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**Darren Dowling** is the Editor of Woodsmoke



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

# WOODSMOKE

## Umbrella Camp

Jill May (DC)



This shows you what an umbrella camp is! Seriously though we have now held our first Umbrella Camp. The idea is that Groups with rusty or inexperience leaders can camp with experienced leaders on standby in case they need help. They also gave feedback on the camp. We had the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>. All had a brilliant time in the glorious sun and all the leaders said how helpful it was. We have booked again for next year and aim to have every Cub and Scout

camping either with their Group or at the Umbrella Camp with other leaders if necessary next year. So think about it and encourage your assistant leaders to take the plunge. Thanks to Rose, Ken, and Steve who gave up their weekend to run it.

**“A decision had to be made on the safest thing to do for all concerned as we are responsible for the safety of everyone”**

Jill May on Football Competition

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www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/

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# CUB CHIT CHAT

## Camping Season

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

I am sorry the Football had to be cancelled. This was due to the weather and on the advice of the referees. I am trying to rearrange but this is proving difficult as dates May & Baker's can do, we can't. I will let you know if I can find a suitable date.

The camping season is upon us and can I remind you that I need the Nights Away Form, three weeks before you go otherwise you will not be going. Most camping permits are up for renewal this year and I will be looking at the NAN forms to see who has been using their permits. Therefore if you camp with other Groups I will require a NAN form from each Group and not as before where both Groups have gone on the same form.

The AGM season is also upon us and I been to both the District AGM and the County AGM. Well done and congratulations to all the recipients of awards and trophies at the District AGM. At the County AGM it was the District's turn to do the food and car parking duties. Well done and thanks to all the adults for a brilliant buffet. Special thanks go to the four Explorers and two Scouts who did an excellent job of controlling parking. They were Amy Oxley, Sally-Ann Sindrey, Jason Morris, Daniel Warrington, Danny Oxley

**Rosemary Oakwell** is the ADC (*Cubs*)



and Sean Morris.

The Umbrella Camp was great for me as I had no Cubs or Scouts camping so I just watched the others and sat in the sun. Well done to the four Groups that came for the weekend 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10/18<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The leaders all did very well in keeping the Cubs and Scouts happy. I did have to do a bit of work at this camp as I invested Lyn Browning as ACSL in the 10/18<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see you all at Sports Day, weather permitting, 27<sup>th</sup> June, Mayesbrook Arena, 9:30 for 10:00 a.m. start.

That's it from me, take care

Chilly Akela Rosie

ever taught him how to wring out the inside of the wine box to get out the last bit of wine. I don't know what they teach youngsters nowadays! Seriously though a big thank you to Pauline for coordinating the buffet and sorry Ken we are not going back to a cup of tea and a biccie!

### County AGM

A big thank you to all of the helpers at the County AGM. You did B&D proud and you should be proud of yourselves. It won't be our turn for many years but the Jack Petchey evening must be looming sometime! Thanks again.

### Balloon Race

Please do support the Balloon Race both within your Groups and at the Town Show. I have taken on board the comments made at the Beaver Leader meeting concerning the sale of balloons, but the funny thing is Danny from the 21<sup>st</sup> and the young Squirrel didn't have any problems at all, so perhaps it's the way people are doing it. They will not come to you, you have to approach them. This is our biggest fundraiser and it does keep your census fees down if it is a success. Can all your group monies be delivered to the **Salvation Army Hall MORLEY RD ENTRANCE**, between 6:30 and 8:30 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Any not received or given to out treasurer will **NOT** receive their rebate.

### Recruitment

I have had quite a few joining enquiries from Gilwell in the last few weeks. I am contacting them first and if they are

emails forwarding them to you to follow up or if its phone calls giving them your details please follow up quickly and pass them back to me if you are full. **DO NOT** put on a waiting list, **NO** Group should have a waiting list with young people old enough to join on it. Thanks to Veronica all schools have now had the recruitment leaflets. Can you please ask people when they arrive off the streets where they heard about you? This will help us gauge whether it was worth spending a fortune on. Thanks. A very big thank you to Veronica, who counted all the leaflets, banded them up and delivered to schools. Thanks also to the people who took them into the schools they work in.

