

Contacts & Resources

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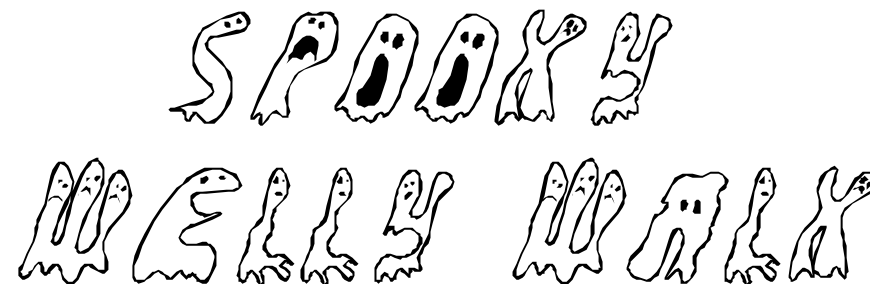
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News and information for everyone involved in Scouting in Barking & Dagenham

WOODSMOKE



“Sorry..”

The editor on apologising for ‘missing’ the October issue due to work commitments

In this issue:

**Modern Tech. Safety
Double bumper Jottings
Spooky Welly Walk
District Quiz
Job Advert**

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

Deadline for December Issue: 20th November

Jill's Jottings

News and views from the DC

From October

I haven't really been up to much since the last jottings. What I have been up to has been a bit disappointing.

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Now no more moaning, at least I know other Districts are as bad if not worse!

November

Last night I spent a lovely evening at Hargreaves along with lots of little skeletons, Dracula's, were wolves and other such things at our annual Spooky Welly Walk. A shame there wasn't a few more there but great fun was had by those who were. A big thank you to the explorers who came along and



Jill May is the District Commissioner

helped out.

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Unfortunately the same with the Cub Quiz lots of preparation work and little support.

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CRB

District Diary

Upcoming Events

November		
2	Module 3	17 th B&D HQ
3	County Jack Petchey Evening	
5	Beaver Connect 4 Competition	
6	First Response	17 th B&D HQ
7	CL Meeting	6 th B&D HQ
8	BL Meeting	9 th B&D HQ
10	SL Meeting	21 st B&D HQ
14	CRB Evening	Salvation Army
15	Appointments	Salvation Army
17	District Executive	Salisbury Avenue
18	SAS/Explorers Bowling Challenge	
19	Cub Jungle Rally	17 th B&D HQ
20	Thriftwood Memorial Service	Thriftwood
21	Chief Scout's Awards	Gilwell
December		
1	ADCs Meeting	Salisbury Avenue
3	Scout Cyclo Cross	Crow Camp
	District Carol Service	
+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

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.

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**

Local Training
Manager

C/O DC

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.

The next CRB is the 14th November, if you know yours is due please come along. 7-9 at the 21 B&D HQ, behind St Cedds Church Lodge Ave. Don't forget what you need to bring, birth/marriage certificate, driving licence, passport, National Insurance number, prove of your current address in fact anything who proves who you are. Every adult working with children should hold an up to date check. Can I ask that, if you don't receive a reply within twelve weeks of completing your form that you contact Veronica. Usually you get your reply before we do. Headquarters are chasing up on people that haven't got one showing on the system and this has thrown up queries from people who did it some time ago but for some reason didn't hear anything. Anybody without a current one at the 31st December will be removed from the membership base.

First Response

The next First Response is on Sunday 6th November at the 17th B&D HQ Wilmington Gardens. Places MUST be booked. Please phone or email Steve Wakeling now to reserve your place. He will cancel the course if enough are not registered.

Sponsored Walk

This is on 29th October at Chigwell Row . The proceeds are half to the group and half to the district. Start at 10 and no one starting after 12.

Alternative Marathon

Some very unlikely people thought it may be an idea to do the equivalent of a marathon for Nikki. We are running this at the same time as the District Walk. We have to cover 80 laps of the field as a team and be sponsored as a team. Some

people have already said they would like to take part and obviously if we can get some more we won't have to do so much each. It would help if you could either phone or email me so I can keep track of how many people we will have .I have been asked if you can dress up and the answer is yes and hopefully we will have photos to prove how mad we can be. I have separate sponsor forms which I will have put on the web site or I can email or post them to you.

Health News

Chief Copleston is at present at home recovering from heart surgery, I hope he is being the model patient!

