

Contacts & Resources

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GLNE County	www.glne-scouts.org.uk	Scouting Resources www.scoutingresources.org.uk



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

WOODSMOKE



Planting a new seed

The 1st B&D had great success with their Environment Day and all those who turned up to help them settle in to their new HQ did them a great service by

working hard all day on the grounds.

Look out for the photos on the District website and read the full report inside this issue.

“The extra activities that were organised weren’t needed as everyone was enjoying themselves outside so much!”

Environment Day report

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- Junior 12 hour Sailing Race**

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

Deadline for May Issue: 20th May

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

I hope you all had a great Easter and didn't eat too many eggs. One young man at school today said he had twenty four, I am hoping that he had a good imagination or our healthy eating lessons have definitely fallen on deaf ears!

I missed the Egg Hunt due a conference at BP House looking at the next decade, a long but interesting day.

We put in an added Module One for GSLs, ADCs, DSLs and members of the Appointment Committee. This was hardly worth the effort but those that did turn up had an informative evening.

I also visited the 1st B&D at their new headquarters for the Environment Day. It was well worth a visit and good to see both young and old (sorry Alan) working alongside each other for the benefit of the group. I am sure the 1st will go from strength to strength in their new home. Grace had a great time digging in the dirt and transferring stones from one pot to another. The cake was great too!

Steve and I have just returned from a short break at St. Mawes in Cornwall. The weather could have been kinder but never mind, the food was good so who cares about anything else. Steve and I won't see you at our St. Georges's Day Parade as we have both been awarded medals in the St. George's Awards. We get the chance to go to see the Queens Scout Parade at



Jill May is the District Commissioner

Windsor so that is where we will be. Lets hope for good weather for both of us. You will be pleased to hear that the Boy's Brigade Band will be playing for us again this year.

Recruitment

At the last Executive Meeting I asked if money could be found to have leaflets printed to go in every primary school in the borough. Shelley kindly got all the numbers for me. The money was granted and shortly the posters will be printed. If any of you work in a primary school and can deliver your school's for me, please get in touch. Veronica Poole has kindly offered to do the running around for any schools left. The District number is on the flyers so hopefully you may get some new recruits. Please make sure your programmes are exciting, now you can get out and about, this way we will retain any new recruits.

Fight Cancer

You will have seen in last month's Woodsmoke that Mark Beerling is running in the London Marathon for Macmillan Cancer Support. It is not too late to support him. We are hoping to be able to let you know at St. George's Day Service when he finishes and there will be a chance to donate money there if you haven't already or want to give

District Diary

Upcoming Events

May			
-2	Showstoppers	Kenneth More	www.gln-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.gln-scouts.org.uk/activities/
18-19	Chartermark Awards	Hargreaves	www.gln-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	
June			
3	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&D Sports Ground	www.badscouts.org.uk/football
13-14	Umbrella Camp	TBA	
13-14	DC's Explorer Challenge	TBA	
17	County AGM	Sir James Hawkey	www.gln-scouts.org.uk
20-21	National Cub Fun Days	Gilwell	www.fundays.org.uk
27	District Sports Day	Mayesbrook Arena	www.badscouts.org.uk/sportsday/
29	Network	21 st B&D HQ	
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/			

BEAVER BITS

Hunt down those Easter eggs

Hi to all. Now we are over Easter we need to get into gear towards the Beaver Sleepover. I need numbers of Beavers and Leaders that will be going on this event ASAP.

Also we need Beavers from all the Colonies to go to the Sports Day at Mayesbrook Arena on Saturday 27th June. All Colonies are to have Leaders come with Beavers, if not they will not

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be put in the event.

The next District Beaver meeting is on Tuesday 19th May at the 9th B&D. Leigh will be running it as I am working late all week, I will see you all on St. George's Day.

SCOUT SHOUT

Us won

Pioneering Day

This didn't have the turn out I was hoping for, 5 Scouts from 3 Troops?

Was it because it was during half term if so why did no one say so prior to the event, is it because the Scouts don't want this? Answers or queries at the May SL meeting please

Thank you to the Scouts that did turn up, 6th, 7th & 10th/18th and to Dave for helping on the day, we decided that due to the numbers present we would make them one Patrol and award the trophy to them all, this seemed fair as they had made the effort so congratulations to the "US" Patrol (they thought up the name).

Richard Blunden is the ADC (*Scouts*)



St. George's Day

I look forward to seeing you all smartly turned out for our St. George's Parade and service, walking up front I have the pleasure of seeing the parade in full and it is always a wonderful sight, hopefully the weather will be better than last year.

