	Gilwell	<a href="http://www.gline-scouts.org.uk/awards/">www.gline-scouts.org.uk/awards/</a>
5	Module 3		
6	SL Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ	
8	Beaver Connect 4		<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/connect4/">www.badscouts.org.uk/connect4/</a>
13	Big Four Meeting		
13	Jack Petchey Scout Awards		<a href="http://www.gline-scouts.org.uk/awards/">www.gline-scouts.org.uk/awards/</a>
15	Jungle Rally	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/junglerally/">www.badscouts.org.uk/junglerally/</a>
16	Thriftwood Memorial Service	Thriftwood	<a href="http://www.thriftwood.org.uk">www.thriftwood.org.uk</a>
18	Appointments	Salvation Army	
20	District Executive Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ	
21	Bowling Competition		
22	County Fellowship Quiz		
23	Kidspace	Kidspace	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/kidspace/">www.badscouts.org.uk/kidspace/</a>
23	First Response		
December			
6	Cyclo Cross	Crow Camp	<a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/cyclocross/">www.badscouts.org.uk/cyclocross/</a>
	Carol Service		
+lots more! Check out <a href="http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar/">http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar/</a>			

### Cyclo Cross - 6<sup>th</sup> December - Crow Camp

Please be aware of the deadline for transport details.

Further details at: <http://www.badscouts.org.uk/cyclocross/>

### Jungle Rally - 15<sup>th</sup> November - 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ

Full details of all the bases and an information booklet can be found on the website

Further details at: <http://www.badscouts.org.uk/junglerally/>

# Scouts Reunite



11<sup>th</sup> Dagenham Senior Scout Reunion  
Moby Dick  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2008

A memorable evening was spent on the 30<sup>th</sup> September when 8 former members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Dagenham Senior Scout Troop, with a couple of Scouting comrades, accompanied by their wives gathered together to honour their former Senior Scoutmaster, George Quin who was presented with a set of drafting pencils and a fountain pen. Three further days of nostalgia followed when several of the party went to down Tiverton, where George now lives and burnt the midnight oil reminiscing.

George produced a souvenir booklet detailing the events of 'Operation Overidge' when in 1949, he and four of the Scouts did a trek in the Lake District where they explored the area and walked along Striding Ridge. Enclosed were details of each section of the trip with the meticulous planning and allocation of duties and of course photographs. It is a pity Digital cameras



Harry Reed making his presentation speech to George



Jim Savill (from New Zealand)

were not available then, only less vivid black and white photos.

During the speeches it was made plain that the very successful Troop owed much to their training and guidance by George for their success in later life and all owed a great debt to him. Although at the time they had no knowledge of the trials and tribulations he was encountering in his life getting settled into a career subsequent to his demobilisation as a Marine Commando during the Second World War. (His detailed draft of the day-to-day events during this time makes enthralling reading – a significant historical document.)

It was perhaps his experiences during the conflict which enabled George to use his common sense in becoming a very successful Scout Leader. The 'Gang' were encouraged to use their initiative in surviving the various 'tasks' set by him all of which to this day are etched in their memories. As both he and the Scouts were brought up in Dagenham and had few luxuries which today are taken for granted, he used his ingenuity to build a 'Den' in his parents' garden from an

old Anderson Shelter and wood obtained second hand. It was to this haven that the 'Gang' would go to discuss and plan their next adventure, provided with refreshments by his mother!

He was with the Troop from 1946 until 1951 when he left having been appointed by Scouting HQ as Bailiff of the Broadstone Warren Scout Camp, East Grinstead, Sussex where he was provided with a cottage where he began his married life and where his children were born. Most of the Scouts then entered National Service in all the three sections of the Services whilst one of them being deemed unsuitable on account of his eyesight joined the Home Guard.

All of the Scouts had successful careers both here and one in New Zealand, and without exception they felt that George had contributed a great deal to this. They had left school at fourteen and he gave them the confidence that they could achieve anything as long as they 'gave it a go!' A resourceful, gentle gentleman, a veritable Scouting Mr Chips!



**Left to right standing** - Jim Savill, Brian Lynskey, Joyce Scott, Bill Radley, Chas. Francis, Harry Reed, Shirley Reed, Heather Rowles, Fay Savill.

**Left to right seated** - Ernie Scott, George Quin, Dave Rowles, Sheila Lynskey, Enid Pennington, and John Pennington.

**Sheila Lynskey**

best bacon and egg.

