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

WOODSMOKE

SUPPORTING BETTER SCOUTING.



New Chief!

Scouting in the UK is more popular than ever, having gone through its fourth year of consecutive growth.

A new partnership of Bear Grylls, the tenth Chief Scout and Wayne Bulpitt, our first UK Chief Commissioner is in place to lead Scouting in the UK.

...full report inside

“Holding the flag high with pride”

See the poem inside

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Marathon report
6th B&D Birthday**

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

Deadline for July Issue: 20th June

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

For a change it seems ages since I had to think about my jottings. At last the weather seems to be improving; this will enable us all to get out and about. I have booked for my Beavers to meet with the wardens in Barking Park to do some pond dipping and mini beast hunting in a few weeks. I will let you know how it goes then you may think about a similar activity for your own Groups.

As you may remember way back in January I listed some New Year Resolutions, well I am still keeping to them, the weight is still coming off, slowly but shifting and this weekend I spent with some friends that I don't see as often as I should. We had a very enjoyable time taking in one of the London Walks with the London walk Company. If you have never tried them, it's worth a go.

Grace discovered our water feature when staying with us a couple of weekends ago, she can now clearly say the word "wet"!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our AGM.

B&D's got Talent

We spent a very enjoyable evening at Showstoppers and young Shaun Morris stole a few hearts, what a voice and good looking as well! Congratulations also to Nick, Jo, Michelle and not forgetting Mandy working behind the

Jill May is the District Commissioner



scenes.

Charter Mark

Well done to all the Groups who gained a Charter Mark this year, and I hope you enjoyed your evening. Barking and Dagenham celebrated in their normal quiet manner! Well we couldn't let Dean down could we! I hope to see even more groups there next year.

St. George's Day

On the Monday, after the parade, a parent came into my room at school and said what an amazing sight the parade was as she was looking down Grafton Road. It is comments like this that makes me very proud to be your Commissioner. Well done to each and everyone of you for encouraging a good turnout. Also a very BIG thank you to the District Team for allowing Steve and I a day of to go to Windsor. We had a very special time, something we will always remember, made a lot easier by having a great team we can trust.

District Secretary

As some of you know Pam has a new job which involves longer hours, because of this she has had to give up being our secretary. Some of you may have seen my begging letter in the Post. Well much to my surprise I got a

District Diary

Upcoming Events

| June | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | CRB Check Evening | 21 st B&D HQ | |
| 3 | Module 3 | 17 th B&D HQ | |
| 19 | ADCs Meeting | Bromhall Road | |
| 6 | District Football Competition | M&B Sports Ground | www.badscouts.org.uk/football/ |
| 10 | District AGM | St. Margaret's | www.badscouts.org.uk/districtagm/ |
| 13-14 | Umbrella Camp | TBA | |
| 13-14 | DC's Explorer Challenge | TBA | |
| 17 | County AGM | Sir James Hawkey | www.fundays.org.uk/ |
| 20-21 | National Cub Fun Days | Gilwell | justgiving.com/markbeerling/ |
| 27 | Sports Day | Mayesbrook Arena | www.badscouts.org.uk/sportsday/ |
| 29 | Network | 21 st B&D HQ | |
| July | | | |
| -2 | Showstoppers | Kenneth More | www.glne-scouts.org.uk/gangshow/ |
| 7 | SL Meeting | 17 th B&D HQ | |
| 11 | CL Meeting | 21 st B&D HQ | www.badscouts.org.uk/mauricepass/ |
| 17 | Water Activity Day | Docklands | www.glne-scouts.org.uk/activities/ |
| 18-19 | Chartermark Awards | Hargreaves | www.glne-scouts.org.uk/awards/ |
| 18 | Network | 21 st B&D HQ | |
| 19 | BL Meeting | 9 th B&D HQ | |
| 21 | District Executive | Salisbury Avenue | |
| 23-29 | Cubjam 2009 | Gilwell | www.cubjam.org.uk |
| 26 | Appointments | Salvation Army | |
| +lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/ | | | |

CUB CHIT CHAT

Why not join me at camp?

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

First I must apologise for missing the last issue of Woodsmoke but I had my mum in hospital so forgot about everything else.

Thanks to everyone who attended St. George's Day. The parade and service was very good. Thanks to the 6th for their hospitality afterwards.

Showstoppers was brilliant this year and our four representatives did the District proud.

There are lots of events coming up, Football, Sports Day, Umbrella Camp, so I hope to see you at one or all of these.

Rosemary Oakwell is the ADC (Cubs)



We have some places left for our Pack Holiday (15th-22nd August), Cost £120 (includes £10 pocket money). Please let your Cubs know and contact me if you have any that would like to attend and I will bring the forms to your Pack night.

