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Jill's Jottings

I can't believe we have been back at school 3 weeks as I write this, half term not that far away, that is the best part of working in a school, you are never that far from a holiday!

Since the last jottings I have shared in our granddaughter's first birthday party, it doesn't seem possible that she is a year old and very cheeky with it. She has Grandad exactly where she wants him!

Last weekend I was at Chigwell with 20 excited Beavers for a non sleepover, although to be honest we did get some sleep. Our theme was the great outdoors, the weather was great and we spent most of our time out doors. Hunting bugs, making bird boxes, matching colours, grass sledging, pedal carts and not to forget our 20 mile walk through the woods, well three miles actually, but we told the Beavers it was twenty miles. I think that may have been why they slept. I love Beaver sleepovers, the enthusiasm needs to be captured and bottled for the rest of us. One young lady Beaver had two fat slugs, three worms and a spider and beetle in her bug box, it looks revolting, I asked her what her mum would say if she

knew what she was doing, the answer was, " she would probably drag me back home". Thank goodness her mum didn't know.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the sponsored walk, lets hope the weather is kind to us and that you lots of money for your group.

Jack Petchey

Thank you to the 16th, Explorers and the 8th who have sent their forms to me. Come on the rest of you, I am sure you don't want to lose your money!

Sponsored Walk

Don't forget your sponsor forms have to be handed in at the Salvation Army, Morley Road entrance on Tuesday 7th October from 6:30. If they are not registered on that night the youngsters will not be able to walk.

Health Update

Shelley has asked me to share this with you. She was recently diagnosed with the early stages of breast cancer, this was obviously a great shock to her and her family. She will be missing from Explorers from now until she has had her op and then she will take one day at a

time and make a decision when she can return. I am sure you will remember Shelley and her family in your prayers and I will up date the news as I get it.

8th Barking and Dagenham

Congratulations to the 8th on their recent 80th celebrations, when the history was being researched it was interesting to find that the Salvation Army had taken them in when they were homeless during the war years, it seems fitting somehow that that is where they have now found a home again.

Happy Christmas

The 8th are resurrecting their Christmas Party Dance. It is to be held at the Salvation Army Hall in Morley Road, on Saturday 6th December. 7:30-10:30. Family

of four £10 or £4 per person. Please bring your own non-alcoholic drink glasses and food. We have booked Father Christmas. Please book your places from Eileen Symonds

Come along and join us it should be a good night.

Castle Green Open Day

Today Steve and I, joined by Alfie Ford, spent the day at Castle Green recruiting young people to Scouting. It was not as busy as we hoped but we still managed to collect some names and let people know we are around.

Jill May
District Commissioner

Training & Appointments

First Response

The next proposed date is: 23rd November 2008 at 17th 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

5th November (proposed)

Chris Poole
ADC (Leader Training)

Upcoming Events

October			
2	District Executive Meeting	17 th B&D HQ	
4	Away Day	Chris's	
4	Sussex Downsman Hike	Sussex	www.downsman.com/
4-5	Longmynd Hike	Longmynd	www.longmyndhike.org.uk/
11	Cub Scout Challenge	Hargreaves	www.gln-scouts.org.uk/cubs/
17-19	Sixer's Camp	Chigwell Row	www.badscouts.org.uk/sixerscamp/
17-19	Scout Rifle Championships	Bisley	www.scouts-shoot.org.uk/nsarc2k8
18	Cub Quiz	Chigwell Row	www.badscouts.org.uk/cubquiz/
21	CRB Checks	21 st B&D HQ	
26	County Fellowship Own		
28	EL Meeting		
28-31	Campbadx 08	Thriftwood	www.badscouts.org.uk/campbadx/
November			
3	CL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ	
4	Chief Scout Awards	Gilwell	
5	Module 3		
6	SL Meeting	17 th B&D HQ	
8	Beaver Connect 4		
13	Big Four Meeting		
13	Jack Petchey Scout Awards		
15	Jungle Rally	17 th B&D HQ	
16	Thriftwood Memorial Service	Thriftwood	
18	Appointments	Salvation Army	
20	District Executive Meeting	17 th B&D HQ	
21	Bowling Competition		
22	County Fellowship Quiz		
23	Kidspace	Kidspace	
23	First Response		
+lots more! Check out http://www.badscouts.org.uk/calendar/			

CUB CHIT CHAT

Hi all you Cubby people, I hope you are all well. Not much has happened in September in the Cub section, but I have been busy with the Beaver section.

I helped to run the Beavers at the 19th and I had a really good time. Thanks to the 19th for their warm welcome and hospitality. I then went to visit the Beavers from the 8th, 10/18th and 21st in camp. Again I had a good time and I thank them for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Census

This is a reminder that I need your Cub numbers for HQ before the 15th October and numbers for Sixer's Camp asap.

Cub Scout Challenge

Good luck to the 10/18th who are representing the District at the County Cub Challenge on 12th October.

That's it from me, see you at an event soon.

**Chilly Akela Rosie
ADC Cubs**

Akela's Antics

As I said, not been up to much at all this month, because I managed to escape the 9th's Survival Camp. I did visit them on the Saturday and they were all surviving ok, so I left them to it.

EXPLORING

Congratulations to Kris and Tracie on the birth of Ross. Plans for the BADx camp and Spooky Camp Fire are well under way. We have a few budding Tim Rice's as we are currently reworking song lyrics for them to fit in with the theme of the camp fire and we should have song sheets out by the end of the month. If your Beaver Colony wishes to join us around the fire get your booking forms in as soon as possible. I need to know how many are going to be there to make sure there are enough goody bags.

