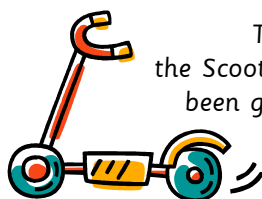




## David Weller

It is with regret that we announce that David has been called to higher service. He was a member of 3rd Gidea Park Scour Group for many years. He was also a member of the District Executive for some time. His funeral is on Wednesday 3rd February at St. Michael's church, Gidea Park.

## Rally Round



The first event for the Cub Scout Section in 2010 was their annual Scooter Rally. The first time the Scooter Rally was held seems uncertain (perhaps some kind person might let us know), but it has been going on for many years now. The event has always been a success and 2010 was no different. We are informed that 106 Cub Scouts battled it out - by the sound of the encouraging cheers round the course you might have thought that there were double that number making a noise. The course itself had been well prepared, not an easy job because of the amount of wet leaves covering the site. The event has been held in the rain and the snow and on the morning event there was a dusting of snow but this did not hold things up. After a hectic and exciting afternoon the winners were the team from 3rd Havering, with 10th Romford in second place followed closely by the team from 3rd Harold Hill.

As usual, members of the Service Crew were on hand to assist in various ways, running the Tuck Shop and keeping up an endless supply of hot drinks. This was not a Fellowship activity but we did spot twelve members giving Active Support.



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## Congratulations



We offer our sincere congratulations to County President, Colonel Alan Hall, on the award of the MBE in the New Year Honours List. Let us hope that Buckingham Palace will organise some egg sandwiches!

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## Sick and Wounded

We send best wishes to those who are under the weather at this time. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope they are able to keep warm and safe in the adverse weather we have been experiencing recently.

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## Birthday Greetings

We wish the following members a very happy birthday.

Derek Allen, Ann Hails and Muriel Rolls.



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## Resolutions

Were you one of those who, with the best will in the world, made a solemn pact with yourself to a) Lose weight; b) to take more exercise or c) to cut out on smoking, ale drinking, chasing girls or doing without whatever. So you failed!

Not to worry, statistics show that very few keep up the good work more than just a few days after the festivities. So back to the wine and good food, armchair exercises and back to whatever passes as normal for you - after all there is yet another New Year next year. What you could do is to resolve not to find fault with the coming changes in Scouting without giving them a fair chance to work.

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## February Meeting

For our meeting on 18th February we hope to have an expert on the old Thames Sailing Barges to speak to us and answer questions.

We hope for good support for this meeting as it is unfair to book a speaker and then find that few attend.



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## Fellowship Subscription

The Committee have agreed to keep the 'local' Fellowship donation at £3 for the coming year. It has been said several times that we do not keep any of the annual Membership Fee so your £3 is important. We have decided to keep the cost static despite the next increase in the cost of postage to send out the monthly Newsletter.

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## E. O. S. A. W. K. I.



There were many who saw the change from Scout Fellowship to Active Support Units as the End Of Scouting As We Know It. Now that there has been a chance to think it over, some attitudes are changing. After all, EOSAWKI is nothing new. Older readers (and we have one or two), will remember when 'The Scout' ceased publication - what would the Scouts do without it? But we survived. At almost the same time that 'The Scout' vanished, so did 'The Boy's Own' paper. Then there was another EOSAWKI when 'The Scouter' became 'Scouting' - the oldies were mumbling in their beards.

But the Movement staggered on. We had got over the trauma of the disappearance of the B.P. Guild earlier. Then came the 'biggie'. The Advance Party Report! Shorts, shoulder knots and garter tabs for Leaders all for the chop as were the old BP Hats, useful, we were told, for carrying water in to your tired and thirsty horse. "How dare they" etc etc etc. The reaction by elderly Commissioners right down to Old Skip seemed that we were doomed - plus The Boy

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Scout Association became The Scout Association. Certainly EOSAWKI. But something strange happened.

We celebrated our Centenary and numbers are bigger than ever. We could mention the fact that Imperial Headquarters vanished and the offices moved from Buckingham Palace Road to Kensington and Baden Powell House. So change there has always been and probably in a few years there will be another EOSAWKI So 'Be Prepared'.

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### The Chaplain writes:-

For some years I was the Chaplain to a large local hospital. Most of the time the work consisted of 'being there' to offer comfort on sad occasions, or to guide relatives with advice when arrangements had to be made for a funeral. Of course there were joyful times when a family member made a complete recovery, or a new baby arrived safely. There was a film made about a doctor who would go into the Children's Ward with a red nose on and a funny hat - it amused the children and, perhaps, took their minds off of their discomfort and worries about being in Hospital. Of course, the powers that be frowned on such behaviour, but it got results. In the hospital where I worked two porters were concerned that many children were upset when taken down to the operating theatres. To overcome this the two men got hold of an old trolley that had



been thrown out, and in their own time converted it to a recognisable Thomas The Tank Engine. All children then were 'going for a ride on Thomas' and were pleased when told that later on they could have a ride. The morale in the ward improved for both staff and patients and the idea of 'rides' worked very well, and all the hospital knew about it. Then came the appointment of a new Chief Executive who frowned on anything that did not fit in with his idea of how a hospital should be run. One of the first things to be banished was Thomas, despite pleas by the senior staff and nurses.



Thomas had not cost the hospital anything but 'jobs worth' said he had to go! How many times do we meet these 'jobs worth' who will not listen or take advice? They are everywhere and I suspect that their attitude is to boost themselves.

Are you a 'jobs worth', where ever you work or whatever organisation you are employed by? Stop and think. Will your actions look good on paper? Or will they really make an improvement?

*Rev 'Tubby' Thomas (retired)*  
**Grimsby**

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### Centenary Coins



There is no doubt that most people will have saved a special Centenary 50p coin showing the Scout badge on the reverse. However, should you require one of these coins have a word with the Fellowship Secretary on 01708 767089.

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### Warning

If you had a gift voucher for Christmas, be aware that after a period of time it could be invalid. A customer in a well known local store was surprised that his Voucher could not be used as it was outside the period of validity.