### Long Service Awards

Congratulations to all the people who have received their long service awards recently. Many young people have benefited from your help and support.

# Barking and Dagenham District Scouts

invite you to our

## District Quiz Night

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009

7:30 p.m.

Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club  
£3 per person

Bring your own food but drinks must be purchased at the bar. There will be a raffle. It would be nice to see some more Groups taking part. Why not see if you can get a team (max. 8 people) and come along for a good laugh. Please contact me if you are going to attend. We need some idea of numbers for printing and the football club also needs to know to determine how many bar staff are required.

**R.S.V.P.**  
**Pauline Wakeling**

ward to it. Please encourage your 13 year old Scouts to attend as it helps make moving on less daunting and the feedback from previous camps has been good.

### **AND FINALLY**

We are currently reviewing how we run Young Leaders and so there will be some changes about to happen. Please watch out for them.

There has been a recent change from HQ about outsiders doing their community part of the DofE with Scout Groups. If you are approached by a

young person wishing to help out in any section they should be referred to us. They have to complete Module A and a further two hours training before they can start helping. There is a school in the borough who does the Duke of Edinburgh as part of its curriculum and I know one leader has been approached already (ok my nephew asked Max at a family evening if he could help out in his Group).

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## Beaver Bits

### Sleepy Sleepover

Hi to all.

The Football was cancelled because of the rain as it was too dangerous to play on the slippery grass with just trainers. The District will try to get a new date before October.

### **District Beaver Sleepover**

Please complete and return all three coloured forms back to me, plus deposits, as soon as possible. We will be arranging a planning meeting soon to sort out roles, responsibilities, crafts, and activities based around the Pirate theme.

### **Contact Details**

Will all Beaver Leaders & helpers



**Ron Pringle** is the  
*ADC (Beavers)*

please give me all of your up to date details and emails so you all get the copies of Woodsmoke & our District Beaver meeting sheet.

### **Census Figures**

I will need all of your Census figures by the 10<sup>th</sup> July for Beaver boys & girls, in your Colony please. Telephone or email me.

### **BL Meeting**

The next Beaver Meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8:15 p.m. at the 11<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ.

# EXPLORING

Past, Present and Future

## PAST

Thanks to everyone for their support and kind thoughts over the past few months. My treatment has now finished, apart from regular checkups, and I am back working with the Explorers.

The Group were terribly disappointed when the Football was cancelled and are looking forward to the rearranged leader/Explorer match. It is difficult to know who to side with, but I feel that I should stick with the Explorers. It has nothing to do with the fact that they are always the same age, although the leaders now have Networkers able to play on their team, which does even things up a bit.

## PRESENT

Well done to Amy and Jason for winning Young Leader and Explorer of the Year. The Challenge Trophy wasn't presented as the competition hadn't been run this year but the next one is planned to start in September. It felt strange to receive a nomination for the Young Leader trophy from Max (who won it last year) who himself had been nominated for his work before he moved up. More Well Dones to Dan and Sally-Ann who have achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. There are several others well on their way to doing the same.

We were lucky enough to receive a

**Shelley Goodman** is an AESL



donation from the Showstoppers Team. Our Explorers (and 1 Networker) helped front of house during the recent performances and as a thank you the team split the raffle money between us and the Guides. We are now deciding how to spend it.

## FUTURE

We have 2 new leaders about to join the team, Mark and Ricky. Some of you may know them from their past involvement with Scouting. This will enable us to look at how we run Explorers/Young Leaders with hopefully some positive changes happening.

Ten Explorers will be going off to Gilwell 24 in July for 24 hours of fun. Three Networkers are joining them. Time has been set aside this weekend for Peter Duncan to hand over to Bear Grylls so it should be a good experience for all of them.

Also during July, thanks to some good organisation by Dan, a group of Explorers are going to doing their expedition part of their DofE, hiking and camping. We wish them luck and hope everything goes well.