Please bring with you to the SL meeting your upcoming programmes and your plans for the summer. Hope to see some new faces and I hope to see the new ones from the last meeting as I missed it.

more. It hadn't really occurred to me until recently that the Macmillan Nurses still continue to offer support to very elderly cancer sufferers even if they are in care homes. My own Mum has an allotted Macmillan nurse and although she gets a different level of support to Nikki, it is still support.

Module 25

I wrote in last months Woodsmoke about one representative from each Group attending a Module 25. I have made enquiries and this will probably be at the beginning of July. The leader will have to have their wood badge. Please sort this out within your Group as soon as possible and let either Chris or myself know who it will be.

AGMs

I have received the following dates:

Wed 13th May, 21st B&D and 1st B&D
Sun 7th June, 10th/18th at Chigwell Row
Mon 8th June, 17th B&D
Wed 10th June, District AGM
Tues 16th June, 8th B&D
Wed 17th June, County AGM
Wed 1st July, Thriftwood AGM
Wed 15th July, 11th B&D

If anyone else has given me their dates and they are omitted from the above please ring or email me to confirm. If you haven't booked yours yet then you should have! Please let me know as soon as possible. Can I also ask you to send a copy of your accounts to Alec within two weeks of your AGM. Please help us in this matter.

Fight Cancer

London Marathon

This year Mark Beerling is running in the London Marathon on the 26th April and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you wish to help him reach his target of £1000 please donate using the link below:

Mark thanks you in advance

www.justgiving.com/markbeerling



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



BEAVERING AWAY

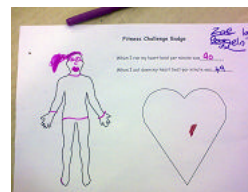
Working off those easter eggs

Hello everyone – How on Earth have we got around to May so quickly? Where does the time fly? Having spent April wishing that we hadn't eaten all of those Easter Eggs everyone seems to be getting into the spirit of becoming active and is going out and about. The weather beckons me-thinks.



During April we got to make some yummy chocolate Easter bunnies which actually made it home to par-

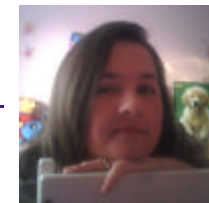
ents without being eaten or having a crafty bite taken out of them. The Beavers did get into a bit of a mess but had a great time in doing so.



We are now in the process of working through some activity and challenge badges. First up is the Fitness Challenge. Our

Beaver Scouts had tremendous fun playing in our church hall garden last week and found it truly fascinating that their heart rates increased quite a bit once they had been running around and playing some games. Mind you – one of our Beavers reckoned that their

Leigh
Bradford is a
DBSL



heart rate was sitting at around 300 beats per minute after exercise!



Summer seems as though it is finally on its way. Aren't the lighter evenings a delight? We are very much enjoying getting out and about and are looking forward to our Group Cub Camp during the last May Bank Holiday weekend.

Here's looking forward to June and the various events that it has in store such as the District Football Competition and Sports Day. Always good fun.

That's about it for now. Don't forget to send in reports, letters, pictures etc of what you have been doing this year to our Woodsmoke Editor. It's always good to see what's happening in the District.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next District Beaver Scout Leaders Meeting this month.

Happy Beavering Away!

Environment Day

1st B&D Leaders

Sunday April 5th dawned sunny, dry and warm – ideal conditions for the 1st B&D's Environment Day. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were joined by leaders, friends and family to plant trees and prepare the ground at their new HQ which is just off of Choats Road on the Barking Reach Estate.

Fuelled by tea, coffee and squash made by Sylvie Dennison, and home made cakes prepared by Julie's Mum, Shelley and Nic, everyone worked well as a team on jobs from planting trees and bushes to sorting through the topsoil to remove bits of crockery and other debris.

The Scouts found an old glass bottle still intact and are hoping to piece to-

Fame!

Did you notice the young Scout on the address page of the current issue of The Scouting Magazine or on the new issue warrant cards? – if not look now!

This young man is Bayo Olaifa from the 1st B&D. The picture was one of several taken of the group of Scouts, Explorers and Networkers that went to

gether the bits of plate they found. Even little Grace (Jill's granddaughter) planted a bush or two and helped sort out the stones. The extra activities that were organised weren't needed as everyone was enjoying themselves outside so much! There is still some work that needs doing and it will take a while for it to look as good as we are picturing, but the hall will be in use from the 22nd of April.

A big thank you to those who turned up to help on the day, especially Graham Russ and Matthew, who did something with the phone lines, Lorraine and Mark Hardiman and Steve, Jill and Grace. A very special thank you also goes to Blackie Swart who has been working hard preparing the building for use this includes being there to let in contractors. On Environment Day he continued to work under difficult circumstances.