Akela's Antics

I attended the 6th B&D's 80th birthday church service and refreshments. I really enjoyed myself. The members of the Group who took part in the service were very good so well done and thank you.

reply and Alec and I have met a young lady called Jane who, subject to CRB and appointment process has shown an interest in joining us. Please make yourself known to her at the AGM. I hope she will be with us for many years and enjoys her time in Scouting.

District Treasurer

Ray Purdy, who had been our treasurer many years ago has volunteered to step in for a short time. If anybody knows of someone who would like to know more about the job, please get in touch with either myself or Alec. In the meantime please send your end of year accounts to Alec straight after your AGM. Please do assist us by not having to be chased.

Thriftwood

A couple of weeks ago four DCs and the Thriftwood Management team met to interview a new member of staff. After a long day we finally recruited Alex Kerr as assistant centre manager to join Colin, Stuart and Vicky and Sarah. We hope that he enjoys his time at Thriftwood. I am sure those who camp there will soon meet up with him.

All Change

We have a couple of changes within the District. Wayne Rice, due to work commitments, has stood down as GSL and will be succeeded by Cathy Barnes. Both Richard and I have been supporting her and the Group and I am sure they will go from strength to strength. At the 21st Rob and Ann are hoping to move to pastures new so Rob stood down at the AGM to be suc-

ceeded by Rob Kicks. Rob Craig will be supporting him for the time being and hopefully they will be taking some GSL training soon. Good Luck to both of you.

Well Done

Well done to Mark Beerling on his marathon success. I am not sure of his total but I am sure it will be in this issue somewhere. Great work Mark.

District Charity

Pat has asked that any donations for Roger go to the Living the Dream charity, this is a charity that is raising money to assist local Olympic hopefuls. We thought as a fitting tribute to Roger we would choose this charity for our District Charity this year. That means that the collection money from Christmas, Founder's Day and St. George's Day all go to the Charity and also any money raised in non uniform week also goes towards it. I hope that you all agree to support this idea.

Barking and Dagenham District Scouts

invite you to our

District Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th June 2009

7:00 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. start

St. Margaret's Centre
Broadway, Barking
Next to St. Margaret's Church

Refreshments to be served
before the AGM

R.S.V.P.
Jane Lacey
secretary@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Beaver ing

Hello everyone – “June is busting out all over!” Oh alright, enough of that, I won't sing any longer. Wow, half way through the year already, scary really.

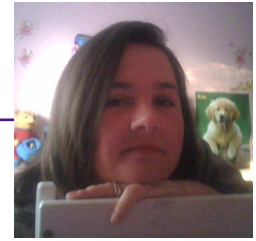
We've been on a healthy mission again this past month down at the 9th Beaver Scout Colony. The children made some very interesting sandwiches and took much delight in tucking into them at the end of it all.

One of our Beavers, little Liam, took ages preparing and creating his sandwich and then “munch!”, within two seconds he had devoured it.

We have been starting to put together some materials to go into a time capsule. The Beaver Scouts have so far drawn pictures of what it is like now in 2009. They chose to draw cars of today, McDonalds, clothes and what things they like to do at school. They really were intrigued to think that one day when perhaps their children or children's children are grown up the time capsule may be opened. They held a wonderful discussion about what should go in it so watch this space!



**Leigh
Bradford** is a
DBSL



We are really looking forward to a busy month ahead. June always seems to be packed out. Time to dust off those football shoes and also to look forward to a delicious buffet at the District AGM and limber up for sports day.

Just a reminder Beaver Leaders, like last year, please can you bring along some small wellies for the welly throwing contest at sports day. Many thanks.

That's about it for now. Have a wonderful time in scouting this month. Hope to see you all soon and please, please, please join me in writing in to Woodsmoke about what you are up to in your Colonies.

Happy Beaver ing Away!