Plans for the next BadX Camp are going well and everyone is looking for-

# B&D Beach

SD & Steve Wakeling

Dear All, I am pleased to announce that Barking and Dagenham this summer is going to have its **very own beach!** The beach will be installed initially in Barking Town Square for our new event celebrating The Olympics titled '**Countdown**' part of the **London 2012 Open Weekend on 25-26 July**. For more information call us or see the link below:

[www.lbbd.gov.uk/countdown](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/countdown)

So we can make best use of this exciting facility (our lovely beach) it will remain in the square **after the event until the 2 August**. We would like to encourage staff, local businesses, organisations, clubs, children's centre and summer schemes to use the beach for **volleyball sessions plus playtime, activities and games**. If anyone requires volleyball coaches we can put you in touch with a few local contacts. We have drawn up a rota, see attached and divided the day into four session's morning, lunch, afternoon and evening. **Please send me back an email with your date and time preference/s**.

Please read the information regarding the beach and our site rules which are not there to put you off but as I am sure you will understand we need to ensure the beach is used safely and

responsibly.

You can book a slot for **your group solely** or you could choose to run **sessions and activities open to the public**. There will be **no charge** for the use of the beach however we will require:

- Brief details regarding your booked session
- Quick risk assessment
- Proof of your public liability insurance (Council teams do not need to supply)
- Details on your first aid provision and your supervision arrangements for your session

The beach will then be **installed permanently into Mayesbrook Park**, so we hope to then develop more community and club use of this exciting facility which will be **one of only three beach volleyball courts in London!!!**

If you require further information then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Lynn Knowles.

## Sarah Willis

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# Water Activity Day

## DOCKLANDS COUNTY WATER ACTIVITY DAY Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009

The County have booked the Scouts Docklands Project Lord Amory in the East London Docks for a day of mixed water activities with a back drop of Canary Wharf.

### Who is eligible to attend?

The activities are open to Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and leaders and can be booked either as Groups, Districts or individuals if over 13 years of age. First come first served for places.

### Activities

The water sessions (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) comprise of rowing, dinghy sailing, kayaking and open canoeing. They will try to allow people to do a session of each

### When

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009 from 9:30 in the morning with activities starting at 10:00 and finishing at 4:30 in the afternoon with a break for lunch.

### Cost

The day of activities is **£16 per head** with full instruction and equipment pro-

vided, including buoyancy aids hats etc. Which for a days activity is exceptional value for money. But participants will need to bring 2 changes of clothing (one for the morning and one for the afternoon session) own packed, money for tuck shop where hot and cold drinks etc are available. There are also changing and shower facilities at the centre.

### How

Travel by own means of transport to Docklands address below.

### Where

HQTS Lord Amory  
Dollar Bay  
631 Manchester road  
London  
E14 3NU

and is easily found on Google, Multimap or even the A-Z. A map can also be found on the DSP website

[www.lordamory.org](http://www.lordamory.org)

### Booking

**To secure your place deposits of £8 should be sent to the undersigned no later than mid-September 2009**

If you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact either: - Andy Jones or Trevor Jones or Vince Turner.

**Andy Jones (GLNE ACC Activities)**  
**Trevor Jones (GLNE Water Adviser)**  
**Vince Turner (GLNE Water Adviser )**

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[www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/](http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/)

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# Scout Dance

Alan Dennison (County Chairman)

A reminder of our

## COUNTY SCOUT DANCE

on  
**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**  
at

**FORDS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

Off Aldborough Road South, Newbury

Park (Off A12 Eastern Avenue). Large car park/bar/large dance floor & dancing to:

### THE JIM FREEMAN SOUND

Ten piece band playing 40 – 60's music

**7:30 to 11:30 p.m.**

**£15 each (inc. buffet)**

(Available through your DC)

Open to every District. There is an initial quota of 12 tickets each. If you have any questions please phone Alan Dennison, the County Chairman

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[www.glnescouts.org.uk/events/](http://www.glnescouts.org.uk/events/)

# Training & Appointments

Prove who you are!

## Training Dates

All modules to be held at the 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens, Barking.