Most of the new Explorers have nearly completed their Module A so we will be allocating them to a Group in the near future. Those who are already working in Groups will be talking to you about the missions they have to complete. These involve things like planning several evenings activities, an outdoor event etc. There are four missions and completion of each gives the Young Leader a badge and

a step further to the Young Leaders Belt. This is awarded on completion of all the modules and the missions. Several Explorers have just received their Queen Scout Platinum Award (I will let you know their names next time) and we will be looking at starting the Duke of Edinburgh awards soon. Jamie Saunders has reached the age of responsibility and is about to start his adult leader training. Best of luck Jamie.

Finally I am due to undergo surgery on the 27th September and this will be followed by radiotherapy shortly afterwards. If you have any queries about Explorers please direct them to Pat or Kris. I will be around at events if and when I feel up to it. After all that has happened this year I have learnt that the best medicine is rest.

**Shelley Goodman
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader**

Surviving

The 9th Scouts and Explorers had a survival camp at Thriftwood from Friday 5th to 7th September.

They arrived (or crash landed) on the Friday and had to survive the weekend with nothing but the contents of a small survival tin, a knife, the clothes they stood up and the food (brought according to guidelines). They were allowed the luxury of a sleeping bag/bivvy bag and an old tin can for cooking.

From that point until 12:00 p.m. Sunday they were in a survival situation. They built a travois, a basket trap, water purifiers and collectors, shelters from natural or scavenge material (the only non survival addition being a small groundsheet for each shelter due to the weather) and multiple gadgets for their pit fires. They learned how to signal for a rescue, how to make a compass and a wide variety of cooking techniques without the use of any utensils or tools but what they had in their survival tin.

They managed to survive the weekend with no problems, and they have a much better idea of what sort of items they want to pack in their survival tin for next time!

As it was, T and I survived on the bare minimum of food...we almost starved to death. For instance, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday we ONLY had to eat: bacon, eggs, mackerel, toast, turkey breast, steak, mushrooms and potatoes!

Lauren's Egg Recipe

1. Take one large potato and carefully cut out a hollow in the middle
2. Crack the egg into the hollow and place in the hot embers
3. Wait an hour
4. Re light the fire
5. Wait an hour
6. Move to the leaders fire
7. Wait half an hour
8. Take potato out of the fire
9. Remove egg and throw it away
10. Eat potato

9th Scouts Chicken Recipe

1. Wrap a whole chicken well in cabbage leaves
2. Place in hot embers
3. Wait an hour
4. Relight fire
5. Wait half an hour
6. Relight fire
7. Wait an hour
8. Get a leader to relight your fire
9. Wait an hour
10. Cry out in hunger
11. Wait a bit longer
12. Eat a chicken in the dark with your fingers, burning yourself in the process

David's Fish Recipe

1. Ask for a fish
2. Get a fish
3. Go ahhhhhh and refuse to even cut the head off, let alone gut and cook it.
4. Let someone else cook and eat it.

**Darren Dowling
Leader (9th B&D)**

Fellowship

Trip To Tiptree - Hand Bell Ringers

On the 13th September Pauline and Steve Wakeling had booked the Hand Bell Ringers to come to their house, so 11 of us left Barking in a minivan which Malcolm and Sue had for us, still jet lagged from Denmark.

We went to the Jam Shop at Tiptree first as Auntie Rose wanted some jam.

Back into the minivan and off to Pauline and Steve's. It was a lovely day, they had a lovely house and a big garden, which get at least 4 tents in with breakfast?

The Hand Bell Ringers turned up and to our surprise they were all Guilders from Essex. After a short listen and sing-along some of us had a go.

Two Steves, Heather, Margaret and Pauline made beautiful music and they did not drop any clangers!

Steve Wakeling went down to the end of the garden and started to make smoke signals (new Scout trick), but no, it was our dinner cooking.

It was nice to talk to the Bell Ringers and have a lovely spread with Veronica on the teapot.

We did think of our DC with the Beaver Sleepover, burnt bacon in bread for her tea (missed you).

We said goodbye to Pauline and Steve and set off. Malcolm got us back safely to Barking before lights out.

Thank you to everybody who helped to make this a special day.

Barry Ledger
Scout Fellowship

Our next big meeting is at

Dagenham Bowl
Goresbrook
Friday 21st November
8 p.m.
Fellowship v Explorers
All are welcome

You should see our special weapon
arrive in his camper van (our Fred)

See you there

Beavering Away



Well...we're all back to school and work and are now gearing up to Christmas! Yep, I said Christmas because it really is only just around the corner.

The Beaver Scouts, as always, have got some new and exciting things to look forward to during the next few months.



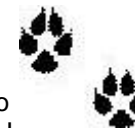
October is packed full of fun. We will be having a District Sponsored Walk on the 18th October at Chigwell Guide Campsite. Our Beavers are looking forward to this and have been practicing their walking. (So they tell me!)

We also have the Spooky Campfire to look forward to on Friday the 24th October. Those Explorers are enough to scare anyone! Only kidding guys, you know I love you. We have great fun.



The 9th B&D Beaver Scouts had a ball during September. We looked at track-

ing signs, which went down well. The Beavers made tracks around our meeting place which the leaders had to follow. Most hilarious. I think I only walked into a wall once!



We also had tremendous fun at our slumber party. The Beavers came along to the meeting in their PJs and brought along teddies and a pillow. We played lots of fun games and enjoyed treats. Healthy treats I might add. No marshmallows or sugar on this night.

We are hoping to put on some sort of concert at Christmas with our Beaver Scouts to help raise money for the group. If there are any budding choreographers, dress makers or choir masters out there your help will be much appreciated. We will keep you updated.

That's about it for now. Don't forget to let us know what you and your Beaver Scouts are up to.

Hope to see you all soon.

Keep Beavering Away!

Honest Leigh
District Beaver Scout Leader