Ron Askem is also unwell.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both these families.

SAS

At our September meeting we had Keith Crowhurst speaking to us about war time posters and advertising, we have had Keith before and he is a very entertaining person. October we had a team at the 10th/18th Quiz night.

November is our annual bowling competition against the Explorers.

December is our Christmas Band Night at the Methodist Church. Everybody welcome.

The SAS are helping out at the sponsored walk and hopefully will be doing a lap or two themselves.

Christmas Service

This was to be held at the Mosque this year hosted by the 3rd B&D. Unfortunately this cannot go ahead due to massive building works taking place. They and I apologise for this but hopefully next year we can be there. It is too short notice to ask another group to take this on so it will have to be cancelled. Again apologies as I know we use this time for a Christmas catch up and swapping cards and best wishes. You will have to put stamps on them this year!

CUB CHIT CHAT

Errmmm.. Pass...

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

Since the last issue we have only had one event in the Cub section and that was Cub Quiz. I was asked by leaders to change from including the Quiz at Sixer's Camp to having it on a different Saturday morning. I held the Quiz on Saturday 24th September and only three teams turned up, so we will be going back to running this event at Sixer's Camp. Well done to the 1st, 6th and 9th. Congrats to the winner the 1st who will now go on to represent us at the County Quiz in November.

Results

1st - 1st
2nd - 6th
3rd - 9th

I attended the District Quiz, a very poor turn out as only two Groups were represented.

I hope you all completed the survey, so the District team can plan events for 2012.

I have already made plans for two of my camps next year. I will be camping at Thriftwood 1st to 4th June 2012, the cost will be £45.00. In August I will be going to Hesley Wood Scout Campsite 18th - 25th, cost will be £150. Forms will be available at the January meeting if you think you may have Cubs



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

that would like to attend either of these camps.

I look forward to seeing you at Sixer's Camp, District Sponsored Walk or Jungle Rally.

November

A disappointing turn out for the quiz, only 3 Groups represented. I will be discussing this at the next meeting.

I will also be looking at District Sixer's Camp as I only have 8 Cubs from 3 Groups attending.

I look forward to seeing you at Jungle Rally. I have a couple of bases that need leaders or helpers to run. They are Nature and Knot. Please let me know if you can help or I will ask the Young Leaders for help.

That's it from me, take care

Chilly Akela Rosie

BEAVER BITS

4 in a row

Hi all you Beavers... T Bag here. Well not much to say since last time except Beaver Sleepover. We had Oaklands and the Bungalow at Chigwell Guide Camp.

All arrived on Saturday with smiling faces except one but he soon got over it and enjoyed the weekend.

First we all had a walk out the campsite to the back of Hainault Forest where we had a picnic. All were enjoying it until Vixen from the 6th B&D decided to change it for us all as she trod in a message left by a dog, unprintable here but she now has a new nickname. Nearly all the Beavers earned 4 badges, and on the homeward journey we only had one carrier bag of clothes and 4 torches, not bad from the number we had.

Ken Thompson is the ADC (*Beavers*)

The next event was the Spooky Welly Walk at Hargreaves. There were 46 Beavers who turned up and all enjoyed the walk through the forest and the games inside (apple bobbing, doughnut eating off a string and picking out a coloured nail from a block to win a lolly pop). All of them took home a goody bag.

Our next event is Connect 4 at the 21st B&D HQ, Lodge Avenue, behind St. Cedd's Church. 9:30 a.m. for a 10 start. Hope to see you there.

Can each Group of 4 please bring in a Connect 4 game, thank you.

Look forward to seeing you all at the next BL meeting on 8 November, 8 p.m. at the 9th B&D HQ.

Wanted

Darren Dowling

Please accept my apologies for missing the October issue. This was purely down to work and home commitments. I work as a teacher and I have a bit of a commute (I live in Romford and work in Carshalton), and my baby boy is 10 months now (and teething like mad), Emily is always busy and I am undergoing some training at work that normally takes over a year (but I am doing it in about 10 weeks).

All of these things mean that I don't have the spare time I used to have to dedicate to running the website, Woodsmoke etc.

Looking to the long term I have also considered that it may well be time to perhaps pass the baton (see what I did there? 2012?) to someone else and allow them to take these communication methods forward and continue to make them work for the District.

If anyone would like to discuss what is involved or perhaps job share or pick up a few of the regular tasks please feel free to contact me.

