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2ND ELM PARK BEAVER SCOUTS RECORD BREAKERS!

The Beaver scouts of 2nd Elm Park Scout Group took part in The Giant Sleepover on Saturday 19th June Sunday 20th June 2004. Just for Fun!

We had 17 Beaver scouts take part. Our theme for the sleepover was Cowboy and Indians. They arrived on the Saturday at 4pm and were all very excited. We played some wide games outside for a while, and then came into the Scout Hut to make Indian Head bands and Cowboy mats with brown paper, glitter and fake jewels. They really enjoyed making dens in groups of 4 and had chairs, wallpaper, pegs and various decorations. We ended the day with some free time and supper. They all got tucked up in their sleeping bags and watched Cat in the Hat DVD and gradually fell a sleep!

On the Sunday morning after breakfast they all got their gear ready for home time and there was just enough time for a game of cricket. Just before they left certificates and badges were handed out and they all received a goody bag with loads of free bits and pieces from The Giant Sleepover Company.

The weekend was a huge success and we all really enjoyed. They are taking numbers for 2005 Giant Sleepover at the moment so if any other Beaver Scout Colonies within the district would like to take part maybe we could join together!



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5 a - side...

2nd Elm Park in the GLNE 5 - a - side Football Competition 2004

As with the previous three years 2nd Elm Park were hoping to enter at least one team in the County 5 - a - side competition. After having two teams in the last few competitions I was confident that we would again enter a couple of teams interested. I pushed the event for a few weeks leading up to kick off (Saturday 15th May) and was really pleased when I had enough Scouts to enter three teams. My lads were confident as ever, having finished runners up in two of the last three years.

When we arrived at the Chingford Police sports ground in the blazing sun, it was nice to see that there were a few other Troops from the District being represented (1st Upminster, 8th Hornchurch, and 2nd Cranham)

The competition was run on the usual format of a league stage followed by a tougher knockout stage. This meant that every team had the opportunity to play a minimum of four games no matter what their results.

After the first four games I had one team through to the knockout stage (lucky I'd entered three then) where they would have to play teams from the other mini leagues that had also done enough to go through. After getting only seven points from a possible 12 in the league stage, I was hoping that the team would improve in the later stages...and they did !!!

We won the next game 2 - 0 and went onto the semi - final high in confidence. Unfortunately we met our match at this stage and were beaten 3 - 0. By this stage the heat was becoming an issue and the lads had played well and I was proud of how far they'd got.

Unlike previous years, it was decided that there would be a third / fourth place play - off between the two teams that went out at the semi - final stage. The lads gained extra motivation when they were told that there were medals up for grabs if they finished third. We went into the lead in the game with a complete howler from their keeper, and although it wasn't very sporting I couldn't hold back the celebrations even in the keepers embarrassment ... I was really involved, as the team we were playing had beaten us earlier in the league stage and had rubbed a few people up the wrong way. Although Dean said it would have been nice to have beaten them on a fluke, just to rub it in, we did score a very good second to confirm the third place.

The day was very enjoyable and although I'm still recovering from the sunburn, I look forward to seeing as many teams from Hornchurch District there next year as possible.

STUART BARHAM
2nd Elm Park Scout Leader,
Hornchurch District Scout Leader

News/ Events...

On the eve of commemorations for "D-Day" an earlier battle of 31st May 1916 was remembered. On Saturday June 5th, when representatives and colours of the Royal Naval Association, Royal British Legion together with representatives from the 3rd.Cranham, 7th Hornchurch and 3rd Rainham Scout Groups remembered the boy hero of the battle of Jutland.

Jack Cornwell V.C, was killed when only 16 years old. Jack had been a Boy Scout in East Ham before enlisting into the Royal Navy when he was mortally wounded aboard H.M.S .Chester during the height of battle enemy gunfire having killed the gun crew around him . He stayed at his exposed post his gallantry later resulting in the award of a posthumous Victoria Cross and Scout Bronze Cross for Gallantry.

A group of cottages for retired seamen was later built as a National Memorial to him in Hornchurch their ground plan being in the shape of the Victoria Cross.

The current residents of the cottages and the officers and Trustees of the Jack Cornwell V.C.National Memorial Trust also attended the wreath laying and eulogy .



Magic!

The 3rd Cranham are hosting a "Magic Evening" at the Coopers' Company & Coborn School on Saturday July 10th. Top magicians from the Ilford Magic Circle will entertain you with table magic followed by a stage show. Make up a table and be amazed! Tickets are £8 and include a fish or chicken supper ,for further details and bookings contact Melvyn Gallagher on 0781.

