



NorthEast



**The Newsletter for the Scout County of Greater London North East
For June, July and August 2011**

LONDON MARATHON

In 2010 my son ran in the London Marathon, we went to watch the event, this was the first time I have ever been to watch it, even though I have watched it on TV many times. It was quite a memorable day with many sights and sounds to see, the elite runners who sprint past and complete the race in 2 hours, the people dressed in funny costumes and the fun runners who just want to complete the course. I decided that I would also like to one day complete a marathon. I went out and bought some running shoes and started training, to begin with just walking around the block and gradually jogging further distances. It was hard work to get fit because I had not really done any serious exercise for the last 20 years, there were quite a few aches and pains to begin with, I lost 20lbs in weight as well. As part of my training I completed the Royal London Parks Half Marathon in October 2010. I managed to get a place in the 2011 London Marathon which is quite difficult, each year they accept 120,000 applications, with 35,000 people being selected for the event. So the big day came on the 17th April, it was overcast to begin with which is perfect, but by 10am it was quite hot, which is not good. The crowds were fantastic and I saw quite a few Scouts along the way, crossing Tower Bridge was quite emotional

and that is only the half way mark. By about 18 miles my hips joints were starting to seize up but I kept going and finished in 6 hours. I had hoped to do it quicker but I was glad that I did not get any blisters, I am very grateful to all the people



that sponsored me, I raised £1700.00 for the Make A Wish foundation.

**Paul Carr - Manager, Fairmead Scout
Active Support Unit**

Scout County of Greater London North East

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting on

Wednesday 22nd June 2011

at Sir James Hawkey Hall, Broadmead Road, Woodford Green. IG8 OBG

Buffet reception from 7pm, meeting at 8pm. This is the opportunity for the County to thank all leaders and many awards will be presented. "We hope to see you ALL there!"



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County Commissioner Corner

NEW APPOINTMENTS

In addition to the new appointments announced in Ilford East I am pleased to welcome some additional members to the County Team. All these individuals were appointed following the open call for new volunteers in our Vacancies Booklet.

Lynn Peck - Deputy County Commissioner (District Support)

Lynn has previously held appointments as a District Commissioner in Hampshire and worked for some years at Headquarters as a Field Development Officer and as part of the Fund-Raising Team. She brings with her a wealth of experience in development and support and will be a great asset to the DCs as their new line manager.

Andy Brodie - ACC (Explorer Scouts)

Andy has held a number of roles in Newham recently including GSL and LTA, but previously he was ACC (Venture Scouts) in Kent. Andy has a detailed knowledge of the 14-18 age range and is looking forward to help mould and shape this key section for us.

Patrick Finn - County Scout Network Administrator

Patrick is an SAS member from Waltham Forest South and is part of the Service Team at Tolmers Scout Centre. He will be working closely with our CSNC to help support the growth of Network across the County

Jim Berry - LTM (Thriftwood)

Jim is currently holding the fort as our Acting ACC (Cub Scouts), but has also taken on the role of Local Training Manager for Thriftwood Activity Centre and will be training and supporting the Service Team at the campsite.

The following pre-provisional appointments have also been agreed subject to the final approval of the County Appointments Advisory Committee:

Eileen Pooley-Deputy County Commissioner (Marketing & Communications)

Eileen is a Group Scout Active Support Manager in Ilford NorthWest and has a background in media and law. She will be bringing her skills to managing our internal and external communications strategy – an area that we all agree needs an urgent focus. This is going to be a really exciting time and we are looking forward to it with anticipation!

Sam Longhurst-County Multi-Media Adviser

Sam is an Explorer Scout and Young Leader from Ilford East and Romford who is going to coordinate our multi-media presentations. He coped so well at the Chartermarks and the finished products were outstanding! The young know so much more than the rest of us about IT so who better to have in charge!

Scout Section

Andy Mann - County Scout Leader
Derek Wright - County Scout Leader
Paul Fitzgerald - County Scout Leader

Andy, Derek and Paul are Scout Leaders from Romford, Ilford East and Ilford NorthWest respectively who will be working as a team with William Hughes to boost support for the Scout Section across the County. Exact responsibilities are still to be finalised, but expect to see them all out and about soon!

