

# BANGERS AND MASH



WINTER 2008-9

# ENFIELD SCOUTING NEWS

## FROM THE EDITOR

Scouting really is an amazing network, and it can have an effect on people's lives long after they have ceased to be members. A series of coincidences have resulted in Enfield District being given some fascinating books that give us an insight into Scouting in Enfield in the 1930s and 1940s.

The local Scout Group in Pinhoe, Exeter, were collecting wood for their bonfire party last November when they called on an elderly lady. She told them her brothers had been in the 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield in the 1930s and 1940s, and she wondered if the Group was still going, as she had some old books they might be interested in. The Chairman of the Group in Exeter, Phil Wakely, surfed the net and found the Enfield District website, and then e-mailed Mark Dowsett. We then got in touch with the lady, Mrs Pauline Finch, and in due course Phil in Exeter kindly sent us the books Pauline had donated. They are the script and photographic record of a historical pageant performed by the Enfield District Scouts in 1930 at Forty Hall, and a log book of the 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield Scouting activities in 1942 and 1943 written by Pauline's brother Reg Verity. You can read more about these two fascinating books in this edition of Bangers & Mash.

As a result of your Editor telling this story to some friends who are not involved in Scouting, we have subsequently been given one or two more recent photos of the 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield and an album of photos of the 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield in the 1930s and 1940s taken by Derek Thompson, the then Scoutmaster.

The next edition of Bangers and Mash will be published at the end of April – contributions by Easter, please

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## FROM THE DC

First may I take this opportunity to wish everyone and their families a very happy and healthy New Year for 2009.

The last months of the year often see a wind-down as everyone prepares for Christmas, but it seems not so in Scouting - you were all busy with events for our young people.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November we attended the Remembrance Parades at Edmonton and Enfield and made up a very large percentage of the numbers at both. Well done to everyone who endured the cold to show their respects for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Our band were well represented that same weekend at the Lord Mayor's Show and performed superbly in horrid weather conditions. I was really proud to be a spectator that day; thanks to Richard and all his team for making it special.

We were very lucky to get a team of volunteers from KPMG to help with the decorating of Turkey Street. It was a long day but we achieved a great deal including stripping and refitting the kitchen; repairing the urinals; painting the hall and toilets; replacing the ceiling in the chair store and painting the lobby. My thanks to Darren Leonard and Martin Coventon who also did some preparation work before the day and to Roger Elkin, Mark Humphris, Andy Hawkes and Janette Earney who joined us on the day. There is still some work to do but we made a great start

The Beavers and Cubs both held Carol Services this year and although numbers were not as high as perhaps we would like they were both joyful events.

And so now we start a new year, last night it was great to meet up with over seventy of our adult volunteers at a social gathering

at the 4<sup>th</sup> HQ. Some of the karaoke singing was really good; some just a little strained, but all in all a great time was had by all. Thanks to Mark, Teresa & Ross for manning the bar, Corinne for sorting out the food and my mate Les for running the karaoke. If you missed it watch out for next year!



As we go forward this year we must all continue to work together to make Scouting even better and perhaps a little easier. Try to support the section meetings, the people that put on events, support each-other and communicate well.

Remember **“teamwork makes the dream work”**

So far this year I have had seven ‘want-to-join’ requests and it’s only the 11<sup>th</sup> of January so it’s looking good already!

Keep smiling and thanks for all that you do to make this game of Scouting the best that it can be

*Mark Dowsett*  
(DC, Enfield Scouts)



*Scout Leader?...But I volunteered to be the Cub Leader*

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# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Sunday Parades in Edmonton and Enfield were well attended in spite of the cold weather, and the Scouting contingent made an impressive sight led by the District band.



Matthew Collinge, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield Troop laid a wreath at the cenotaph on Enfield Chase Green on behalf of the District.

Some Scout Groups also held their own remembrance services in local churches on that Sunday morning. One service of particular historical significance was that held jointly by the 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield and 12<sup>th</sup> Enfield at St. John's Clay Hill. It was the first time in over 50 years that Scouts had paraded in that church – the 9<sup>th</sup> Enfield disbanded in the mid-1950s and there has been no Scout Group at St. John's since then.

