

# Shorts

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## Nights Away Awards for Young People

You are reminded that we have certificates and woggles for all young members who complete 50, 75 and 100 Nights Away. There is no charge for these and all I need are the names of qualifying people. There must be worthy recipients and it is a great shame that they are not receiving the recognition that they deserve.

Graham Monk

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★ 3rd Aveley (St. Michaels) Scout ★  
★ Group had their first fundraising ★  
★ event on 6th March. We had a ta- ★  
★ ble top sale & a family Quiz night ★  
★ and raised £98.37. ★  
★ Thank you to all that helped out. ★  
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## JACK PETCHEY AWARDS

The following awards have been made for the first two months of this year

Jan 2010 Neil Ashurst - Phoenix Network  
Ben Brown - Thameside Sea Scouts

Feb 2010 Grace York - 7th Grays  
Bradley Herbert - Thameside Sea Scouts

## CUB SCOUT AWARD

Jan 2010 Karan Dukes - Orsett & Bulphan Tigers

Feb 2010 George Collier - Orsett & Bulphan Tigers

Mar 2010 Jack Machar - Orsett & Bulphan Tigers

## BEAVERS

Mar 2010 Connor Allen - 1st Ockendons

The Award committee offer their congratulations to all of the winners. Please note that the committee will now only meet prior to District Executive meetings. Therefore please ensure that all nominations need to be handed over to the Secretary, Olive Clay, at least 48hrs. prior to the meetings, with the next review being on the 13th May 2010

## District Directory

The new District Directory has now been printed and has been placed in the pigeon holes for each Group. Distribution is on the basis of 1 per section plus copies for the GSL, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Please check entries and let me know of any mistakes. An electronic version will shortly be issued via the e-mail listing that Iain Rider uses. If you do not receive this and would like an electronic copy, please let me know. Once the website has been totally renewed, we are hoping to have a password secure area where the latest version of the directory will be available.

Graham Monk

## Stifford Sea Scouts

We went camping at Condovers at the end of February and shared an enjoyable weekend with 1st Thors Oak Scouts.



There were a lot of new young scouts and along with 5 of the oldest Cubs, who went to visit for the day, they learnt pioneering skills to build an obstacle course. They



were able to complete the necessary requirements for their Pioneers Badge along with adding to their Nights Away. 4 young Scouts were invested at the end of the camp making the weekend complete. New friends were made with the Scouts mixing with the Cubs using teamwork to complete the pioneering project. Sally Manning, AGSL Stifford

## AVOCK CHALLENGE 2010 – Condovers Scout Campsite

A good thing with AVOCK is that they are consistent in selecting the wrong day, weather wise, for their annual challenge. After a week of sunshine and warm temperatures the clouds opened on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March but, this didn't dampen the participant's enthusiasm for their annual Challenge. This year's AVOCK Scout Fellowship challenge, for Scouts and Guides, had 24 teams of four young people 'Exploring' at the Condovers Scout Campsite.

Based on the Exploring theme, 4 zones were created across the site where each team had a number of tasks/challenges to complete. This approach helped manage the time and kept all teams engaged for the hour plus they spent at each zone. The 4 zones were Travel, Defence, Disaster and Food/Drink. The challenges ranged from competing on exotic animals, bridge building, mountain climbing, archery, rockets and catapults. The disaster zone was based on similar lines to an incident hike which included First Response, survival equipment selection and communications. At the Food & Drink zone participants enjoyed the delights of pizza, onion bhaji's and spring rolls, washed down with non alcoholic cocktails.

In line with the Exploring theme, a team quiz was introduced over the lunchtime period so that the Scouts and Guides could test their worldwide knowledge, a separate prize was awarded.

We moved away from cumulative scoring and ranked each team at each zone. This data was then used to establish a team performance and eventual winners. Prizes were awarded as follows:

### Scout positions:

1<sup>st</sup> - Tilbury Sea Scouts (team 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chadwell Scouts (team 2), 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Ockendon (team Black)

### Guide positions:

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grays, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Aveley, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Little Thurrock (team Penguins)

### Quiz positions:

1<sup>st</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Ockendon (team Black), 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tilbury Guides (The Last Chancers), 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Aveley Guides (team the Malteasers).

The following teams were also recognised for their efforts and team working:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tilbury Guides (The Last Chancers), 1<sup>st</sup> North Stifford Guides and Hillside Scouts.

A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day and supported AVOCK in making the day a success, including AVOCK partners and families, Explorer Scouts, Network, Oats Scout Fellowship, young leaders and Guiders (Jeannette, Rachel & Gill).

16 Cub Packs and 11 Scout Troops took part in this year's swimming gala at Gloucester park. The event ran smoothly with the judges having some hard calls as some of the races were very close! In the Cub Section the winners were Orsett and Bulphan Tigers with 7<sup>th</sup> Grays Cromwell in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and for the Scouts Ockendon took home the trophy with Thameside the runners up – well done everyone! Special thanks go to Helen and Alison who ran the table, Colin Howes and his team, Avock, Network, Dave, Chris and Geoff our judges and to Terry Mead who kept the proceedings in order.

Lyn Rider and Sue Rogers

### Directory Amendments

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## District Calendar

<b>April</b>				
14th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.
17th - 18th	County Incident Hike	Scouts		
17th - 18th	Skills training	All leaders	Condovers	
19th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	Explorer Leaders	Emma Dell's House	8.00 p.m.
23rd	St. Georges Day Dinner and Dance	All sections	Tilbury Community Centre	7.00 p.m.
25th	Renewal of Promise	All sections	Grays School	3.00 p.m.
27th - 1st	Gang Show	All sections	Thameside Theatre	7.30 p.m.
<b>May</b>				
6th	Appointments Advisory Committee	Panel members	ALSC	7.30 p.m.
6th	Scout Leaders Meeting	Scout Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.
8th	Jamboree on the Trail	All sections	TBA	TBA
10th	7th Grays AGM		7th Grays HQ	7.30 p.m.
11th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.
13th	District Executive	Executive members	ALSC	8.00 p.m.
15th	Cub Sports Day	Cubs	Condovers	
16th	Triathlon	Scouts and Explorers	Belhus Park	
	Full Appointments Advisory Committee	Panel members	ALSC	
18th	Avock AGM	Avock	ALSC	8.00 p.m.
20th	Cub Leaders Meeting	Cub Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.
27th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	Beaver Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.
28th - 31st	Jamborama	Scouts and Explorers	Condovers	
<b>June</b>				
10th	District AGM	All sections	ALSC	8.00 p.m.
12th - 13th	Camping Standards	Scouts	Condovers	
16th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.
18th - 20th	District Cub Camp	Cubs	Condovers	
24th	District Executive	Executive members	ALSC	8.00 p.m.
26th	Beaver Fun Day	Beavers	Condovers	
27th	Joint Scout and Explorer Day	Scouts and Explorers	Cherrywood	