

Contacts & Resources

District contacts and useful websites

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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



“One hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove; but the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child ”

In this issue:

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Deadline for June Issue: 20th May

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

Another month of highs and lows has just flown by.

Along with other DCs I took the back row for the Chief Scouts Awards evening. The hall is packed with very proud parents and young people. Of course the DCs at the back are proud as well. Barking and Dagenham unfortunately do not have a huge number but we do have some. This time we had two Beavers, now Cubs, from the 10th/18th and two youngsters very well known to me Michelle Swart from the 1st and Aaron Martin from the 16th. I am sure everyone knows Michele for her smiling face and boundless energy not much appears to get that kid down and Aaron is a much quieter young man. I worked with Aaron at school and have kept up an interest in him whenever I visit the 16th, it gave me great pleasure to present him with his badge while he was at camp last year and I am thrilled he has now settled into Explorers. Both of them are a credit to their parents, Group and Scouting as a whole.

That same week I was at the County Gala, this year we had a change of venue due to building work being done at Barkingside. We were at Hornchurch. We didn't do as well this year but hopefully if we are able to go back to having a Gala in the District again this will improve. Well done to those who swam.

Lastly we had our Egg Hunt, when

Jill
May is the
District
Commissioner



loads of Beavers descend on Hargreaves for fun, games and chocolate, what more can they want. I think most Groups were represented, a missed opportunity if you weren't.

My own Beavers made wedding cards

District Diary

Upcoming Events

May		
5	SLs Meeting	17 th B&D HQ
9	CLs Meeting	21 st B&D HQ
16	CRB Evening	21 st B&D HQ
17	Appointments	Salvation Army
19	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
21	Football Competition	M&B Sports Ground
22	Cultural Awareness Training	
24	BLs Meeting	9 th B&D HQ
June		
2	Camping Competition	Chigwell Row
3	Modules 5, 6, 7	17 th B&D HQ
4	CL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ
6	Thriftwood AGM	Thriftwood
7	SL Meeting	17 th B&D HQ
10	First Response	17 th B&D HQ
11	BL Meeting	21 st B&D HQ
16/17	Town Show	Central Park
18	CRB Check Evening	21 st B&D HQ
19	Appointments	Salvation Army
21	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
+lots more! Check out http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar/		
Please note, these details may be subject to change. The online calendar contains the latest details.		

Training & Appointments

All trained up

First Reponse Course - 10 July 2011 New Procedure

Please note that bookings for this course can only be accepted up to 17 June 2011 as we have to submit the names and addresses of all the attendees three weeks before the event.

At the moment we have 3 names listed - which means the course can take 7 more people, on a first come - first served basis. The course will be cancelled if we cannot get a total of 6 confirmed names.

Training Dates

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

With immediate effect please note that you will have to BOOK YOUR PLACE on any future District run Modules.

We cannot continue to hold modules where no-one turns up, if we know the potential numbers booked, we can decide whether it is viable to go ahead or postpone / cancel.



Chris Poole is the Local Training Manager

01 June 2011 Module 3
03 July 2011 Modules 5,6,7
(Sunday 9:30 to about 4:00)

07 Sep 2011 Module 1
02 Nov 2011 Module 3

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THE ABOVE MODULES, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

**Limited number of places
First come first served**

IS YOUR CRB IN DATE ?

CRBs are valid for 5 years - please check yours now as the process for renewal still takes a few weeks from the form filling out part.

Please remember to bring all documentation for renewal as it has to be seen again.

16th May
St. Cedd's
7:30 to 9:00



for William and Kate, I am sure they won't get any others quite like these! I will let you know if we get an answer.

The innocence of children

In the last few days I have had a couple of incidents that makes we wish adults could behave like children.

At the Egg Hunt I took Grace and Chile Akela took Rosie, her granddaughter. They met at the Egg Hunt last year and I don't think they have seen each other since. When we arrived with Grace I gave her a little egg basket for herself and one for Rosie. Rosie was walking back across the field with T Bag and Chile. Grace left us, ran up to her and

said hello and gave her a basket. They then stuck together all day with "Mummy" Emily keeping a watchful eye. Total acceptance of friendship. Also at the Egg Hunt was a little lad who was talking about Easter. I won't tell you the whole Story but when you see Mary or myself we will tell you! Mary and I were standing chatting, and some Beavers said there was no such thing as the Easter Bunny and Magic, Of course that upset Mary and I as I we still believe and proceeded to tell the Beavers that. One little chap then certainly told us what he thought of the Easter story! A shame really but only what he has heard. The last story was Grace and Thomas. Nikki used to cut Grace's hair and as I was popping round to Richards, thought I may get some awkward questions. I explained in three year old words that Nikki was now an angel in Heaven. When they met Thomas and Grace laid on the floor, Thomas was drawing pictures. Grace said to him "what are you doing" Thomas replied "drawing a picture for my mummy" I held my breath to see what would happen next. Grace replied "your mummies an angel in heaven" Thomas's answer "A beautiful angel". What more can you say?