Colony Chat...



Hope you like the new Beaver mascot?

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A few Giant Sleepover Facts

The Giant Sleepover involved simultaneous sleepovers taking place in schools, Guide and Scout Groups throughout the UK

A new Guinness World Record for the Biggest Sleepover has been established this weekend by school children, scouts and girl guides taking part in the Giant Sleepover fundraising event. 461 sleepovers took place in school and scout halls across the UK from 6pm Saturday night (19th June) through to 9am on Sunday with a forecast 11,900 children sleeping over.

The event, which will establish a new Guinness Book of World Records mark for the Biggest Multi-location Sleepover, will have raised over £100,000 for schools, scout groups and charities of their choice, a magnificent contribution in its first year.

Jill Daltrey BSL 2nd Elm Park Beaver Scouts

Beaver News from the ADC

It is good to see many Beaver colonies are out and about now it is Summer time. Broadfields is a favourite place to visit for Cranham Beavers and Langtons for Hornchurch, closely followed by the County Park for Elm Park and 5th. Hornchurch Beavers. 7th. Hornchurch visited Langtons and did a treasure hunt where we had great fun finding 20 natural objects.

This year, we have not visited the Cubs at their District Camp, but many colonies went to their own Cub Camps and joined in all the Camp fires with real fires and flames.

I am hopefully visiting everyone before I finish in September. It has been a pleasure to go round the colonies and compare the different ways they are all run. I pick up ideas for games and handicrafts for my own colony which I am now running after several years off. We have some good teams of leaders and they all work hard to keep the Beavers on their toes. It's not all about badges, but games, going out, enjoyment and sharing. It's about watching the quiet little boys and girls develop into noisy cubs then scouts and Explorers. (Ventures that was)

I enjoy finding out where my Beavers have gone to and several at the moment are in 2nd. Elm Park Scouts. Some older boys I had in 1st. South Hornchurch have all done well for themselves. Two brothers became a doctor and a solicitor and another a professional gardener. One little boy who had a hair lip and other problems has kept down a job at Oldchurch Hospital and done really well for himself.

This to me is what Scouting is about and I hope that I have many more years of Fun and Friends with my Beavers.

I wish my successor well in their new job and hope they continue to enjoy their Scouting.

**Janet Winslow
ADC Beavers.**

Pack Patter...



7th Hornchurch Cub Camp..... The camp of Yorkshire Puddings.

About three years ago we decided to hold a three night camp due to the fact that so much work is put into running a camp that by the time you begin to feel settled in on the Saturday night you have to start packing up camp on the Sunday morning! So this year I booked Birch Lodge and site 5 at Thriftwood for the bank holiday weekend at the start of May. Being a bank holiday I was sceptical about the weather as we have always camped in the second weekend of September and always had sunshine, the weather as you might recall was lovely until Monday morning, when rain struck, so much rain that had to leave all our tents up and take them down on Tuesday night, in the hope that the tents may have dried off! Unfortunately for us they hadn't so they all had to be hung in the scout hut!

Throughout the weekend we did many of the normal scouting activities, teambuilding games (the photo below shows a team building exercise where by the Cubs have to hook up bottles of water and place them on the blue bowls, quite difficult when six boys are pulling different ways!!), wide games, mapping, cooking on fires, climbing, making shelters, tracking, archery, blind trail, volleyball (very successful game on camp!), tuck shop, wood collecting and model making.!



The models were a particular success the boys brief was to design and make a model of a Dragon, as most of you know Eileen Gibson, my ACSL has the nickname Dragon, hence the idea for the model, where the best one would be burnt on the fire later that night! The photo below shows all four dragons together, it was a tough choice deciding which was the most dragon like!





Pack Patter contin...