St John's church, along with St. Luke's at the top of Browning Rd, is now part of Clay Hill parish, where both the 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield and 12<sup>th</sup> Enfield now hold their church parades. St John's church building has been closed for renovation for the past couple of years and it was only re-opened in September 2008. The Remembrance Day service was conducted by the curate, Rev. Richard Maudsley, and the church was packed with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and their Leaders as well as members of the congregation

***Colour parties forming up in St. John's church before the Remembrance Sunday service***



## SCOUTING DURING THE WAR

Continuing the Remembrance Sunday theme, it is appropriate to remember those who kept Scouting going during the Second World War, as well as those who gave their lives during the various conflicts so that we now have the freedom to enjoy our Scouting.

We are fortunate to have several records of Scouting in Enfield during 1939 – 1945 in the form of a diary of the 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield Troop kept by Reg Verity (their Assistant Scoutmaster up to 1943) and photo albums of the 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield from Lilly Searle (the Akela) and Derek Thompson (the Scoutmaster). We also have minutes of Committee meetings from this period.

One of the problems faced by Scout Groups during the war was the shortage of Leaders. Many of the younger male Leaders were called up to serve in the armed services, while others saw their employers moving away from London to avoid the blitz and so they had to go with their jobs. This meant that the adult Leaders were often only available at weekends or when on leave. In many cases the Patrol Leaders kept the Scout Troop meetings going themselves, sometimes helped by former Leaders who came back out of retirement, or the Ministers of the local churches. But it appears that the “old fashioned” methods of the retired Scouters were not always popular with the young Scouts!



***The 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield parading outside their HQ in Hawthorn Grove on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1940. A couple of the houses in the background were bombed later in the war and are now the entrance to Tucker's Field.***

But Scouting activities continued – meetings were often held at weekends to avoid problems with blackout restrictions and air raids in the evenings. Church parades and Scouts Owns continued on Sundays. There were social events such as combined Scout and Guide parties. There was a District hiking weekend in the Nazeing area and the District Road Relay Race continued. The 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield organised wide games in Whitewebbs for their Scouts. Swimming was a popular activity as was tobogganing in the snow in Hilly Fields. Visits were even made to central London to see the BP Museum at Imperial Scout HQ and the ship “Discovery” moored on the Thames.



### ***Tolmers Scout Camp in 1940***

Camping at Tolmers Scout Camp at Cuffley was certainly enjoyed by the 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield Cubs and Scouts among others. Equipment was taken to Tolmers by trek cart and the Scouts and Scouters sometimes travelled on the train from Enfield to Cuffley. Motor vehicles were not available, of course, and one Troop was seen taking their equipment to camp by horse and cart! The 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield also used local farms for camping, which gave the Scouts the chance to pass their Dairyman Badge.

The Birchbark camping competition actually started in 1941 – the original trophy was a piece of bark from a birch tree.



***A team of Scouts from the 15<sup>th</sup> Enfield who erected air raid shelters in 1942.***

The Scouts also helped with the war effort by erected “Anderson” air raid shelters, growing vegetables on allotments as part of the “dig for victory” campaign. There was also considerable rivalry between the Scout Troops as to who could raise the most money for the “BP Memorial Fund” to help the war effort.

***The 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield had an allotment in the St. Luke’s Vicarage garden (where St .Luke’s Avenue now stands). Here we see them “digging for victory”.***





## BRIDIE CHALLENGE

The Bridie Challenge for Cubs has been run by Edmonton for several years in memory of a former Akela of the 10<sup>th</sup> Edmonton Pack. In November 2008 the competition was also open to Cub Packs from Enfield for the first time.



On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November seven teams entered the 2008 Bridie Challenge. The bases for the competition included knotting, map and compass work, cane pioneering, camp gadgets (as shown on the front cover of this magazine), home safety, tracking signs, and senses (touch, smell, feel and sight.)



The joint winners were the 4<sup>th</sup> Edmonton and 14<sup>th</sup> Enfield Packs, with the 20<sup>th</sup> Edmonton as runners up. The shield was presented by ADC Andy Hawkes.

An enjoyable day was had by all who took part, and hopefully next time even more teams will enter. It is planned to run the 2009 Bridie Challenge later in the year again.

## **DISTRICT QUIZ NIGHT**

The District Cubs' Quiz Night was held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at the Turkey St. HQ. The winners were the 19<sup>th</sup> Enfield, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Enfield in second place and the 18<sup>th</sup> Edmonton third. These teams go forward to represent the District at the County Quiz at Frith Grange on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Congratulations to those teams, and thanks to Graham Gardener for organising the evening.