The Cub Quiz took place on Saturday evening with four teams, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and the 37<sup>th</sup> (a combined team of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10/18<sup>th</sup>). Well done to everyone and congrats to the 37<sup>th</sup> who came first. The results were very close, just 1½ points between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and ½ a point between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The 37<sup>th</sup> will now represent the District at the County Quiz in November.

*(photos overleaf)*

I hope to see you all at the Jungle Rally on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ, 9 for 9:30 a.m. start.

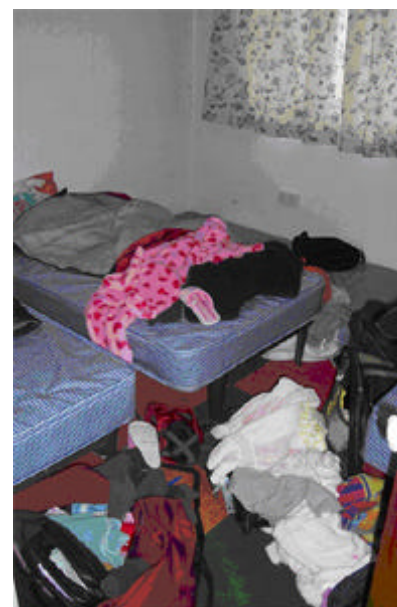
That's it from me

See you soon

**Chilly Akela Rosie  
ADC Cubs**

Position	Group	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	37 <sup>th</sup> B&D	65½
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> B&D	65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D	63½
4 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	52

## Visiting Sixer's Camp



When visiting Sixer's Camp last Saturday, while marking off the laps on the Sponsored Walk, I happened to look into one of the dormitories in Jubilee Lodge. This is what I saw!

As they had only been there one night, it looks like they are training to be teenagers!

**Steve May  
Akela (8<sup>th</sup> Barking & Dagenham)**

## Training & Appointments

### **First Response**

The next proposed date is: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ  
Places are still available. Please check as there are many leaders who will need their 3 year refresher and may be going on winter camps.

### **Module 3**

5<sup>th</sup> November (proposed)

**Chris Poole  
ADC (Leader Training)**

# BEAVER BITS

We just had the Beaver Sleepover at Wat Tyler Park, Pitsea with 7 leaders and 26 Beavers. I think they had a very good weekend. On Saturday we went for a long walk and we all got the little train back. In the evening we had the rangers talk to all of the Beavers about the wildlife at Wat Tyler, then we all went on a walk at night to see lot of rabbits. We also visited the old cottage and the shop to spend their money. On Sunday we all went to the pottery and panted a little ceramic figure to take home, some of the Beavers liked it so much they wanted to stay

there for a week.

Our next District event will be the Connect-4-Competition at the 21<sup>st</sup> B&D on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and the last event this year will be the Christmas Party at Kidspage, Romford on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November but I hope to see you all at our last District Beaver Meeting this year on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 21<sup>st</sup> B&D, 8:15 p.m.

**Ron Pringle  
ADC Beavers**

## CUB CHIT CHAT

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

Wow! Since the last issue, I have not been up to much, District Beaver Sleepover, planning next year's calendar with the District team, Thriftwood shop, Sixer's and Seconder's Camp, District Quiz and a visit from my sister who lives in Wales. There you go, not much.

I really enjoyed Beaver Sleepover because I was only the cook, T.Bag was the Chef and the kids, well they were not my responsibility so I had plenty of free time.

I had a busy weekend whilst my sister

was staying at my house. It was like Piccadilly Circus with all the comings and goings of family and friends. I am glad my fridge and cupboards always have a few essentials like bacon, egg and beans cause my brothers and nephews more often than not want feeding.

I would like to thank the nineteen Sixers and Seconders from five Groups that attended the camp at the weekend (17-19<sup>th</sup> October), also Baloo (4<sup>th</sup>) and T Bag (9<sup>th</sup>) for their help and company and for making the camp very enjoyable. The Cubs cooked their own breakfast of bacon and egg and part of their dinner on Saturday. One Cub was heard to remark that this was the best camp I've been to and the

# Get me out of here

The 19<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> all went to Thriftwood in August for "I'm a Scout, Get Me Out of Here!". It was fun and exciting because it was something different.

We had six activities to do and they were climbing, tobogganing, rifle shooting and orienteering etc. But they were fun, especially rifle shooting and tobogganing.

We had nice lovely food to eat because for breakfast we had cereal cooked breakfast. For dinner we had sausages, spaghetti bolognese, barbeque and curry. They all were lovely because we cooked them ourselves.

We had campfires and one of the nights we had to put on a play which was fun because we had something to do. It had to include a short play, two

I went to a camp in Thriftwood on the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. It was fun because we were split into 2 groups, one of them was called Snake Pit and the Croc Rock.