Like most packs we have a catering team to deal with the food for the weekend, and ours are superb, for those of you who visited us over the weekend, at one point we had practically the whole senior members of the district team (DC, DDC, DESC, 4ADC's, and 3 District Leaders- glad we weren't all food poisoned then who would of run the district!) you would of tasted the quality of the food having an ex-chef really is a nice treat!. Ruth Wollacott and Wendy Gibbon have been my catering team now for about 5 years, ever since I took over, two years ago Ruth had a brain wave to order the food over the Internet and have it delivered to the campsite, this is a fantastic way to do, and it saves anyone have to do the shopping, as when I do the shopping the words "supermarket sweep spring" to mind. The food turn up Friday afternoon and I am the only adult left on site as all the tents are now up and I'm unloading the food, open the first bag and find Yorkshire puddings, so put them in the freezer, as I'm going through the bags I suddenly find that in every other bag is two packets of twelve Yorkshire puddings obviously something has gone wrong some where, so I check the bill and realise they have sent us 10 packets of 12 Yorkshires, not a big problem I thought only 120 to eat throughout the whole weekend, then I kept on unpacking finding more and more I'm now up to 20 packets (240 puddings!) I phone Ruth to tell her she asks me to check the bill again to our horror (well actually to my amusement!) I discover we have been charged and delivered 36 packets. For those of you who aren't good at maths that's **432** puddings, that's 12 each for every person on camp, the freezer was full! Ruth was on the phone to Sainsbury's to check what had happened, where it turned out her husband who had ordered the food, and in fact when she asked for 36 Yorkshire puddings as in 3 packets of 12 but he had ordered 36 packets on 12! At a cost of over £50.00, however Sainsbury's were fantastic. Once we explained who were (playing the scout charity card!) they gave us a full refund and let us keep all the puddings. So then the challenge was on, 101 things to make/use with Yorkshire puddings, we had them as 'Camp Popovers' with Jam and Golden Syrupy, camp canopies served with delicious fillings, camp profiteroles served with cream and melted galaxy chocolate (although I think a certain leader was upset at the waste of galaxy!), with the Sunday roast and as camp kebabs toasted with camp marshmallows on the fire! We also had other ideas for uses, ear muffs, coasters for furniture, boats to float models in, princess leia hair styles and many, many more! And of course each boy got presented with a packet at the end of the weekend, just encase they weren't sick of them!!! Overall a superb weekend and I would as always recommend Thriftwood for all your local scouting cub camp it's a great site with excellent facilities, three nights we found was much better and is definitely the way forward!!! Finally thanks to all those leaders who helped me from over five other groups, help is out there if you need it and I know that the adults had just as good time as the Cubs!



Paul Fix
CSL 7th Hornchurch

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PS: Any further idea for uses of Yorkshire puddings please send to Dean Jefferys, who will be writing them into his memoirs!!!

Troop Talk...



Dear Scouters and Scouts of Hornchurch District

Well I start this article for *Scouting About* on a bit of a high having just returned from the annual Hornchurch District Scout & Explorer Scout Hiking Weekend. Why am I so happy? Well we had twenty teams taking part this year, we had Scout Teams, Explorer Scout Teams and for the first time we also had a Network Team. Nearly 70 members took part and from the comments over heard on the Sunday everyone (as always) had a fabulous time. This year was also another first when the Hiking Weekend went INTERNATIONAL – more about this elsewhere in *Scouting About*. For those who have never taken part come along next year and see what it is all about. For the past three years we have been operating a novice team approach whereby Scouts who have not previously been involved can come along and take part under the supervision of a leader. This has proved very successful in encouraging greater attendance in the actual competition in subsequent years, as evidenced by the near doubling of the number of teams taking part in 2004. My thanks to all the leaders who make this event as successful as it is but I would like to pass on a very big thank you to **Colin Giles** who has for a number of years run the Hiking Weekend. There is a huge amount to do in advance and the number of teams entering is testament to all of Colin's hard work.

Full results will be in the next issue of *Scouting About*.

Also as I sit here typing looking out of the window and one minute it is glorious sunshine and the next its tipping it down with rain my thoughts turn to Summer Camp. This year for personal reasons my Troop can't camp far a field but we are still camping for a week at an International Scout Campsite with a huge number of activities on-site as well as many activities in the local region. It doesn't matter how far you go (although I would certainly encourage you to occasionally **GO FOR IT** – like 2nd Elm Park who are going to Iceland in 2005 as this will give the Scouts really amazing memories which will last them a lifetime) but getting the kids away for a longer camp in the summer holidays really is an excellent way for the Scouts to put into practise all those skills you have been teaching during the year but more importantly just watch how they develop as individuals and as a team during a longer camp. I hope that as many Troops as possible will be camping this Summer. Whatever camping you can achieve with your Troop this year remember two things – firstly, over and again Scouts tell us they want to be outdoors camping so its great to give them what they want and secondly, if you are new to the movement or just want some assistance there are a number of very experienced campers amongst the Scout leaders of Hornchurch District all of whom would be very pleased to lend a hand to get your camps off the ground. If you want to run a camp but are not sure where to start just ask and I'm sure many Troops will be all too welcome to take you along with them so you can see at first hand what camping is all about and pick up a few tips at the same time.