## COUNTY BOWLING COMPETITION

The County Cub 10-pin bowling competition was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at the Hollywood Bowl. The two Enfield teams came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with 773 and 739 points respectively. Well done!

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The District Cub Carol service was held at St. James' church, Enfield Highway on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008. The church looked really festive with all the different Christmas trees decorated by the various church organisations, including the 1<sup>st</sup> Enfield Scout Group. The service took the traditional form of lessons and carols, with a short address by Keith Harvey. Thanks to Keith for organising the service.

## WATER ACTIVITIES WEEKEND JULY 2008



# **cubs** "INTERNATIONAL" DISTRICT CAMP

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2009**

**TOLMERS SCOUT CAMP, CUFFLEY**



*Each Pack will represent a  
different country*



- Opening ceremony & "Explore the World" wide game Friday evening
- Activity bases on Saturday – get your passport stamped at each base
- Scavenger hunt, Camp Fire & Disco on Saturday evening
- It's a Knockout on Sunday

**BOOKINGS AND £25 DEPOSIT PER PACK,  
PLEASE BY THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO:-**

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Stevenage Old Town, Herts, SG1 3BZ

Phone: Home 01438 367083 or mobile 07763963295

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**Tolmers Scout Campsite**





## DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' NIGHT HIKE

After the Remembrance Day parade we held a District Patrol Leaders' meeting and asked them if they would like a District Patrol Leaders' event; they said they would. So we suggested a night hike which they were in favour of.

The night hike took place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the Patrol Leaders had to e-mail me if they were going, and it seemed to work as with 2 weeks to go I had 3 entries, no not teams, PLs, but by the evening I had 22 entries. On the night we met at the 19<sup>th</sup> Enfield Headquarters which was decorated in seasonable taste, and we had 25 Patrol Leaders taking part from 9 Troops, which were 2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edmonton, 4<sup>th</sup> Enfield, 10<sup>th</sup> Enfield, 12<sup>th</sup> Enfield, 13<sup>th</sup> Enfield, 18<sup>th</sup> Edmonton, 19<sup>th</sup> Enfield, and 20<sup>th</sup> Edmonton.

The Patrol Leaders got themselves in to hiking teams that they were all happy to be in, and they were a mixture from different Troops, which was good to see. The teams started to hike at 9.30pm. The hike had 4 checkpoints on it, which the first one was a bush tucker trail, which the Patrol Leaders had to put their hands into all different kinds of stuff from woodlice, earwigs and worms to coconuts covered in hair gel, to gain their bush tucker meal voucher, which they could then exchange for a hotdog and drink at the second checkpoint.

At the third checkpoint the Patrol Leaders had to manoeuvre themselves through a blind man's trail through muddy footpath and through gates and fences. At the fourth checkpoint the Patrol Leaders had to cross the Turkey Brook where it was running quite fast and was at its deepest (about 15 inches). They had to cross on an aerial seat on a pulley system.

Finally, after a six mile hike in pouring rain on a cold evening, the Patrol Leaders arrived at Turkey Street Scout Hall from midnight till 1am, where they all arrived in good spirits. They were still energetic, so we carried on with some festive fun from apple bobbing to relay races and even pass the parcel. Then at last by about 4am all the Patrol Leaders were asleep.

It was not long till 7am and we had to give them all a rude awakening in traditional Scouting way with a ladle and billy can, after breakfast their parents came to collect them. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and asked to do more Patrol Leader activities in the future, which they gave us some ideas - so watch this space!

The evening was a total success from the Patrol Leaders' attitude to the camaraderie between them all. This would not have been possible without all the help on the night from the Leaders, Jim & Simon 19<sup>th</sup>, Michael & James Explorer Leaders, Lucy 18<sup>th</sup>, James 13<sup>th</sup>, David 10<sup>th</sup>, Corrine, Mark & Charlie 27<sup>th</sup>, Chris, Nancy & Lydia 20<sup>th</sup>, Darren 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Martin DSL. So a big "THANK YOU" from me and the PLs. Some of them did thank me at the end!