Winter camp at Gilwell in January. They were amongst those who were approached for photographs at the camp and were told they were looking for stock publicity shots to be used in the magazine and elsewhere. Look out for Bayo and the others in future editions.



Roger Scowen Gone Home

Jill May (District Commissioner)

It is with great sadness that we received the news of Rogers's death. Roger started his scouting career with the 11th Barking and Dagenham after getting to know Alan Dennison. He then took over the reins of District Treasurer, a job he has held for many years.

When I took over as DC, he gave me a sound piece of advice; "Don't have anything to do with the money, that is my worry not yours". That advice has been a joke between us for many years. A piece of advice I have always kept to! Roger has been a tower of strength to many treasurers and myself and Alec, auditing books, chasing balloon money, nagging for capitation fees, paying bills, dealing with solicitors, terrorising banks, serving on the appointment committee, negotiating with the council, in fact jobs too numerous to think about. His death is going to leave a vast gap in the District, one that can never be fully filled. It has been a pleasure to have worked with him and count him as our friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and their family.



Richard Blunden (ADC Scouts)

I would like to say how sorry I was to hear the news of Roger Scowen, my words to the news were "what an absolute tragedy". Those that had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him will I'm sure echo those words. There is a memorial service being planned please look out for the details.

Ron Pringle (ADC Beavers)

I would like to say what a great loss it is to us all that Roger has Gone Home, he was always someone you could talk to, he helped me with my District event bills. He was a Diamond and will be sadly missed from our lives.

Darren Dowling (Webmaster)

I was greatly saddened by the news of Roger passing away. He was a gentleman, one of the old school. He gave a great service to the District and to young people in the area over many many years and was always a great help to me and other leaders. He will be sorely missed by all.

Adult Training Courses 2009

... Module 16 Nights Away & Module 17 Activities Outdoor

Work towards your Nights Away Permit and undertake these required Modules for your Wood Badge this summer. In order to help support the Scout Association's "The Big Adventure" we have reduced the price of our Residential Nights Away and Activities Outdoor Course to just £40.00



for 2009! Our aim is to get more adults through their Nights Away Training to allow more Young People to take part in a "Big Adventure" this year!



16th - 17th May or 11th - 12th July @ Hargreaves . . .

... Module 10 First Response



Gain the skills and knowledge necessary to manage First Aid incidents and administer basic first aid.

All adults holding leader, supporter or manager appointments must have a current First Aid Certificate to be awarded a Wood Badge and also at the time of their Appointment Review. Cost £20.00 - includes lunch!

10th May or 12th Sept or 14th Nov @ County Centre . . .

... Multiple Module Weekends

Take advantage and cover 8 Modules towards your Wood Badge in one weekend at our non-residential Multiple Module weekend courses - new for 2009. The following Modules are covered; Module 8 Skills of Leadership, Module 9 Working with Adults, Module 11 Administration, Module 12 Providing a Balanced Programme, Module 13 Growing the Movement, Module 14 Young People Today, Module 15 Challenging Behaviour and Module 19 International. £20.00 per day - includes lunch, resource materials and handouts!



For more details contact your Local Training Manager or email training@glne-scouts.org.uk

6th & 7th June @ Hargreaves or 10th & 11th Oct @ Kingsland Hall . . .



To Book for any of these course please complete a 'Course Application Form' available from your Local Training Manager, Training Adviser or www.glnr-scouts.org.uk/training and forward to Barbara Westcott, County Registrar.