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Troop Talk contin...

So what else have Hornchurch Scouts been up to? As always a full programme of events has taken place since the last article and amongst them

- County / District Scout Water Activity Camp in June – an excellent weekend of numerous activities (not all water based) was enjoyed by all those who attended.
- County Five-a-side in May – well done to all the Hornchurch District Teams who entered and had a great time

And coming up we have

- District Camping & Cooking Weekend 25th / 26th September – more details at the next District Scout Leaders meeting
- District Clay Pigeon Shooting Sunday 3rd October
- District Five-a-side on Saturday 9th October
- County Orienteering Sunday 17th October

So as you can see there's plenty coming up for the Scouts to take part in.

Can I finish by reminding you all that the next District Scout Leaders meeting is on Monday 19th July at the District HQ at 8pm. All leaders, whether warranted or not, are welcome to attend.

To all of those leaders, instructors and parents who are doing so very much for Scouting in Hornchurch – THANK YOU

Andy Rice

ADC (Scouts)

2nd Elm Park's "Mini Summer Camp 2004"

A few months ago now, it was decided that after we'd (the leaders / helpers / supporters of 2EP) completed the 3 Peaks Challenge, we'd run a Patrol Camp straight after... must be mad !!!! But then we got madder !! We then heard about the County Water Activities weekend, which was to start the day that the Patrol Camp finished. With the County Camp only costing £15 per Scout we felt we couldn't turn it down and so this meant a 6 day "Mini Summer Camp" for the Scouts and a 10 day endurance for us the Leaders.

After the Three Peaks had finished (see reports from two of the Scouts) we were up early again on the Tuesday and straight onto Broadstone Warren. Once on site the Scouts set about erecting the huge hike tent that Centurion Explorers kindly lent to us. Kevin had explained that there was a video to watch that showed you how to put it up, but we'd not had time to watch that and it proved to be a veeeeeeerrrrry lengthy process. With us travelling light, we'd only taken hike style tentage instead of the usual Icelandic's and so once the huge tent had been conquered we were soon set up and ready for camp. We were using the Patrol Camp to get the lads through some badge / award work that we wouldn't normally have time to do at the hut, coupled with some onsite activities.

On the Tuesday evening we did rifle shooting and had a relaxing night sitting and chatting around the fire. The Wednesday saw Pinto going through the My Faith badge (yes Pinto) This was completed with the Scouts planning and running their own Scouts Own (Paul Fix would have been proud) Each Scout stood up the front in the Camp Chapel and said a small piece about a faith. The Scouts Own covered all religions that we had present and we also spoke about a vast array of other religions and beliefs. The Scouts name their Scouts Own "REM", which stood for Religious Educational Meeting, and after the half hour service all earned their My Faith badge. We later did Archery and also acquired various cuts, bruises and scrapes on the Cresta Run.

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Mini summer cont...

On the Thursday we packed up reasonably early as we had to head off to Norfolk for the second half of the camp (County Water Activities) After the long journey, going through 5 Counties in the sun and then into the torrential rain, as well as the usual 1 Scout being sick on route, we were pleased that we only had the 4 tents to put up. This took no time at all as the Scouts (and Pinto) had now put the huge tent up once and were used to it now. We soon settled into the picturesque if basic site and the lads went to collect an alter fire and some wood for the night.

The County Camp wasn't officially starting until the Friday night and so we took advantage of the extra day and spent it in Great Yarmouth. All the lads enjoyed the freedom of being allowed to roam the arcades as well as the beach and they were also given enough money to have a take away each. Once back at the site (Decoy Broad) I was given all the information on what the Scouts would be doing and when, throughout the weekend. Each Scout had the opportunity to take part in Archery, Amateur Radio, Sailing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Swimming, Free Fall Abseil as well as a visit to the floating ice cream man!!

The weather throughout the water activities was extremely hot, but with the huge amounts of factor 30 sun block nobody got burned (like at the football) and judging by how wet everyone got, they all had a great time.

Active Support (a part of GLNE) are going to be running the Water Activities weekend again next year. It will be at the same place and over the same weekend (the one after the bank holiday at the end of May) I can highly recommend that you travel those few extra miles to take part..... at only £15, what you spend in fuel you'll be saving on the cost of the camp.

