

# Contacts & Resources

District contacts and useful websites

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<b>GLNE County</b>	www.glne-scouts.org.uk	<b>Scouting Resources</b>	www.scoutingresources.org.uk



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

# WOODSMOKE



## Well Handy

who put on an excellent show at the Cub Handcraft competition, winning Section D, the Pack Effort and the overall trophy!

Well done!

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> B&D

**“If you wouldn’t show your photos at your Group meeting then think about whether they are suitable for public viewing”**

Jill May (DC)

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# Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Isn't it great to see the bulbs springing up. I always bought my Mum the first daffodils in the shops as she said they gave you hope that spring was on its way. This year I gave the first I could find to Nikki, my own front garden is full of them giving us all hope for things to come.

I hope you all enjoyed Founder's Day and would like to thank Nigel for leading it. Wasn't the young Beaver great, trying to hold on to his flag, I hope it is an occasion he will remember for a long time. Steve and I were lucky enough to go to the Service at Westminster Abbey. It was pouring with rain and the queue seemed to go on for miles but fortunately it started moving and we soon got inside. The Service was led and arranged by the Guides to celebrate their centenary. Following this we went for a meal arranged for all Silver Wolf recipients, a very enjoyable day.

Project You are arranging a fun day at Thriftwood on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Lots of activities have been arranged. This is a free day for all at Scout age. Graham and Scott are coordinating this as I am at a family wedding. Please contact Graham if you are interested in taking your Scouts or in helping.

## Good Luck and Enjoy your Day

The District would like to send love and best wishes to Leigh and Darren on their wedding day. May you have a very happy life together.



**Jill May** is the District Commissioner

## Health Up Date

Hopefully you will all have had the latest news by email. The tumor in Nikki's brain has shrunk but more patches have been in other places. Funding has been applied for another drug and another round of chemo will be needed. They are back to the hospital in a couple of weeks to see whether funding has been agreed and for news of what next. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## District Charity 2010-2011

Nikki and family are receiving support from St. Francis Hospice. After speaking to them I put to the Executive that perhaps we could appoint St. Francis as our charity for this coming year, this was agreed unanimously, I am sure you will all do your best to make this a bumper collection. Thank you

## CRB

Veronica has written to many of you to remind you that your CRB is out of date. A lot of you have ignored your reminder. I would like to remind you that ALL adults that have regular contact with the young people MUST have a current CRB. The next date is 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30 p.m. at the 21<sup>st</sup> B&D HQ, please make every effort to attend. If you can-

# District Diary

Upcoming Events

## April

22	ADCs Meeting	Bromhall Road
25	St. George's Day Parade	

## May

6	SL Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ
9	Maurice Pass Pioneering	Thriftwood
10	CL Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ
17	CRB Evening	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D HQ
18	Appointments	Salvation Army
20	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
22	District Football	M&D Sports Ground
24	BL Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> B&D HQ

+lots more! Check out <http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/>

## DC Search

Alan Dennison (County Chairman)

The County Commissioner has an article clarifying how the search for the next DC in Barking & Dagenham will proceed on the website at:

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

There you can also find the nomination form.

## New DC

Alan Everitt (District Chairman)

I would invite invitations for the post of DC.

If we can't find one from inside or outside the District then this District's only option will be to amalgamate with another district who do have a District Commissioner.

Volunteers and/or nominations are urgently sought.

youngsters need to be in uniform but take scruff gear. The day will be from approx 9:30-4:00. Please try and support this.

### **Umbrella Camp**

The Umbrella Camp has again been booked at Chigwell Row 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June. For those who don't know this is an ideal chance for leaders with limited experience or those who need a bit more confidence or those who just fancy camping among other Groups they know to come along. We have booked the site but everything else is up to you. You need to fill in camp forms, provide a programme and menu and balance sheet afterwards. You

book activities yourselves, budget your money. It is open to Cubs and Scouts. If you have any young leaders who would like to take a few kids away this is the time to do it.

Please contact either Rose or Jill to book places as soon as possible. All camp forms can be downloaded from the web site and must be sent to Rose at least a month before hand.

That's all the news I have for now, I look forward to seeing you all at St. Georges day parade if not before.