Watch this space!

District Quiz

Pauline Wakeling

Firstly, many thanks to Jan Mead for booking the venue and to Jill & Steve for all their hard work putting together the questions and making the trophies.

It was a great pity that the lack of support has spread to this event as well. Unfortunately there were only 4 teams who bothered to turn up. Very embarrassing- especially as we had the donator of the trophy(Pat Scowen) present!

If you as leaders can't attend events, you could at least encourage parents to come along. We're very friendly and don't bite!

Remember- the more successful our district fund raising events are the less the membership fee goes up!

Please shake off the cobwebs and make an effort to support future events.



CUB DIY ACTIVITY BADGE

Tuesday 20th 27th September 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday 4th October 7.00pm to 8.30pm
You must attend all dates to complete course
just £2.00 per night



SCOUT FORESTER ACTIVITY BADGE

Tuesday 11th October 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday 15th October 9.30am to 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th October 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday 22nd October 9.30am to 2.30pm
You must attend all dates to complete course
just £2.00 per night



CUB MAP READER ACTIVITY BADGE

Tuesday 1st 8th 15th November 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Saturday 19th November 9.30am to 11.00am
You must attend all dates to complete course
just £2.00 per night



SCOUT SURVIVAL SKILLS ACTIVITY BADGE

Tuesday 22nd 29th November 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Tuesday 6th December 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday 10th December 9.30am to 2.30pm
You must attend all dates to complete course
just £2.00 per night

Book Early
Keith Chatfield Tel: 01708 230014
Email: thriftwoodbadgeteam@gmail.com

Leaders are welcome to attend any course listed below
Attending Courses will help with your training modules



Scouting in GLNE

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

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

DC Search

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

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

CC Blog

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

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

Personal Insurance

Paul Fix has spoken to Unity (Scout Insurance) Services, the minimum cost for the above is £39.75 this covers 25 people. You can pay over the phone and have the cover with immediate effect.

Details are here: http://unityins.co.uk/scouts/scout_personal.html

All Groups should ideally have this cover to cover for all non members that could need it.

Docklands Scout Project

Due to popular demand we have organised a water activity day as follows:

Date:	Saturday 8 th October 2011
Venue:	Docklands Scout Project, HQTs Lord Amory, Dollar Bay, 631 Manchester Road London, E14 3NU
Assemble:	09.30 at the Project
Finish:	16.30
Cost:	£20

Activities available are:
Rowing, Dinghy Sailing, Kayaking and Open Canoeing
No experience is necessary as instruction will be given.

If you have any questions on the above event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Southcott
ACC Activities

ThinkUKnow

Please take time to look through the Think U Know resources and deliver the appropriate set (for the age range) to the young people in your care.

They provide an excellent set of material that can be used directly and some of the videos have a great impact.

If you are unsure about what to use or how to use it please feel free to contact me, Jill, HQ or Think U Know directly.

Why Should I Bother?

I have been in Scouting (since I was a Cub) for nearly 30 years. I have also been involved in the education sector in various guises all my adult life.

In that time I have had cause to come into contact with incidents that relate to the issues that CEOP and ThinkUKnow were set up for on several occasions.

There have, and I believe always will be, incidents that relate to compromising the safety of young people in Scouting. That does not mean that Scouting is inherently unsafe, far from it. You just have to be aware that these things can and do occur, that sometimes the young people or adults involved are unaware of how serious it can be until it is too late.

Scouting has always given sage advice such as don't believe it cant happen to you, don't rely upon your good reputation for protection, don't think you don't have a responsibility to actively teach, learn and be aware of these issues just because you don't use a particular piece of technology yourself.

Incidents that involve child protection and use of modern technology are on the rise even though children and parents are probably more aware of the dangers. My school has a regular program of delivering such material to the children and adults in the form of regular training for staff, special assemblies with experts, cybermentors, extensive pastoral work in citizenship and PSHE. Yet still incidents have occurred recently where young people have got themselves into a very serious and dangerous situation where modern media (e.g. social networking sites like Facebook and communication pathways like BBM) have played a huge part.

We all need to be careful all the time. We all need to be aware of the potential dangers. We all need to act quickly upon the warning signs.

We do not need to stop using all the modern forms of communications just as I do not advocate stopping using cars. I would tell people they need to drive safely and be aware of the dangers of cars both as a driver and as a pedestrian. So be aware of the potential dangers of modern technology both as a user and a non user.