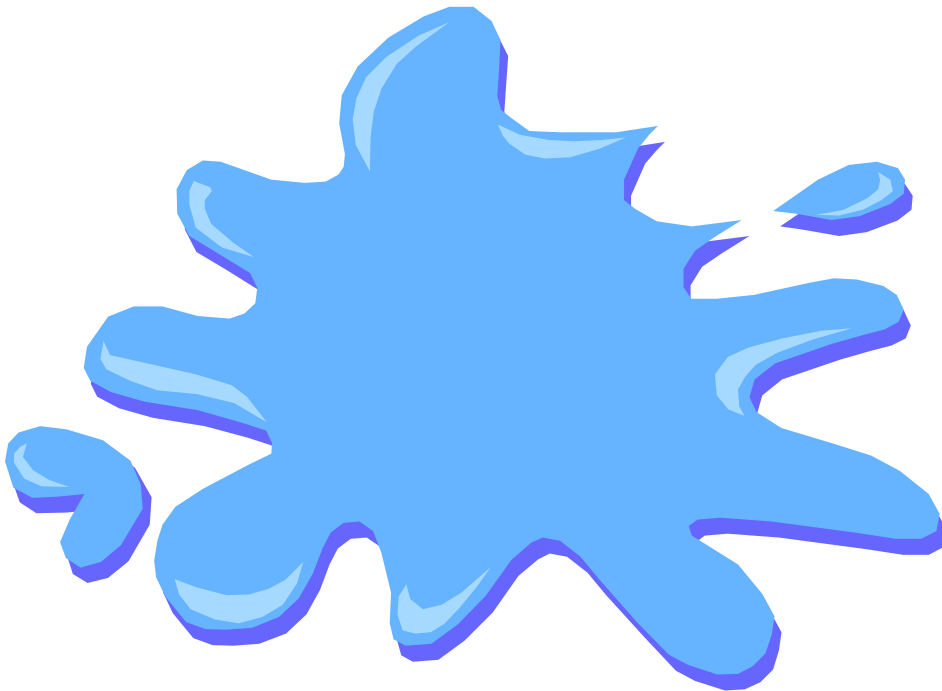
*Mark Humphris*  
(ADC Scouts)



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*Scout Leader?...But I volunteered to be the Cub Leader*

Enfield Scouts'



# Big Splash

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009

arrive 4.30 pm  
First Race 5pm  
Finish 8.00pm  
£10.00 per team  
Teams of 4  
under 14's only  
Bring towel and robe

Register your teams no later than  
16<sup>th</sup> February to  
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## ENFIELD DISTRICT EXPLORERS FIRE & ICE CAMP TOLMERS 16-18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

30 Explorers from Enfield recently joined over 700 other Scouts and Explorers at Tolmers for the annual "Fire & Ice" camp. There were loads of things to do to keep everyone warm, and although cold and wet (yes this is January!!) it didn't dampen the spirits.



Activities on offer included Archery; Rifle shooting; the Rock (rotating climbing wall); vertical wall, Rope-a-phobia; Dodgems; Quad bikes and lots more.



To warm up on the Saturday night there was a Disco for the Scouts and Explorers, and a quiz for the leaders.



One of the things about this camp seems to be the mud. We had loads of mud last year and loads of mud this year....but for some of the Explorers that's one of the good things about the camp with mud sliding as an additional activity just outside our mess tent (last year the mud slide was inside the mess tent!).

Yes, this camp is not everyone's cup of tea (the rain, mud, cold etc), but it's great for the activities and the camaraderie. With food and the fire keeping us warm, everyone forgot about the cold and had a fantastic camp.





Having a good Leader team makes all the difference on a camp like this. We all pulled together so a great big thank you to everyone that helped...and a special thank you to some non-Explorer types who volunteered (?!?) to help, and see what we get up to at Explorer camps. Vicky Jacobs from the 5<sup>th</sup> and Debbie Shinkins from 27<sup>th</sup> were both brilliant with their help – thank you.

*Mike Thurston*

(Parker Bowles ESU, DESC)

P.S ....and of course there's an open invitation to any Leader to come and see what we get up to!!

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Isn't it exciting? Your Dad is going to be the new Beaver Leader...

## BOXING DAY FOOTBALL

It was the 26<sup>th</sup> December and I, like thousands of others up and down the country, was getting ready to go and watch football. The Boxing Day fixtures are always exciting and, with anticipation, I dressed in warm clothing not forgetting the obligatory scarf. My scarf however was a sort of pink colour with a tartan rectangle on the back and had a woggle, for I was not off to West Ham but to the 18<sup>th</sup> Edmonton for their annual football match.