County Commissioner Corner

CHARTERMARKS

Over 90 Scout Groups were invited to the eleventh and final County Chartermark Awards to recognise those Groups who has sustained or grown their membership. Due to the large numbers we again held two presentations and it was a pleasure to present certificates to all the various Groups. When we started this initiative only 19 Scout Groups were eligible, so with our work in this area done its time to say a fond farewell to these awards and to move on to new ways of recognising excellence in Scouting ... watch our for news of the replacement event in 2012!

SHOWSTOPPERS 2011

What a show, what a cast and what a night out! I enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Kenneth More Theatre watching some of the best of Scouting and Guiding tread the boards! I was particularly struck by the young age profile of the cast, which bodes well for the future. Both front of house and behinds scenes staff did an amazing job as usual in producing a show which would not have looked out of place on a West End Stage! If you didn't go you missed out. The months of rehearsals certainly paid off – see you all again in 2013???

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE CONTINGENT

Excitement continues to mount for our County's contingent to the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden this summer. Due to some team changes I find myself as an unexpected member of the Contingent Leadership Team, but never let it be said that your County Commissioner is afraid of getting his hands dirty! Nearly 3 weeks of adventure awaits the Unit including a pre-event party in Denmark, 12 days at the Jamboree in Sweden and then Home Hospitality in Germany! If you know any of the young people taking part then you will recognise the change in them when we return! My grateful thanks go to fellow Assistant Leaders Alan Winston and Siobhan Conway for their dedication and support to the Unit and special thanks to Alan Hands who stepped in somewhat last minute



COUNTY AGM

I really hope every adult will make the effort to attend this year's County AGM! AGMs are perhaps not the most exciting evenings, but we certainly try to keep our annual gathering light and informal with lots of awards and presentations about the last 12 months of adventure! In a difference this year in place of a speaker we welcome two Scouts who will be talking about last year's County Expedition to Norway as a curtain raiser to the Jamboree. Please make an extra effort to come along and give them your support!

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!!!

As I write this I have just returned from a half term break to Derbyshire with my Troop, but the summer holidays and the main camping season will shortly be upon us, so can I wish you all happy camping and fine weather. Please check out my blog as advertised earlier in 'North-East' to see what I get up to – I hope to expand this during the Jamboree so that you get a full account of the whole adventure.

Whatever your plans I wish you well and happy Scouting!

Dean Jefferys



**The County congratulates
the following on their
awards**

**Recruit a Friend
Silver Awards**

East London

Ben Sacarello - Scout
Louis Wilson - Scout
Benjamin Furley - Cub Scout
Samuel Bannell - Cub Scout
Henry Mathias - Cub Scout

Ilford East

Holly Hagan - Beaver Scout
George Marshall-Childs - Beaver Scout

**With Showstoppers
Gang Show 2011
now behind us**

What a show, what a production,
what a success!

Thank you to everyone who did
come and see our young people.

Sadly I report that it was very
poorly supported from around the
County

Next Gang Show
WALTHAM FOREST
CHINGFORD ASSEMBLY HALL
3RD TO 6TH MAY 2012

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**14th Hackney Scout
Group celebrate
their Centenary**

The Group are celebrating their 100th
birthday in style with a series of
events over the next twelve months.
They have already held an indoor



campfire attended by over 300
members and friends which featured
skits and songs that surpassed
anything on Britain's Got Talent.



The following day they were joined by
Tim Kidd Chief Commissioner for
England who joined in their service of
thanks, giving and planting of a
special tree.

The local museum are holding a
special 14th Hackney exhibition
running through to the 3rd September
so if you are in the area why not drop
in.

News from Ilford East District

At Ilford East District AGM I was pleased to announce the new District Commissioner and Deputy District Commissioner (subject to final approval by the County Appointments Advisory Committee).

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I have asked **Peter Brewster** to take on the role of DC. Peter is no stranger to the District and indeed was DC Before, between 1990 and 2000. His greater work freedom now means that he has more time on his hands and already has exciting plans to take the District forward. Peter has dedicated much of his adult life to Scouting in Ilford East and is really excited about returning to the role of DC, as indeed are we.