Tech Safety

Darren Dowling

Modern technology offers young people and adults alike a wealth of opportunity in the modern world and can provide an amazing useful set of resources and tools.

Like all tools it can be misused and in the wrong hands can be dangerous. It is important to remember that our roads are an extremely dangerous place, thousands of people die or are seriously injured every year, in the area we live they are all around us, just a few metres from our doorstep and something we encounter many times in our day to day life. I don't know anyone who would seriously suggest that we don't expose the young people in our care to roads, that they should not be allowed anywhere near them, that roads should be banned, that children should be hidden away from even seeing them. Used correctly they provide an amazing service. They keep traffic away from safe areas like playgrounds and back gardens. They allow us to travel to school. They can whisk us to the hospital in the event of an emergency. We train young people how to handle roads and how to use them safely. We train adults how to use roads safely. We do not allow very young children anywhere near a road unsupervised. We trust older children to cross some of the quieter roads but they are banned from the motorway. Even the more elderly among us need help in using roads.

We are sensible and safe.

Modern technology, mobile phones, websites, social networks, messaging services and such like should be treated in the same way. Used correctly and safely they are amazingly useful in our lives. If we do not teach children and adults how to use them safely though they can be potentially dangerous.

We need to be sensible and safe about modern technology.

The following page contains some text taken from the factsheet available on scouts.org.uk about Social networking sites and Scouting

www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs103011.pdf

It contains some excellent advice that we should all be aware of.

Even if you do not drive or cross any roads you need to be aware of the dangers so you can watch out for others. The same applies here. Technophobes, read on!

Social networking offers a world of possibilities to Scouting. Many young people in Scouting are already users of sites such as Facebook and Twitter

However, it is essential to ensure that you keep both yourself and young people safe online and, as an adult in Scouting, you have a key role to play in actively promoting these safety messages.

A common-sense approach

While social network profiles are easy to set up and use, it is important that you keep a professional distance online, just as you would in the 'offline' world. Think carefully about how any digital communication might appear to a third party. Compared with a conversation in the real world, technology increases the potential for messages to be seen out of context, misinterpreted or forwarded to others. The use of sarcasm and innuendo are not appropriate and it is essential to remember that you are in a position of trust.

If you have a website or have set up a social networking site for your Scout Group, bear in mind that once you place something there, it is in the public domain, which means people can access it, change it and share it with others.

Guidance for adults

? Remember you are in a position of trust as a volunteer.

? Remember that some sites have an age restriction (i.e. Facebook has a minimum age of 13 years)

? Conduct yourself in an appropriate way as you would face to face - be aware of what you say and how you say it.

? Don't engage in one-to-one conversations with young people via chat facilities or instant messaging - this is the same as going into a private room with a young person and closing the door.

? Do not provide personal details about young people on your website or social networking group (this includes school name, email address, ID, etc).

? Always ensure you have parental permission to use any photos of young people and only use their first names on any caption.

? Only use appropriate photos on your site, the sort that you would be happy putting on a public notice board - remember that everyone can view them.

? If you are concerned about the way a young person is attempting to contact you, report it immediately to your line manager.

? If you need to email or text young people, always copy the message to another

adult from your Group or Unit and if sending e-mails to groups of people use the 'BC' facility to avoid sharing e-mail addresses.

? Don't use your personal social networking account to communicate with young people.

? Monitor places where interaction occurs including walls, discussions boards, comments on photos, tagging of pictures and 'Group' or 'Fan Pages'.

? Only set up pages for events, activities or groups for which you are responsible.

? If you sign yourself up to social networking sites you need to be aware that content is speedily updated. Photos can be tagged and posted on your account.

? Use separate profiles and communication routes for email or social networking to keep contact with any young people in Scouting and your private life separate.

? ALL communications with Beaver or Cub Scouts should be done through their parents or carers, not directly.

? Remember the Young People First, Code of Behaviour (Yellow Card) at all times.

Net Safety

As part of my work within Scouting I have produced and maintained a set of resources that cover all aspects of safety on the internet, from the serious (potential harm to a child) to the more everyday (how to avoid getting a virus on your laptop).

www.glnet-scouts.org.uk/netsafety/

CEOP and ThinkUKnow

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) is now part of the police. They are experts in their field and produce an excellent set of resources, much of which can be found under the Think U Know banner.

ceop.police.uk/

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/