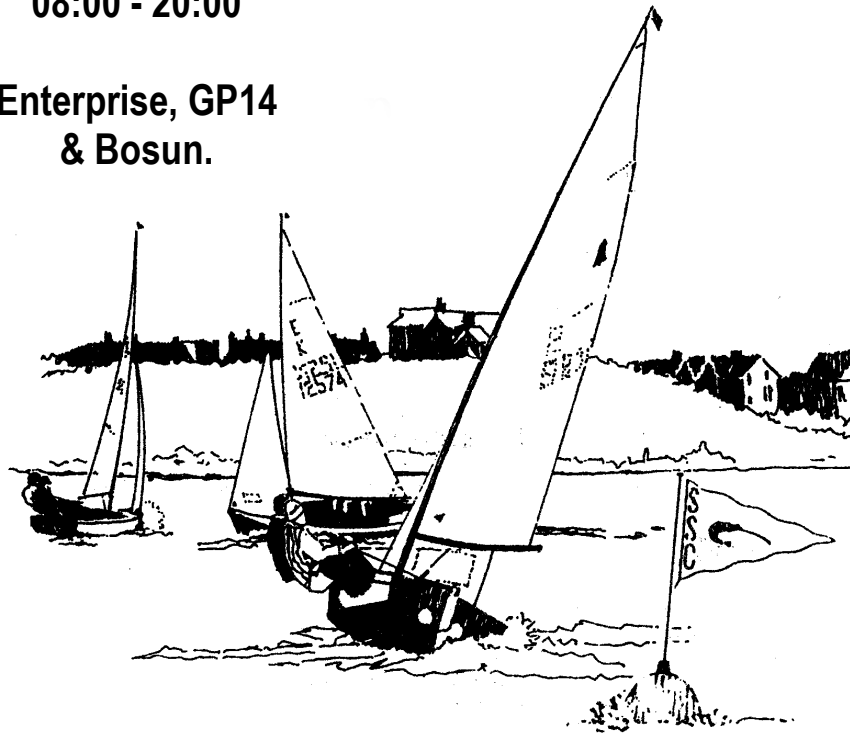
National Junior 12 Hour Race 2009

Southport Sailing Club

Saturday 27th June.

08:00 - 20:00

Enterprise, GP14
& Bosun.



For additional information view
www.southportsailingclub.org.uk
or e-mail
junior.12hourrace@virgin.net

Visit to Kenya

Pauline & Steve Wakeling

Recently Steve and I went to Kenya for 3 weeks. Despite me having acute gastro enteritis for most of the holiday, we still managed to enjoy ourselves! Apart from going on safari and seeing the animals in the wild, which was fantastic, we also had another reason for going. Last year many kind friends and relatives helped us to raise a phenomenal £3000 (instead of wedding presents) which went to an orphanage. This orphanage was 10 minutes drive from the hotel we were staying at, so it seemed an ideal opportunity to pay them a visit. We were greeted very warmly by all the children and made very welcome. We were shown all over the building and saw how the money we sent has been spent (the photo shows the building work so far). The £3000 has helped put a 2nd storey up and they are now waiting for someone else to raise more money so they can have a roof. We also took out rain capes, rulers, and sweets for every child. These items were donated by the 10th/18th group and their chairman, Mr. Graham Elliot. We took our Beaver mascot "B-P" with us and he is being held by one of the children in the group photo. Along with all these



goodies we took some letters of introduction from Cubs of the 10th/18th and the children at the orphanage wrote letters back- so we hope to set up a pen-pal connection between them and the 10th/18th and the 16th Cubs. We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who donated to such a much needed charity.

Water Activity Day

DOCKLANDS COUNTY WATER ACTIVITY DAY Sat. 10th 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 10th 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

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)

www.glnescouts.org.uk/activities/

Showstoppers

Shelley Goodman (Explorer Scout Leader)

From the opening notes of Robbie William's Let Me Entertain You (I was sure that the line "shake your arms" was something else) to the traditional finale of Crest Of A Wave / Gangshow Time, the Showstoppers Gang Show 2009 was pure entertainment. The cast made up of Scouts, Explorers, Networkers and leaders, Guides, Senior Guides and their leaders as well as all the backstage workers had worked hard since January rehearsing and preparing a gang show to remember.

This year's show featured musicals such as South Pacific, Barnum and High School Musical as well as medleys of songs entitled London, Dixie Land and Black and White. Scenarios between acts looked at Scouts falling out over a girl, how to get to the front of a queue at a bus stop and a telling tale of progress and its effect on the environment. The pantomime element was a skit on Bill and Ben which was brilliantly funny and well done and Rooks was a clever presentation of birds in a tree telling about life from their roost. The highlight for me (apart



from the bits with my girls in) was The Redbridge Ladies Male Voice Choir – every male member of the cast dressed in drag to perform in a set reminiscent of the Two Ronnies - very comical.

My only disappointment was that there was only four people from our district appearing (Sean Morris (4th), Michelle Swart (1st), Jo and Nic Goodman (Network)) when I am sure there are many others out there whom would not only get a lot out of it but would really enjoy themselves in doing so. Jason Morris couldn't appear this year due to the pressures of college work but did volunteer to help out front of house together with Explorers Dan Warrington, Sallyann Sindrey and Networker Max Juffs. Maybe next time there may be a few more involved!

6th B&D

Malcolm Beerling (6th B&D)

6th Barking and Dagenham (St. Mary's)
Scout Group 1929-2009

On 9th May 2009, the Group was 80 years old. As part of the celebrations, we held a fun day at Chigwell Row for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, with various activities going on all day. In the evening we had a barbeque and campfire to which all the parents were also invited. Everyone had a great day and went home happy (children) and exhausted (leaders and helpers!).