Upon arrival I met Paul, the GSL, carrying out a pitch inspection with a trowel and plastic bag (they don't do that at Wembley) and, at the appointed hour, children and parents started to arrive. It was decided it would be unfair to pitch parents against the children (the parents would get thrashed) so 2 mixed teams were chosen.

After a keenly-fought and well-refereed contest the score was, well, irrelevant really. The main thing was that everyone had a good time and worked up an appetite for the sausage rolls and mince pies which were washed down with hot blackcurrant juice or mulled wine, all served from Sally and Paul's driveway.

All in all it was a great way to blow away the previous day's cobwebs and I would like to thank the members of the Group for inviting me. One question though, why do people run around in shorts in the middle of winter and, when summer comes, put on long trousers and jumpers to play cricket?

*Andy Hawkes*

## FIREWORKS 2008

Unfortunately the fireworks in the Town Park on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 were badly affected by the weather. It takes quite some time to set up all the fireworks, and when the work started in the morning it was not raining. However, an expected few hours of rain turned into several hours of deluge which caused the ground to become saturated and eventually water-logged. Shortly before the start of the display it was deemed that the ground was too unstable to provide the necessary support for many of the larger fireworks.

To prevent a potentially serious accident occurring, we took the difficult decision not to set off those fireworks which could have failed. Many of the fireworks that were deployed failed to reach their optimum height. The display was therefore much less spectacular than the one that had been planned.

Obviously this was a great disappointment both for the whole team of volunteers involved and members of the public who made such a valiant effort in turning out in such awful weather conditions. But our priority in the end had to be the safety of the crowd and the team producing the display. This was only the second time in 34 years we have had to curtail the display



The curtailment of the display and the fact that far fewer people than normal turned out to watch it resulted in a significant financial loss to the District.

However, it was not all bad news for firework displays, and some smaller displays were able to take place the following weekend when the weather was somewhat better. For example, the Leaders from the 12<sup>th</sup> Enfield helped to organise the bonfire and fireworks at St. John's church, Clay Hill, on the following Sunday evening.



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## **CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Enfield are now meeting in St. Luke's Hall (on the corner of Morley Hill and Hawthorn Grove). All Sections are still meeting on a Friday evening at the same times as previously.

The same hall is also used by the 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield whose Beavers meet on a Monday evening and Cubs and Scouts on a Wednesday evening.

## DISTRICT NEW YEAR SOCIAL

The District New Year Social was held at the 4<sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ in Gordon Rd on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The bar was run by Mark, Teresa and Ross, and Corinne organised a splendid spread of food. A good crowd of Leaders enjoyed the food, drink, music, dancing and convivial company. As for the karaoke..... we don't think our DC should give up his day job!!!



# TURKEY STREET

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008, 15 members of staff from the major international accounting and consulting firm, KPMG, used their community service volunteer day to join forces with Enfield Scout Leaders to give the District HQ at Turkey Street a makeover.

Supervised by Mark Dowsett. Darren Leonard, Martin Coventon Mark Humphris, Andy Hawkes and Roger Elkin, the KPMG staff tackled the job of refurbishing the interior of the Turkey St HQ with great enthusiasm. For many of the young staff it was the first time they had tried their hand a major DIY project.



They put in over one hundred hours of time, and armed with brushes and pots of paint, transformed the building in a day. At lunch time they enjoyed soup, rolls and cakes served by Janette Earney. By the end of the day the main hall had been repainted,

a new ceiling put up in the small store, the toilets smartened up, and a set of kitchen units assembled and the kitchen repainted, prior to installing the new units and new glass put in the kitchen windows.



The project was completed as part of “Community RePaint”, a national network of paint reuse projects collecting leftover, reusable domestic paint from household waste recycling centre's, retailers, decorators and the paint trade. This paint is then passed on to local charities, voluntary organisations and community groups for redecoration and art projects - for a small donation or completely free.