The first day we were there we had to make our campsite by getting rid of all the leaves, twigs and mud. After we done our campsite we got set on our dining area, it took days. So we had to use the other team's eating area. Some of the activities we did was wall

jokes and a couple of camp songs.

One of the days we had a water activity day and we all got soaked, even our leaders. But we smelt after because the water smelt.

It wouldn't have been a Scout camp without our leaders Baloo (Scott), Woody (Rick), King Louie (Don) and Hathi (Wendy). So a big thank you to them.

The king was Lucas and the queen was Katia. We voted on Friday night instead of voting each day. And we found out who was king and queen on Saturday morning.

Thank you.

**Lucas Dobson  
Scout (19<sup>th</sup> B&D)**

climbing, bob sleighing and water activities. Near the end of the camp we had to vote a king and queen. Cameron became prince and Katy and Charlie became princesses. The king was Lucas and Katia was queen. At the end of the camp Katia was carried out on a chair with wood on both sides made by Declan.

**George Barne  
Scout (10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)**

# HMS Belfast

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September the 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> went to stay on HMS Belfast for one night. We slept on the bunks that the sailors used during the war. We went to get KFC and bought it back to the ship and ate it while we watched Mr Bean's Holiday. I was very creepy sleeping on the ship as of the smell and noises the ship made. King Louie came and frightened all the girls during the night. The next day we had a nice breakfast. After we had an educational talk

The Scouts went on the HMS Belfast for one night. HMS Belfast was also a war ship and we slept on the beds that the men slept on. On the HMS Belfast we watched a DVD of Mr Bean's Holiday and George brought some cheesy balls in an George, Chloe, Cameron and me (Stephanie) ate all of them! All the girls on the HMS Belfast ate KFC whilst we were in bed and drunk out of a big bottle. There was lots of dummies and they scared me (Stephanie) and Chloe. The boat stunk



which was very interesting and Chloe and Andrew dressed up as sailors. We all got put into groups and walked around the ship. We saw the gun turrets and the engine room. The manikins were very freaky. For lunch we went to McDonalds, we went back to the ship, had our last look around and then went home. I really enjoyed the 2 days and cant wait to go again.

**Harry Peters  
Scout  
(10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)**

a lot from the heating. Whilst we were in bed Emily had a spider in her bed and she shouted "King Lo! King Lo!".

It was so funny. I was also scared because I'm terrified of spiders and I hate them! The leaders and Chloe and Andrew had to dress up as people that were on the ship in the World War 2. The clothes were massive on them.

**Stephanie Palfreman  
Scout (10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)**



12 months.

The Adult Training section of the County Website has been updated, with dates for next year, a County Training Newsletter, new application form and other information. Please check it out at:

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

Adult Training is everyone's responsibility, from the new adult who signed up as a leader to the managers in Scouting GSLs, DCs, LTMs, CTMs. Over the next 12 months as a County we will be focusing a lot of time and resources into establishing structures and processes so that Adult Training is working how it should be, whilst at the same time beginning to raise the profile and awareness of Adult Training!

Finally can I thank Jill for inviting me to your AGM this year and I look forward to working with Chris, Jill and all the Training Advisers to de-

velop Adult Training in Barking and Dagenham!

**Paul Fix  
County Training Manager**

# Adult Training

Adult Training...the words seem to be said a lot in Scouting but what is Adult Training and how does it work?

Adult Training is the Scout Association's way to ensure that all young people experience good quality Scouting. This requires each adult in Scouting to demonstrate a range of knowledge, skills and attitudes that are relevant to their Scouting role. Adult Training is the training provided for adults to gain these!

There still seems to be some confusion about Adult Training and how it works. There are 37 modules within the Adult Training Scheme, but only certain ones apply to certain roles. For example, as a Section Leader (or assistant) the applicable Modules are 1-3 and 5-19. These modules can be delivered by way of a variety of different methods including courses, workbooks, videos, e-learning and 1-2-1 with a Trainer. However not all are available by all the methods. For example First Response can only be done by attending a course. Each Module comes in two parts, the 'learning' and the 'validation'. If you attend the Nights Away Course for Module 16, that counts as the learning part of the module but you then need to put the skills into practice within Scouting, once those skills are seen by a Training Adviser that completes the validation part. This is where Training Advisers come in, they will meet with adults needing to do their training, draw up a Personal Learning Plan with them,

help them work out what modules they need to do and advise what needs to be done to validate modules. Once all the required Modules for a role are validated then they will recommend to the LTM/CTM that a Wood Badge be awarded.