8 July (Wednesday) Module 25  
7:15 for 7:30  
Module for those considering becoming a TA

26 July (Sunday) Modules 5,6,7  
10 until 4  
Please bring your own packed lunch, refreshments provided

8 September (Wednesday) Module 1  
7:15 for 7:30

4 November (Wednesday) Module 3  
7:15 for 7:30

## First Response

12 July (Sunday) 10 to 4  
Please bring your own packed lunch, refreshments provided. **Only a couple of spaces left, please contact Jill if you wish to attend.**



**Chris Poole** is the Local Training Manager

## CRB Checks

CRBs need to be renewed every 3 years. Please check your CRB disclosure to ensure that it is not out of date.

Documents you need to bring with you for CRB:

- P45 or P60 for National Insurance Number
- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Driving License
- Marriage Certificate
- 2 x proof of residence (Bank statement, council tax, gas, electricity, water bill...in YOUR NAME)
- Any other proof of address

CRB dates are all held at 21<sup>st</sup> B&D HQ, Lodge Avenue, 8 to 9:

20 July  
19 Oct  
14 Dec

# Scouting in GLNE

## Norway 2010

24-31 July 2010

We have teamed up with Venture Abroad, a Scout Association approved specialist provider of adventure activity breaks with over 40 years experience, to bring you the opportunity to have your 2010 Summer Camp in Norway.

## Austria 2010

30 July - 8 August 2010

GLSE is organising an expedition abroad for the summer of 2010! It will be open to anyone over the age of 8 years old and will cater for everyone's needs, wants and skills!

[www.glne-scouts.org.uk/international](http://www.glne-scouts.org.uk/international)

## Chief Scout Awards

Please pass this on to sections leaders (people who are at the grass routes) that cards for Chief Scout Awards received after the 30<sup>th</sup> May will be included in the next presentation due to the fact that so many awards have been notified and we will not be able to deal with any more. If I receive a lot of 'not comings' I will send out invitations in the order they are received

# Take a hike

## Adult Pike View Hike

Bolton  
2nd - 4th October 2009  
[www.pikeviewhike.co.uk](http://www.pikeviewhike.co.uk)

## Apex Extreme

Ilkley Moor, West Yorkshire  
2nd - 4th October 2009  
[www.apexchallenge.co.uk](http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk)



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## District AGM

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Pauline Wakeling (ADC General Duties)

A big Thank You to all the Groups who answered the call to help provide food and drink for the evening. A pity one Group couldn't rise to the challenge, perhaps next year it'll be 100% ?

Thank you Chris and Veronica for all your help too.

Well done Explorers for running the "bar" even though the DC had to show some of you how to strain the last drops from a box of wine!

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## County AGM

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Pauline Wakeling (ADC General Duties)

This year it was Barking & Dagenham's turn to do the catering and the Fellowship did our District proud and turned out in force to help Steve and I.

Many thanks to Malcolm & Sue Beerling, Sylvia Dennison, Margaret Jennings. Barry & Marion Ledger Chris & Veronica Poole and Fred Rook. A special Thank You to Marion for doing lots of cooking and to Fred, who still makes a good cup of tea!

It was a pleasure to witness Gill & Steve receive their awards and also Bill & Mary Hindley. Congratulations one and all for awards greatly deserved.

Once again, thank you everyone for all you hard work.

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## St. George

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Chris Poole

I On behalf of many of the leaders in the District I would like to congratulate the Explorers who attended the St. George's Day Parade.

Not only were they very helpful and willing chair carriers, their attitude and behaviour was excellent.

Well Done!

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Graham Russ (11<sup>th</sup> B&D)

Hi, just a reminder that we have some other Group's union flag ( no markings on it ) and that our one is with a unknown Group ( we have 19<sup>th</sup> Barking marked on the flag and the pole )

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## Census

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Darren Dowling

A detailed analysis of Census figures going back nearly 10 years has been completed and is available online.

Each Group has its own sheet showing long term trends across all its sections, along with some simple notes to help you judge your strengths and weaknesses.

I would recommend reading the introductory set of notes that explains the figures and purpose of the analysis, along with ways in which you can help.

If you have any questions or can fill in any of the missing information please contact me.

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[www.badscouts.org.uk/census/](http://www.badscouts.org.uk/census/)