## 2008 CAMPING NIGHTS

Oh dear, you win! My final comment on these notes in 2007 was: "bet that you don't get to 4000 nights in 2008". Don't ask me how, but you've made 4225. There have been more camps this year than ever before and the information continues to come in thick and fast - please keep up the good work. As usual I have no doubt that I have missed some - the Gilwell Trophy seems to be one of them, although I know it took place in Surrey. I will make no forecasts for 2009, but please keep going. Without you as Leaders the youngsters would not get a fraction of the opportunities that they do.

I look forward to seeing you at some of your camps during this year.

Finally, as I always say, please remember that should you have any queries about any camping matters, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to sort them out.

*Bob Draper*

(District Nights Away Adviser)

*The table of statistics for the 2008 camping nights is reproduced on the following two pages.*

*The abbreviations used are:-.*

*GRP = Group*

*SEC = Section*

*DST = District*

*B= Beavers; C= Cubs; S = Scouts; E = Explorers; L = Leaders*

*NT = Nights*

*PNT = person nights*

CAMPING NIGHTS 2008

GRP	SEC	B	C	S	E	L	NT	PNT	VENUE
DST	E				40	10	2	100	TOLMERS
6	C	1	9			3	2	26	WELL END
20	S			5		4	2	18	GILWELL
19	C		21	3		4	1	28	HQ 19TH
DST	S			27		5	2	64	NORTHERN HEIGHTS
D/23	E				8	1	1	9	DOCKLANDS (AMORY)
4	S			24	3	4	2	62	YHA COALBROOKDALE
19	S			17		4	2	42	YHA BURLEIGH
14	C		24	1		4	2	58	TOLMERS
1	S			11		4	2	30	BELCHAMPS
23	E				4	2	2	12	ISLINGTON SCOUT CNTRE
20E	GRP	6	5	7	3	5	1	26	HQ 20E
3	C		13	8		6	1	27	HMS BELFAST
4E	C		8			4	3	36	BROADSTONE WARREN
D/23	E				22	6	1	28	DANEMEAD
23	E				12	4	1	16	OLIVE PARK ONGAR
20	S			6		4	3	30	SKREENS PARK
10E	C		14	6		5	2	50	THRIFTWOOD
20	C		13			4	2	34	LEES WOOD
20E	S			8	2	2	1	12	HQ 20E
27	C		17	3	2	3	2	50	CHIGWELL ROW
23	C		21		5	4	2	60	GILWELL
18E	C		19	20	2	6	1	47	KELVEDON BUNKER
DST	E				12	4	2	32	SCOUT PARK
12	C		8			1	2	18	SCOUT PARK (TRG)
27	B	3				1	1	4	"
27	E				4	1	2	10	"
2	S			10		2	2	24	SCOUT PARK
DST	E				10	4	6	84	KILCULLY CO. CORK
18E	C/S		12	19		6	2	74	SCOUT PARK
4E	S			11	5	3	2	38	GILWELL
20E	S			4		2	2	12	HYMB
16	S			7		2	2	18	"
2	GRP	9	19	10	1	5	2	88	TOLMERS FAMILY CAMP
27	S			11	1	6	2	36	TOLMERS
10	B	23				4	1	27	HQ 10TH
12	GRP		21	6	1	6	2	68	TOLMERS
18E	GRP	10	12	16		4	2	84	TOLMERS
DST			96	64	18	47	2	450	DANEMEAD
23	S			4		2	2	12	TOLMERS
DST	S			55	2	10	2	134	BIRCHBARK
2	S			21		4	2	50	?
2	S/E			19	9	10	8	304	WALESBY FOREST
10E	GRP	5	2	1	2	2	2	24	WOODLANDS CAMP (FAM)
14	C		31	2		4	2	74	GILWELL
2	S			14		4	2	36	TOLMERS
3	S			7	3		2	20	NORTH LUFFENHAM
10E	C		25	3	11		1	39	HYMB inc 4 2 10 20(E)
2	C		19	2	1	6	2	56	SCOUT PARK
DST	E				21	5	2	52	GILWELL 24
23	S/E			6	19	5	7	210	ESSEX JAMBOREE
12	S			15	1	4	7	140	PHASELS
4E	S						7	0	KINGSDOWN
18E	C		20			5	7	175	WALTON ON NAZE