The 2nd Elm Park 3 Peaks Challenge

As a lot of you will be aware (as I've bugged ya all for sponsorship) 15 Leaders / Helpers / Supporters of 2nd Elm Park, recently took it upon ourselves to climb the highest mountain's in Scotland (Ben Nevis), in England (Scafell's Pike..... Not quite a mountain, but certainly felt like one) and in Wales (Snowdon) ALL IN ONE WEEKEND !!!!!

As I mentioned, this was a sponsored event, with the money raised going towards our Summer camp to Iceland next year. I would like to thank all of you for your generous donations and warn you that I'm now out to collect !!!! You'll be pleased to know that we beat our target of £4000, and actually raised £8508.71 !!!!!!! So if you're after a good fundraiser, get climbing.

The weekend went extremely well with everyone involved doing really well in the climbs. I personally didn't make the climb of Snowdon (well, not on foot anyway) as I'd broken my toe the Sunday before we left, but can assure anyone that sponsored me, that the money has been well earned, in that I walked two of the three with the broken toe, as well as having to wear my old boots (toe wouldn't fit in the new ones) This meant that for most of the climb on Scafell's Pike, with the sole of the boot gone, I was actually walking it in bare feet.

After the event I asked Dan Phimister to write me a small piece to put in Scouting About (see next page) I would also like to point out (before the complaints) that both Dan (14) and Voov (12) were NOT on the event as Scouts, but were there as Sons of two of the Leaders / Helpers taking part..... and both put us old fatties to shame, climbing all three mountains with ease, not even breaking a sweat.

STUART BARHAM

*2nd Elm Park Scout Leader,
Hornchurch District Scout Leader*





3 Peaks contin...

Dan's report of the 3 peaks challenge

The drive up to the youth hostel was a saw one and playing the mini game was very hard because me, Voov and Ark were at the back of the mini bus, meaning we couldn't see very well out of the windows to the other lanes. Whereas Pinto was in the middle isle so he could see very well onto the other side of the motorway so it was a little unfair on us little ones.

On arrival at the hostel (Glen Nevis, in Scotland at the foot of Ben Nevis) we prepared ourselves by setting out the sleeping arrangements then we went to the local public house for a bit to eat. After the delicious meal with the foreigners as waitresses (we never understood a word they said to us), we headed back to the hostel, we packed our sacs for the following days adventure and got some well earned rest.

The following day was a lovely one but that was soon to change. We got a couple of pictures of us on the bridge at the foot of the mountain, and once everyone had finished taken their memorial photos of what all of us looked like at the start. We set off for our first mountain (which happened to be the highest at 1343metres high) the famous Ben Nevis. It was a hard first stretch but we all made the difficult bit in the end, all of us managed to get to the top but the unfortunate thing was that the mist was horrendous and it tipped it down with rain (I told you the weather was going to change). While everyone took a nice leisurely stole down the mountain, me and Stu F decided that we were not going to take the easy route down or have a nice leisurely stole, so we decided to run down the mountain and take as many shortcuts as possible. We made it down the mountain in 40 minutes (about 1 hour before everyone else).

After a 6-hour journey to Scafell Pike (Lake District, England) we finally made it to the hostel (Wastwater) and we went straight to sleep, I am sure I speak for everyone here because it was a tiring drive down to the hostel and we were all tired.

Another early start with everyone up at 6 (yes including Pinto. For everyone who doesn't know him he doesn't usually get up until about 1 in the afternoon). We packed our bags for the second time on our expedition and made our way in the mini bus to travel a little way to the bottom of Scafell Pike. A couple of us set off while a couple of the others stayed at the minibus for a few minutes before setting off. This mountain was by far the hardest one of the lot, even though it was the smallest. The accent was very steep.

We all got down safely and we hopped into the minibus and drove straight to the Welsh youth hostel

(Snowdon Ranger)

We got to the youth hostel, registered and went to set out our beds for the last time on our expedition. While some people went off for refreshment, some of us stayed behind at the hostel, called our families and told them how much fun we were having without them. This also gave us a chance to look again at the routes we were going to take up Snowdon (because there are loads).

The next day came and we set off for the bottom of the tourist route (because some of the people wanted to do that route) while the rest of us went to the P.Y. G track to walk the slightly harder route.

Again, after a strenuous walk, we all got down safely and celebrated our success on the way home.

It was a very enjoyable weekend away. A huge thank you to the people who sponsored us.