I'm also pleased to report that **Terry Longhurst** has agreed to become Deputy District Commissioner and will be working closely with Peter to help grow and develop the District. Terry's obvious enthusiasm and commitment to Scouting will go a long way in helping to shape the District.

These are exciting times for Ilford East with a new District Leadership Team, new Wardens taking over at Hargreaves at Whitsun and work soon to begin on the new Barnes Centre building.

I would also like to pay further tribute to Chris Geary for his tireless leadership of the District over the last 6 years and wish him all the best as he moves onto new challenges - I understand Jackie already has a large list of 'projects' at home!

Dean Jefferys CC

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27th Chingford Scout Troop The Pioneering Camp

I thought that the pioneering camp was really interesting, seeing as we got to make a zip-wire (which was very high), a merry-go-round, a greasy pole, a bucking bronco, a catapult (or ballista) and a monkey bridge. The zip-wire was attached to a tree and took a lot of strain. The merry-go-round was made up of a circle of ropes and wooden poles and it went very fast. The greasy pole is a pole which spins upside down and tests your endurance when hanging on! The bucking bronco was like a giant Buckaroo! Our catapult snapped because of all the strain although it still threw the water bomb quite far. The monkey bridge was very long and took a lot of balance to get through.

Over the camp I learned a range of extremely helpful knots and my three favourites were:

Highwayman's Hitch: this knot was used to tie up horses and has a quick release.

Clove hitch: This knot is the start and end of a lashing. Sheet Bend: This knot connects two ropes of different sizes.

The other cool knots that I learned over the weekend were; bowline, figure of 8 knot, reef knot and round turn and two half hitches. The hardest thing to do was an eye splice which took me hours to learn! My favourite part of the camp was learning how to do all the knots because they are very useful in all different ways. As well as enjoying making the knots I enjoyed meeting the people from my district very much.

I think I will always remember this camp because knots are useful in everyday life (e.g. for holding down a sheet on a car to keep it on, or to hang something heavy on a hook). After that camp I think every Scout Troop in England, not just Chingford, should try a lot harder to do Pioneering because it is very interesting and rewarding when you make a good thing.

Why you should join Scouts

I think everyone should join Scouts because you learn life skills, survival skills, go on courageous camps, learn to be responsible, earn lots of badges and best of all have fun.

Written by Lewis Age 12,

**County Web Site at
www.glne-scouts.org.uk/ccblog**

The County Commissioner has a new Blog
why not log on and have a read

21st Romford Scout Group goes to London to see the Lord Mayor

On a warm spring afternoon in May a rather smart looking bunch of Cubs, Scouts and Leaders from the 21st Romford Scout Group, plus the Romford Scouts District Commissioner, Keith Pethers, made their way to join a very special celebration at City Hall.

The event, arranged by the Mayor of London's office, was to recognise the works and achievements of a selection of the community organisations, uniformed organisations, local businesses and members of the community from across the London Boroughs of Havering and Redbridge.

The boys and girls were truly awestruck as they entered the City Hall events area. This 9th Floor venue has truly inspiring views across London, with the blue skies providing a truly



momentous backdrop to one of the most spectacular cities in the world.

Boris Johnson addressed the hall, which was filled with a wide variety of organisations too vast to list, although a few of the attendees included: The Queens Theatre, Friends of Bedford's Park, 1st Goodmayes Guides Unit, Age Concern, Cancer Research UK, 6th Hornchurch Guides, Havering Museum Ltd, Redbridge Cycling Centre, 452 Squadron Air Cadets and Romford YMCA to name but a few.

Boris really made a great impression on the Cubs and Scouts, sharing his views on how London is changing for the better, his clear passion for London, anecdotes from the Royal Wedding, his hopes for the future and his heartfelt thanks to all the individuals and organisations across Redbridge and Havering working to make this community even better.

One of the Scouts was even lucky enough to have a birthday card presented to her by Boris, as the trip had fallen on her 10th birthday – a very big occasion for any Cub.

It's always great for Groups to get involved in community events and all the Cubs, Scouts and Leaders were proud to represent the Romford District and the Greater London North East County at this great event.

James Mortimer - ACSL