Vacancies

We have a number of slots in the District which are not filled so I thought I would list them and see if any of you would like a change of scene or take on anything extra:

DC, yes still vacant!!
ADC Scouts
District secretary
Assistant District Treasurer.
Training Manager
Training Advisors.

District Beaver Leader.
Please give me a ring if you feel you would be interested, think about a job share with a friend.

AGMs

Can I please have details of your AGMs sent to me as soon as possible so I can try to get someone from the District Team to support you? Congratulations to the 8th and 21st for supplying their dates without being asked.

Umbrella Camp

Have you booked your place? If not, why not? There is no reason why **EVERY** young person in the District doesn't get a chance to camp.

All you have to do is book your Group in with Chile and then you are away. You run the camp yourselves, sort out menu's, programme, forms and tentage, then come along and give your youngsters a weekend to remember. We will give you feed back on the Sunday, and depending on whether you have done the required training you will be considered for your nights away permit. Simple.

St Georges/Renewal of Promise.

At last! I can now give you a confirmed date for this service, it will be Sunday 22nd May at St. Alban's Church, Vincent Road, 3 p.m. Service so obviously muster will be earlier. I am away for a few days and will send out final details as soon as I can. I am really sorry but have had lots of problems with this years service.

CUB CHIT CHAT

At the seaside

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

In the last issue I gave a report about the Handcraft Competition but forgot to thank the Judges, so thank you to the Judges from Ilford East.

Next was the County Swimming Gala and a change of venue this year, we went to Hornchurch Swimming pool. My thanks to the 6th, 9th, 12th, and Explorers for supplying our team. My thanks to the following Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and especially those who swam in the upper age group.

Leigh Ann Robinson, Connor Brown, Connor Salmon, Rachel Di-menno, Finlay Drew, Youcef Khalef, Sean True, Emily True, Jordan Bowden, Joshua Di-menno, Mathew Simon, Sian, Aiden, Joel, Gemma Bailey, Daniel Bailey and Jacob Simon.

The explorers came 2nd.

I attended the Beaver Easter Egg Hunt, which was great fun.

I hope to see you all at the Cub Leaders Meeting on Monday 9th May at 21st B&D HQ, 8:15 start.

Akela's Antics

I have spent most of the Easter holidays at various Essex seaside resorts. T and me had a great weekend in

Rosemary Oakwell is the ADC (*Cubs*)



Walton. We then went to Clacton to visit Leigh, Darren, Emily and Jack and took the other three grandchildren with us and we all had a great day. I went to Southend the next day and it was really busy but again we had a really good day out.

That's it from me take care.

Chilly Akela Rosie.

Camps

If you are unable to take your Cubs to camp and would like them to come with me I have two Cub camps booked so far this year, they are

Whitsun Camp 27th to 30th May 2011 at Thriftwood, Brentwood Essex. Cost £45 includes £2.50 pocket money.

Pack Holiday 13th – 20th August 2011 at Cricket Camp, Bursledon, Southampton, Hants. Cost £120 includes £10 pocket money. The cost also includes travel and trips out.

Please contact me on or adccubs@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

BEAVER BITS

Hunting Eggs

Hi all my little Beavers

38 Beavers and 16 leaders attended the Easter Egg hunt at Hargreaves on the 16th April. Well done to all those who won an Easter Egg. I lost 2 of the golf balls so if you're camping at Hargreaves and find them, please let me have them back.

The District Beaver party for our 25 years will take place on 24th June at St Elisabeth's Church Hall. Once all the details are finalized, invitations will be

Ken Thompson is the ADC (*Beavers*)

sent out. Please let me know at the Beaver Leader meeting if you are going to attend the County event at Paradise Park on the 2nd July.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Beaver Leaders meeting on 24th May at the 9th B&D HQ

T.Bag

Nights Away

Rosemary Oakwell

The nights away training modules have changed.