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20	S			3		4	7	49	WAREHAM, DORSET
27	S/E	1		13	7	9	6	180	CANNOCK WOOD
1	S			6		2	7	56	TOLMERS
1	C		12	1	2	5	2	40	GILWELL
18E	GRP	7	6	10	1	5	2	58	THEOBALDS PARK (FAM)
19/2	S/E			29	7	10	2	92	YPRES, BELGIUM
23	GRP		11	13	10	11	2	90	TOLMERS
10E	GRP	4	10	9	3	7	2	66	TOLMERS
OASIS	S			12		4	1	16	DANEMEAD
27	C	1	17	2	2	4	2	52	FAIRMEAD
18E	C		21	2		4	1	27	HQ18E
23	E				11	2	2	26	TOLMERS
4E	S	1		9	3	2	2	30	LEES WOOD
10	C		12			5	1	17	HQ 10TH
4	C		14	2		3	2	38	TOLMERS
6	C	1	10			3	2	28	WELL END
27/4B	C	1	25	3		7	2	72	WELL END
DIST	S			25		5	1	30	HQ 25TH
TOTALS 08		72	568	592	270	349	175	4225	
		B/S	C/S	S	ES	L	NT		
TOTALS 07		90	535	700	206	458	146	4481	



***Birchbark 2008***

# AWARDS

Congratulations to Carol Beckwith and Roger Gleave on achieving their 25 year Long Service Awards; also to Ross Paybody on his 5 year Service Award and gaining a Jack Petchey Award.



These awards were all presented by DC Mark Dowsett during the New Year Social at the 4<sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

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*Your Father is just quietly reflecting  
on his first night as an Assistant  
Scout Leader...*

# GONE HOME

## ROY HEAD – “SARG”

Some 33 years ago I attended my first Scout evening at the 19<sup>th</sup> Enfield hut and was greeted by a very smartly dressed uniformed man, with his green beret tilted to one side, neatly pressed trousers and shiny shoes. An image that rarely changed throughout the years that he was firstly my Scout Leader and then my GSL.

He had an air of authority but warmth too, he set standards within the troop that were adhered to and respected. You could tell he was proud of his Scouts and remained so until he sadly passed away on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January with his family by his side.

Roy Head, “Sarg”, along with his leader team at the time I was there have had a huge impact on many of us. A number of the Troop at that time have gone on to have successful careers from the ‘life skills’ that “Sarg” passed on within the Scout Movement. He would regularly ask parents throughout the years, how we were getting on, and am sure, took pride in the fact that he may have had something to do with our successes.

We have always been fortunate in having a well-supported Troop from the Leaders down, mainly; I am sure due to the dedication shown by the likes of “Sarg”. Some of the traditions are maintained to this day by the current Scout Leaders, myself and Simon being young Scouts under “Sarg’s” wing.

“Sarg” maintained an active role within the troop for many years and later headed our Guild. He also found time to be on the District executive. I remember ‘popping’ in the hut one evening having been absent from scouting for some 15 years only to find

“Sarg” present at Leaders meeting. The same warm welcome greeted me, and with his words of encouragement he talked me back into the world of Scouting.

At our Group’s 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Sarg” was our special guest, opening the event with a few special words. He was also our guest of honour in February 2008 presenting a Chief Scout Gold Award to one of our Scouts, a proud day both for the scout and “Sarg”.



***Roy Head  
(standing,  
centre) at the  
Group’s 70<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary***

There are many stories, like a summer camp in Scotland, digging trenches around our tents to divert the rain, using our “Green Van” as a heating room to dry clothes. I only found out recently that during that camp “Sarg” had driven home to his sick , but was back to help clear up and see his Scouts home safely. A prime example of his dedication to both his family and his ‘Scout’ family.

We are lucky to have in our possession of a large number of photo albums dedicated to the Group by “Sarg” covering his Scouting years. These capture not only some of his personnel Scouting stories, but will be a reminder of great days gone by for those of us still here.

Rosemary, his late wife, who always had a smile upon her face was also a regular at most troop camps and events, a long-serving Guider herself. I know she has been sadly missed by “Sarg” and his family and we can take comfort that they are once again side-by-side.

His funeral at St Mary Magdalene (his church for many years) on 21<sup>st</sup> January was well attended by many of those whose lives he touched over the years. It was a sad but reflective occasion and many more stories and memories were shared.

May he now rest in peace and the fond memories live on through those that survive him.