For the 'learning' part of a module it takes into account 'prior learning' so for example if you are a teacher then you will probably know all about "young people today" so would only need to do the validation part of the module. Likewise if you work with a team of adults you may only need to do the validation part of that module. There are no fixed rules about prior learning/knowledge and every leader will be different. Your Training Adviser will be there to help work all this out!

At the start of the year the County decided to increase our support to Districts for training in that each District would have its own Local Training Manager (LTM). Chris Poole was appointed LTM for Barking & Dagenham as of 1<sup>st</sup> August (the same date I was appointed as CTM!). I am meeting with Chris in the next few weeks where I will be giving him a folder of resources that should help him with his role. One of the key parts of the LTM role is to support and line manage Training Advisers and to make sure that all new Adults have the chance to meet with one. This is one of the most challenging areas and the Training Team and I will be supporting LTMs with this over the next

# Wellgate Farm

On 16/17 August 2008 we went to Wellgate Farm. As we got there we were amazed at what we saw as the Scouts only thought it was a little farm. We settled down and unpacked our stuff, after, 10/18<sup>th</sup> set off to work but before we could start obviously we had to know where everything was!

Liz and Donna, our instructors, showed us around. There were rabbits, sheep, ponies and much more. During our working day we had lunch. There was also a tuck shop to visit. Just as we



settled down into our sleeping bags, tired and bored, King Louie kept throwing his smelly socks at us.

The next morning, when we woke up, the Scouts had breakfast then packed our belongings, saw the animals one last time, being able to cuddle the rabbits. Flopsy, my rabbit, was cute. I had great fun plus I wish to back there!

**Francesca Breens**  
Scout (10/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)

# County Challenge

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October five of us Cubs went to a County Cub Scout Challenge. There were 6 Groups. It was a lovely sunny day. We had to do a lot of challenges, some of which we never done before.

We did making a flag pole, tent peg-

ging, healthy eating, history of Scouting, compass and first aid.

We all tried our best and done well in them. We came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 6 Groups.

**Cemone Collins**  
Cub (10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> B&D)

# Christmas Party



8<sup>th</sup> B&D Christmas Party and Disco  
6<sup>th</sup> December  
7:30 -10:30

£10 for a family of four or £4 per person.  
Please bring your own food and non alcoholic drink

Santa will be in attendance with presents for the youngsters

Book your tickets with Eileen Symonds:



# County Calendar

The County Calendar for 2009 is now available for download. The calendar contains all the important events in 2009 including meetings, awards and selected national events. It also includes a complete diary of training courses.



The events are also available in the online calendar, which will hold updates and changes to the printed calendar.

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

**Darren Dowling**  
County Webmaster

[www.gln-e-scouts.org.uk/downloads/download\\_county\\_calendar\\_2009.pdf](http://www.gln-e-scouts.org.uk/downloads/download_county_calendar_2009.pdf)

# All Aboard!

We met up at Barking station (the 19<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>). There was just over 30 us making the trip to HMS Belfast. Upon arrival we were shown to the bunk rooms to stow our kit, then it was off to KFC for dinner. Once back on board everyone got ready for bed and settled down to watch a DVD (Mr Bean) until lights out. I think the chatting finally stopped around 1 or 2 am. On Saturday we all had to get up nice and early for breakfast in the ships galley, then store our kit before going to the education room for a chat & a film

on the history of the ship. We then split up in to smaller groups to explore the ship. Everyone enjoyed looking round the ship, from the bridge to the engine room. We mustered on the deck at 1 pm to go for lunch then to the shop for some souvenirs, back on board one last look round then at around 4 pm it was time to leave for home. All in all every one had a fantastic time on board

**Graham Russ**  
GSL (19<sup>th</sup> B&D)

# Young Reporter

The closing date for the Young Reporter of the Year competition is:

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

This is so that the winning entry can be published in the December issue of Woodsmoke.

The young reporter with the article judged to be the most outstanding will win a prize of their choice from a small selection of Scouting goodies

So far we have had 31 reports from young people across the District (well from 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, Explorers and Network anyway).

My thanks to everyone who has contributed to Woodsmoke, both young people and those old'uns among you alike.

I look forward to reading what people in the District have got up to and what they have planned for the future, I am sure I am not alone in enjoying all the reports and comments that are sent in to the District Website and Woodsmoke.

So break out your typewriters and get reporting!

**Darren Dowling**  
Editor

straight and in line with each other. I couldn't believe how many people had perished in the war and there was still plenty more cemeteries around.