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## **Training & Appointments**

### **March on down to a module**

Please note there is an error in the District Directory: All of the First Response course will be held at the 17<sup>th</sup> B&D, NOT the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Training Dates**

Held at the 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ, Wilmington Gardens, 7:15 for 7:30 prompt start. Refreshments provided. All the following dates are on a Wednesday:

**Module 1** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Module 3** 31<sup>st</sup> March 8<sup>th</sup> September

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**Chris Poole** is the Local Training Manager

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### **Modules 5+6+7**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 9:45 a.m. for 10 a.m. start – finish about 3:45 p.m. That is 3 Modules in 1 day! Venue: 17<sup>th</sup> HQ – Refreshments provided, please bring your own packed lunch.

**Please note - places must be booked and confirmed through me.**

not make that night please let us know and we will do our best to sort something out for you.

### **CAT**

Barking and Dagenham and Newham are running a cultural awareness training on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Salvation Army Hall. This is for GSLs, DLs, ADCs, Explorer leaders and any Networkers. This will include two visits to places of worship in the afternoon. Application forms have been sent out but if anyone else would like to come along let me know and we will see if there are any spaces.

### **Fellowship**

Last night three of us braved the pouring rain to take part in one of the organized London Walks. It was the Thames Pub Walk. We started at Mansion House station, went along to near St. Paul's over the ex-wobbly bridge to Bank Side where we had our first stop. Then along past the Globe theatre to the Golden Hind and along to the Clink Prison, into Borough Market for our second stop and then finished near The George Inn. It was an enjoyable but damp evening.

For the next two months we have speakers, please contact Barry for more details.

### **St. George's Day**

The details for St. George's day will be finalized and sent out to you shortly.

### **Social Networking Sites**

It has been brought to my attention several instances where inappropriate

language and photos are on peoples statuses. Can I remind you it is not advisable to have your Scouts, Cubs or even worse Beavers as your friends. If you wouldn't show your photos at your Group meeting then think about whether they are suitable for public viewing. In other Districts there have been major problems from things being put on these sites, please act responsibly.

### **Umbrella Camp**

We are running another Umbrella Camp this year. It is being run at Chigwell Row, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June. You arrange your programme, activities, money, menus as you would normally do when you run a camp. There will be experienced adults on site all the time and you will receive feedback at the end of the weekend. This is an ideal way for you to gain experience and for some young leaders to take the plunge and take a few youngsters away. Please contact either Rose or myself if you are interested.

### **Census**

Congratulations to the following Groups who have managed to increase their numbers and are to be presented with a County Charter Mark award:

1<sup>st</sup> up 6, 6<sup>th</sup> up 11, 7<sup>th</sup> up 4, 12<sup>th</sup> up 9, 11<sup>th</sup> maintained, 15<sup>th</sup> up 10, 17<sup>th</sup> up 3, 19<sup>th</sup> up 7.

Well done and looking forward to making our usual amount of noise at the awards night! The District are up by 4.

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# Gang Show

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Mike Hayward

Scouting and Guiding the opportunity to develop performance skills and perform in a close to professional theatrical environment. Opportunities are also afforded to young people to work back stage, in front of house roles, and too perform as musicians in the show's musical items and in the band. Many leaders class the working together of young people as a worthwhile training exercise with a lot of fun thrown in.

The show is variety, movement, dance, singing and comedy that makes up the programme content and suits all ages from Beavers and Rainbows up to adults.

Generally, youth members, adult leaders and volunteer helpers have to participate in many hours of planning, writing, composing, choreographing, building stage scenery and props, and making costumes stretching over several months before the actual performances. In order to reach what is perceived to be the required performance standard for a Gang Show, a high level of commitment is needed from all involved in the production and, to a marginally lesser extent, their families.

I hope the above helps clarify what Gang Show is all about. Please make an effort to attend – you maybe pleasantly surprised! If you need any information please contact me I can assure you I don't bite.

Mike Hayward  
Gang Show

## What is a Gang Show

A Gang Show is an amateur theatrical performance, generally of high standard, where the cast is made up of principally youth members of Scouts and Guides and a minority of adult leaders. The aim of the shows is to give young people in

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# Activities

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Peter Seddon (GLNE)

We have some places left on the following activities:

Norway Expedition      24 – 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Cost £850 all inclusive      2 places

Docklands Water Day      9<sup>th</sup> May  
Cost £20      20 places

Offshore Sailing      4 – 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Cost £98 all inclusive      4/5 places (I'm awaiting confirmation on 1 place)

Further details are available on the GLNE website:

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

# DISTRICT SL'S BITZ

Marking that Sutton competition well

## New team member

David Bradford from the 16<sup>th</sup> has agreed to join the District Scout Leaders team to help out, so a warm welcome to him. Contact details for the three of us are on the bottom of the agenda's given out at the last Scout leaders meeting, a copy of which will be in the minutes. Upcoming events will be split between us so look out for who to contact about different events.