*Andy Tofts*

(Scout Leader 19<sup>th</sup> Enfield)

## GRAHAM HUNTER

It is with great sadness that I have to say that Graham Hunter passed away on 17th October 2008. Graham will be remembered not only for his commitment to Scouting, but also for his dry sense of humour, the amount of coffee he consumed at camp and his camp dressing gown.

Graham started his Scouting in Islington District and still had contact with his fellow Rover Scouts and often talked fondly of his time there. He joined us in Edmonton in 1992 and remained a friendly and helpful pal to all.

God Bless You Graham, and thanks for many fun times

*Roger Gleave*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

### 1930 HISTORICAL PAGEANT AT FORTY HALL

The Enfield District Scouts performed a historical pageant at Forty Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1930. In those days Forty Hall was a private house belonging to Col. Sir Henry Bowles, who was also president of the local Scout Association. The pageant was subsequently presented again at Alexandra Palace in front of the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell.

The elaborate costumes were all home-made by the Scouts, Scouters and parents. The cast included a real live horse and dog! There were no girls in the Scouts then, so boys had to play the female parts as well!



*Queen Elizabeth returns from hunting in Enfield Chase*

The pageant covered various scenes from Enfield's history including the Romans in Enfield, King Harold, Queen Elizabeth I at Enfield, and the days of King James – the Gunpowder plot, the King and the tinker, and Enfield market.

The script was written by a local lady, Miss Mary Debenham, and the producer (Dr. J. H. Chisholm) and musical director (Dr Harold Watts) were local men. They aimed for historical accuracy, and made reference visits to London Museums and the Tower of London to get the costumes and props correct.



*"Out! Out! Holy Rood"*

# A COUPLE OF BRAIN TEASERS

Something to get the grey cells working again after all the Christmas and New Year festivities!!

1. Who are the following

An enterprising doctor  
The Queen's dress designer  
Thomas Farriner (twice)  
Mrs. Helen Graham

2. Which is the odd one out and why?

Noddy's gang  
The man who told us about Albert and the lion  
A street near Cuffley  
Artemisia absinthium

*The answers will be published in the next edition of "Bangers & Mash" at the end of April.*

*Anon*

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*When it comes to finding new leaders, he certainly knows how to work the audience..*

# DISTRICT DIARY

<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
2 Feb	Fireworks team	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
7 Feb	Beaver Watersplash	Edmonton Pool	4 - 5pm
7 Feb	National GSL conference		
10 Feb	ESLs' meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
12 Feb	CSLs' meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8.15pm
13-15 Feb	Explorers' Expedition training	Danemead	
14 Feb	Southern 50		
16 Feb	District Team	Mark's House	8pm
18 Feb	SLs' meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
21 - 22 Feb	County Explorer Leaders' weekend	Scout Park	
23 Feb	District Executive		7.30pm
25 Feb	Petchey Presentation	Hendon Police College	
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
1 Mar	Beaver Bowling Competition	Finchley	10.30am
1 Mar	Scout "Big Splash"	Southbury Leisure Centre	4.30pm
2 Mar	Cub District Chess Competition	27 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	7pm
4 Mar	BSLs' meeting	HQ in Edmonton	8pm
7 & 8 Mar	Leader practical skills weekend	Danemead	
10 Mar	ESLs' meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
12 Mar	CSLs' meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8.15pm
13 - 15 Mar	Nights Away 1 – weekend 1 of 2. Modules M8, 16, 17, 18	Scout Park	
15 Mar	Welly Walk	Cuffley Great Wood	11am
16 Mar	District Team	Mark's house	8pm
18 Mar	SLs' meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
21 Mar	Cub Swimming Gala	Southbury Leisure Centre	7pm
23 Mar	GSLs' meeting	HQ in Edmonton	8pm
29 Mar	Cub County Chess Comp.		
29 Mar	Day Challenger		
30 Mar	Fireworks team	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>			
9 Apr	CSLs' meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8.15pm
<b>10 – 13 Apr</b>	<b>Easter weekend</b>		
14 Apr	ESLs' meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
15 Apr	SLs' meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ	8pm
17 – 19 Apr	Nights Away 1 – weekend 2 of 2. Modules M8, 16, 17, 18	Scout Park	
18 Apr	Explorers – Monopoly Run	London	
20 Apr	District Team	Mark's house	8pm
<b>26 Apr</b>	<b>St George's Day Celebrations</b>		
27 Apr	District Executive		7.30pm