Next we drove to Sanctuary Wood and Hill 62. This was one of the highlights of the trip. We went in real German trenches which had been preserved from the war. They were full of mud and dirty water. We went through pitch black tunnels which were low and damp. As we went to walk back to the museum which was on site most of us jumped in a crater which was full of slimy mud. We were covered. We had a quick look in the museum which had different uniforms and collections in them. Inside the main building was a collection of exploded and unexploded shells.

After the trenches, we drove into Ypres town and visited St George's church. Everything was English and there were so many memorials. On every chair was a name plaque. We listened to Chiefs interesting background knowledge and carried on through Ypres.

We stopped at Peter de Groot's Belgian Chocolate Shop and loaded up with chocolate for our families and ourselves. It was really cheap and very nice. We then carried on through Ypres until we reached the Menin Gate. This was a massive stone gate full with soldiers names who's bodies hadn't been found. There were around 55 000 names on the walls. Only the names of lost soldiers were on the walls, soldiers who had been found afterwards had their names plastered over. At 8:00 every night, whether it be sunny, raining, snowing or even Christmas, the

town's officers close the gate and Menin road at a town ceremony. Our group appeared at the ceremony and the officers played the Last Post.



Before the ceremony we all got caught in the storm we were soaked from head to toe so we had to change. We then drove back to Calais and rode back on the Euro tunnel. It was another smooth journey. We arrived back in England and went home. It was a great trip and would definitely do it again.

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# Web Resources

Scouting Resources has a wealth of information available to leaders across all sections. I have recently added a shed load of Beaver programmes and some new flashcards, including recognising Cub badges and matching map symbols to photos of their real life equivalents.

[www.scoutingresources.org.uk](http://www.scoutingresources.org.uk)

If you have any information you would like to share with other leaders please contact me, I am sure I can find a space on the District, County or Scouting Resources websites.



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# POR Changes

The latest edition of Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) can be found at

[www.scouts.org.uk/por](http://www.scouts.org.uk/por)

There are several changes to the new version and these are listed in the amendments document

[www.scouts.org.uk/support\\_resource\\_view.php?support\\_resource\\_id=71](http://www.scouts.org.uk/support_resource_view.php?support_resource_id=71)

These include: Changes to the age flexibility for the Cub section, Accounts approval, new Occasional Helper form, clarification on when a CRB is required and rules for the new Appointment Process.

# Tour de France

On the 11<sup>th</sup> August some of the 16<sup>th</sup> B&D Scouts went on a two day trip to France and Belgium to visit some of the World War I sites and memorials. We had all worked together in the preparation, booking the Eurotunnel there and back, the hotel we would stay in overnight and the times to meet.

We had an early start leaving Chief's house at the crack of dawn. By 8:30 a.m. we were at Folkestone catching the Eurotunnel. We got through passport control ok and the journey on the train was quick and smooth. In half an hour we had arrived in France and headed south to a Canadian National Park with a war memorial.

We were relieved to finally get out of our cars. At first Chief gave some background information about the area and then we went to look at the memorial. One of the most interesting features of the area was the huge craters in which bombs had exploded. The memorial itself was huge with statues and was covered with thousands of names of people whose bodies had not been found in the Great War. After this we also paid a short visit to some replica trenches which had been made at the park.

Then we left the park and went on a short drive to a

town called Arras which was on the frontline during the war. We had a short



walk to a museum with underground caves where the soldiers used to work. It was cold and wet but we had an audio tour as well as a tour guide to make it even more enjoyable

We then moved on to the area of Lille,



where we were going to stay the night. We arrived at the E-Tap hotel, which we had booked back home, and checked in. We went to our rooms which had 3 Scouts or Explorers in each and unpacked. We all met in the reception and went for dinner. Dagger found a kebab shop, so we all went and got a kebab which was very nice. Afterwards, we had a walk through the town and back to the hotel.

Next morning, we left the hotel and drove towards Belgium. We stopped off at a 'Spar' supermarket to buy our lunch. We separated into groups and put money in the kitty. We had to make our own lunches with the stuff we bought. My group had a cheese and ham sandwich... nothing special. However we didn't tell the other group about our Swiss rolls!

As we drove on we found ourselves lost in the middle of Belgium. A couple of people showed us our directions and we were on our way.

We stopped off at a few memorials and the biggest memorial in Europe: Tyne-cot Cemetery. This was a fantastic experience, around 10 000 bodies and names were found in the grounds, all different soldiers from around the world from countries like; Egypt, Australia, India, Canada, New Zealand and Britain. Every tombstone was perfectly