Module 16 is now Planning and Preparation for camp and is a morning only course.

Module 17 is Basic Skills and lasts about 2 hours on Saturday afternoon

Module 38 is camping overnight and is from mid afternoon Saturday to mid afternoon Sunday.

Module 16 is required for your wood badge and you only have to do Modules 17 and 38 if you are going to apply for a nights away permit.



Gone Home Nikki Blunden

Nikki was many things to many people, Wife, Mother, Daughter in Law Sis-

ter in law, Aunt, Godmother, Daughter, Sister, Hairdresser and a fantastic supportive friend to young and old alike.

When Nikki was first diagnosed with Breast Cancer she was determined to beat it, and what a fight she put up. Her courage and determination had to be seen to be believed. I visited her on the day she had a mastectomy, took in our customary bar of Turkish Delight and, after a particular incident where a very "strange" hairdresser walked in to a ward full of bare headed woman and said "anyone want their hair done" we just sat and laughed until tears ran down our cheeks. That was the sort of person Nikki was.

All through her cancer journey she put others first, even apologising that she hadn't sent me a card when my sister died, as if she hadn't got enough with her own problems. Her support of Richard's Scouting was total; she even opened up her home for meetings although sometimes I think she spent the evening hoping we wouldn't eat all the cakes!

She shared brilliant stories about the Hospice, told an elderly man not to be so miserable, told others to walk a bit faster as "anyone would think they were going to a funeral". I am sure the hospice staff will miss their laughs, as will the rest of us.

R.I.P Nikki
You deserve a rest

Thanks

I have no doubt that Richard will be putting in a note when he gets time but would like to take this opportunity myself to say "What a fantastic supportive District we all are.

Everyone has played a part in supporting Richard and family and each other during the last couple of years and even more so during the last few months.

I am sure you will continue to remember them in your prayers during the coming months while they embark on the journey of life without Nikki to keep them in order.

Project YOU

Project You are running another Fun day this year. It is being held at Chigwell Row Guide Site on 7th May 10.00 for 10.30 start and finish 3.30. There is to be a cost of £3.00 this year this includes your lunch.

Jill May

This proved to be a good day last year and hopefully will be just as good this year.

All activities are included in your entrance fee.

Scott Dobson is co coordinating this and I hope you will be able to send some youngsters along.

This is an excellent way for your youngsters to meet up with others from other organisations

Scouting in GLNE

ments and a letter from the CC. Visit the Chief Scout's Award page for more information.

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

County

New form for Chief Scout

There are now two ways you can submit details of youth members who have completed their Chief Scout's Award to ensure they are added to the database and invited to the next Chief Scout's Award Presentation Evening at Gilwell Park. A new form has been added which allows you to submit the details electronically (and the post-cards are still being accepted).

There are also some new resources including "Top Tips", badge require-

DC Search

We are currently recruiting for 5 District Commissioners. For full details see the DC Search section of the website.

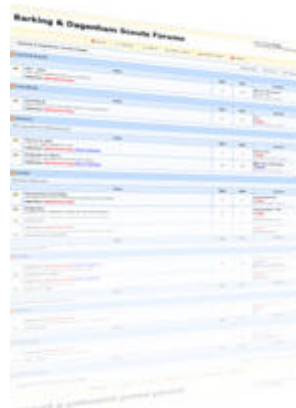
www.gln-scouts.org.uk/dcsearch/

CC Blog

The CC has relaunched his (now) regular blog. Be sure to check out the latest update.

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

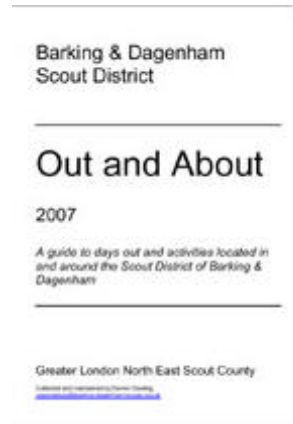
Forum



The forum allows you to chat with leaders and Scouts within the District. Why not share ideas and take advantage of the wealth of information and resources that

are to be found on the forums.

Out & About



Out and About is a guide to days out and activities located in and around the Scout District of Barking & Dagenham.

All this and much more at www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/

Forms



The forms available on this page may change throughout the year as special events take place (for ex-

ample, the Town Show will require Balloon Race forms to be distributed a couple of months before the actual event

Programmes



Programmes Online - from The Scout Association

Programmes - from Scouting Resources