Then on Sunday 17th May, we held a church service to which former leaders and members of the group and district leaders were invited. We had displays

of old photographs, record books and other Scouting memorabilia and three birthday cakes! It was good to meet up again with former Scouters, some of whom we had not seen for 15 years or more.

The birthday cake was cut by Pam Brook, who was a leader with the Group for many years (she brought along a photo of her wedding in 1949 with Cubs and Scouts from the 6th as her guard of honour) and Ken Thompson (Mr T), ex-GSL of the 6th. The church was full and a good time was had by all with lots of chatter, many cups of tea being drank and all the cake being eaten.

The next part of our 80th birthday celebrations is a Group camp in August, which we are all looking forward to. Malcolm Beerling (GSL).

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

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 30th 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

Apex Extreme

Ilkley Moor, West Yorkshire

2nd - 4th October 2009

www.apexchallenge.co.uk



St. George's

Pauline Wakeling (ADC General Duties)

Firstly, thank you to everyone for such a good turn out. Every Group was represented. Well Done! His worship the Mayor and councillor Singh thoroughly enjoyed the service and asked me to pass on their best wishes to all the young people. The Boys Brigade band did an excellent job of parading and playing at the same time and kept everyone in step. They have said that they are happy to come again next year. As Jill and Steve were at Windsor I was asked to take the salute at the saluting base. I felt very privileged to see everyone going passed, and got lots of smiles too! However, it did occur to me that we now have many new GSLs. who do not know the etiquette for parades and have probably never been told the correct procedure- so perhaps the following will help.

Each group should be led by the GSL or most senior serving leader.

A gap should be left between each Group. This enables the GSL to call out the order "Eyes Left" (or Right depending on location that year). This order should be called loudly enough for the whole Group to hear.

At the saluting base there are "out markers", usually Explorers. When the GSL is level with the 1st marker the Eyes Left order is give. When the 2nd marker is reached the order "Eyes Front" is given.

All flag bearers and escorts remain

eyes front at all times. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers should Eyes Left & Front and ONLY LEADERS SALUTE. I hope this has helped clarify the matter. I was also asked to clear up some confusion some leaders had regarding wearing of pin badge medals. I have sought advice from Gilwell and the official ruling is that they should be worn on the right, pinned over the cloth badge that represents it. Once again, well done everyone for an excellent parade.

Scout Dance

Alan Dennison (County Chairman)

A reminder of our

COUNTY SCOUT DANCE

on
SATURDAY 26th 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 on 020 8594 1840

www.gln-scouts.org.uk/events/

New Chief

HQ

A new partnership of Bear Grylls, the tenth Chief Scout and Wayne Bulpitt, our first UK Chief Commissioner is in place to lead Scouting in the UK.

Scouting in the UK is more popular than ever, having gone through its fourth year of consecutive growth.

Together Bear and Wayne will help to continue building on Scouting's success story by supporting those already involved in Scouting and encouraging more adults to volunteer their time. While Bear will focus on providing inspirational leadership and increasing Scouting's national profile, Wayne will manage and lead all volunteers within the movement.

When asked why he chose to volunteer for the UK's largest mixed youth movement, Bear said: 'In short, because I love adventure and I love hanging out with good friends. For me this is what Scouting is about.'

He first got involved in Scouting aged eight as a Cub Scout. Bear attributes this time as part of the inspiration behind his adult adventures presenting TV shows such as Born Survivor: 'So much of who we are as an adult is formed when we are kids,' said Bear. 'What Scouting says to young people is: "it's okay to go for it in life".'

Born on 7 June 1974, Bear Grylls will be the youngest ever Chief Scout. The famous adventurer takes over when current Chief Scout, former Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan, completes his five year tenure in July. Like Bear, Wayne Bulpitt's Scouting began as a Cub Scout. 'I am delighted to have been invited to take on this new role at such an exciting time,' said Wayne.

'The successes of the last few years mean that we are well placed to make the most of a high public profile and fulfil our vision of providing personal development and exciting opportunities to increasing numbers of young people.' Wayne will also help to further external relationships with political parties, Scouting ambassadors and related organisations.

www.scouts.org.uk/ukleadership



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Marathon

Mark Beerling (6th B&D)

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me, either individually or with the bucket collection in church on St. George's Day. I have raised nearly £1500 for Macmillan Cancer Support. I took 5 hours to run the course and 48 hours to recover - I couldn't walk let alone run the next day!. Once again many thanks to everyone who encouraged, supported and sponsored me.

The Parade

Jake Chatters (Cub 16th B&D)

The streets were lined by smiling faces

While the Cubs and Scouts went through their paces

In straight lines the sea of green

Started forward with smiles that gleam

Holding the flag high with pride

The children filled the whole road wide

Out to celebrate good old St. George in the sun

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts came together as one.