## First Aid Day

Unfortunately due to a lack of numbers this had to be cancelled, there is another date in the diary for 13<sup>th</sup> November. This event will be open to all Scouts as well as Cubs 9 ½ and over and Explorers under 16. Some leaders expressed an interest in their Scouts achieving a stage 5 badge, if you have anyone interested in this please email me preliminary numbers and I will then work out cost and possible dates.

## Pioneering Day

Please let Dave Nickolls know if you are able to attend and if so how many Scouts you will have, finally numbers to Dave by St. George's day at the latest. If there is not enough of a response a decision will be made that day as to if the event goes ahead.

## County Swimming Gala

If you have any Scouts able to swim who are willing to take part please let



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**Suzanne Squirrel** is a DSL

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please let Rose (chilly Akela) know ASAP there are still a couple of places available.

## April Census Figures

Please forward, your numbers to me please, I prefer emails but otherwise a text or phone call will be fine.

## Project You

Project You, a organisation consisting of all uniformed movements is running a fun day at Thriftwood on the 17<sup>th</sup> April. A decision was made to concentrate on the Scout age section at this time.

The day is completely free; lunch provided and will have a very wide range of activities for the youngsters to join in. Graham and Scott have volunteered to coordinate for the District.

We will be running a couple of bases so Graham may need a couple of volunteers to help. It would be good if we could get at least 20 from all the Groups. They are hoping to arrange transport from a couple of pick up points but that has yet to be confirmed. Graham has to give numbers in on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. You will need a one day activity form and a health form. The

# CUB CHIT CHAT

## That's Handy

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

Well done to everyone who entered the handcraft competition. Congratulations to the winners.

My thanks to Brenda Bladen-Hovell, Susan Cox, Cathy Carter, Carron Cumberbatch and Susan Douglas for the difficult task of judging. They did a fantastic job and I hope they will be available next year.

At the CL meeting we decided to cut the number of exhibits. We currently have six plus any other, from next year we will have four plus any other. Leaders exhibit and Pack Effort remain. Any ideas you have for exhibits can be brought along to the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May at the 21<sup>st</sup> B&D HQ.

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



If you would like your Cubs to camp but don't have a permit, please let me know so I can get forms to you as I am taking my Groups on two. The dates are 28-31 May at Thriftwood and 14-21 August at Well End, Hertfordshire. If you cannot make either of these you could always come to the Umbrella Camp in June.

St. George's Day will be at St. Margaret's, Barking, full details will be sent out soon.

That's if from me, I hope to see you all soon.

Chilly Akela Rosie.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Section C</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> B&D	1 <sup>st</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Section D</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> B&D	10 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> B&D	17 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Pack Effort</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> B&D	21 <sup>st</sup> B&D	8 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Cubs Overall</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> B&D	9 <sup>th</sup> B&D	10 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> B&D
<b>Cub Leaders</b>	Frances Askem	Paul Robinson	Vic & Julie

# Words from the Wood

News and information from Thriftwood Campsite

**Colin Tilbrook** is the Warden



## Thriftwood Badge Team Courses

### First Response Training

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Or  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

### NSRA Rifle Course

18<sup>th</sup> April  
Or  
31<sup>st</sup> October

### Water Splash

every Wednesday during Summer Holidays

### TLC (Leader's & Teacher's Camp)

22-24<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### GNAS Archery Course

27-28<sup>th</sup> November  
and  
4-5<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### Campfire & Carols

11<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### National Pedal Car Olympics

7-9<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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

# Net Safety

Following the comments that Jill made on Social Networking sites I would like to draw the attention of every adult in Scouting to the Net Safety pages on the GLNE website.

Darren Dowling (County Web Manager)

We, as adults, need to be aware that practically everything we do online is

logged, tracked, traceable or accessible in some way and our private activities online are perhaps nowhere near as private as some may imagine.

This may not only impact on your Scouting life but your personal, family and work life too. Please do not hesitate to contact me for advice or information.

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