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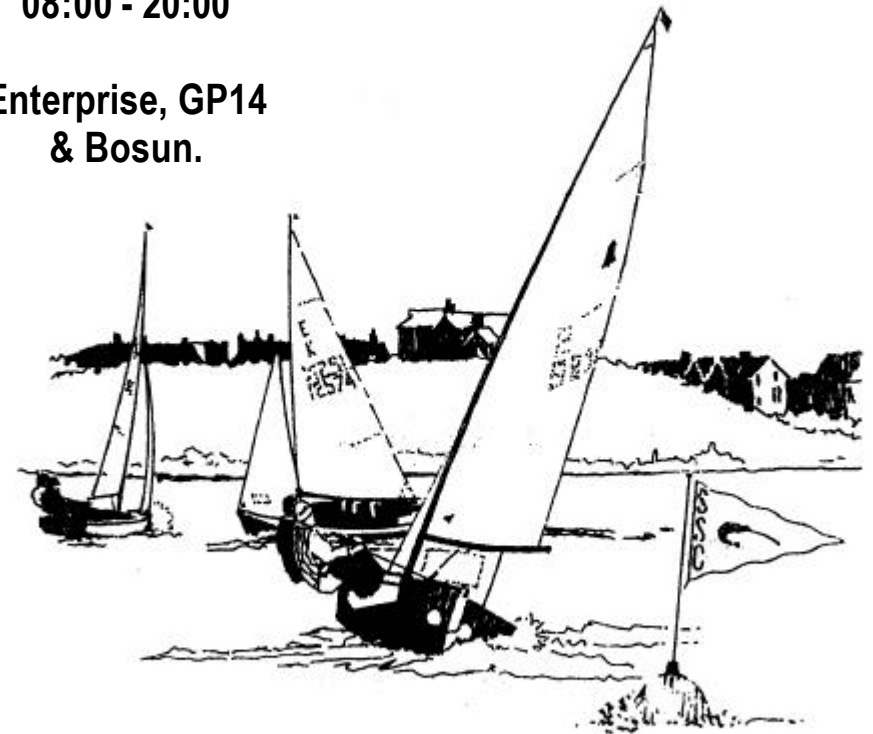
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National Junior 12 Hour Race 2009

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

Explore Learning



Dear Scout leaders, Free Number Fun and Writer Badge Workshops!

I am writing to let you know about Explore Learning, a brand new OFSTED registered education centre, which launched in Romford in November 2007. Explore Learning is a network of innovative learning centres for 5-14 year olds, designed to help children build and extend key literacy and numeracy skills, gain confidence, and develop a love of learning. Explore Learning centres are dedicated to supporting the local community, and run regular free literacy and numeracy-based events in schools as well as Brownie and Cub Packs. Over the coming months we will be offering Scout Groups the chance for us to visit them and run a workshop based on the Number Fun and Writer badges.

Many of our centres have built up very good relationships with their local Scout Groups and have found that the Groups really enjoy the activities, specifically those that build on mental maths strategies and money work. We have also found that the Cubs and Scouts work particularly well in teams to complete challenges.

We are delighted to be able to offer your Scouts the opportunity to take part in our events, and would be grateful if you could pass on this information

to Scout leaders in the area, or alternatively provide addresses where we could send some information packs. Please note, all our events are completely free of charge and we provide all the resources needed.

If you would like us to visit your Scout Group and run an activity that works towards the objectives for either the Number Fun or Writer Badge, simply contact us via email or telephone and let us know the time and day that you normally meet. We are able to take bookings as far in advance as necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the number below if you would like more information and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

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romford@explorellearning.co.uk
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Water Activity Day

DOCKLANDS COUNTY WATER ACTIVITY DAY Saturday 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 provided, 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

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 with the remainder paid by end of September

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/

Training Thoughts

Wanted - Training Advisers

FROM NOW ON I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING - PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE BY PHONE OR BY E-MAIL

Training Advisers Needed

We need more people in the District to do Module 25 - Assessing Learning.

Ideally, we would like to see at least one person from each Group come forward to do the above module, this would lead to the District having more Training Advisers, evenly distributed over B&D.

Qualification required - You must al-

Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager



ready hold a wood badge.

If you are interested please contact me and I will liase with Jill.

03 June 2009 Module 3
Venue to be advised

26 July Modules 5, 6 & 7 Venue
B&D District - address tbc

09 September 2009 Module 1
Venue to be advised

Nikki Update

Latest scan results show a further decrease in the cancer and her blood is back to normal.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support and to the demise of the ozone layer (private joke)

Thanks

Nikki, Richard & Thomas

Go For It Day

Saturday 9th May 2009

Hargreaves Camp Site

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

£5 per person

Beaver Leaders, Cub Leaders, Young Leaders and Helpers of both sections are invited to come to Hargreaves on Saturday 9th May to have a fun day enjoying many activities, picking up new ideas and meeting up with friends across the County.

Activities will include:

- Archery
- Pedal Karts
- Mini Pioneering.
- Trampolines
- Bouncy Castle
- Bungee Run
- Push Ball
- Climbing Wall
- Traversing Wall
- Blind Trail.

cubs



- Giant Games.
- Bases covering Zones/ Challenge Badges, Programme Themes and Colony and Pack Games
- Programmes on Line
- Fun Quiz
- Camp Fire.

Lunch will be provided and hot and cold drinks will be available all day.

Please bring along any craft, game or activity idea that has been a success in your Colony/ Pack to share with us. We will also have lots of ideas for you to take away!

Please speak to your ADC to complete a booking form no later than 1st April. We look forward to seeing you and your Young Leaders and Helpers on the 9th.