April 2005



# Akela says...



Hi all, hope this issue finds you well.

All sections have had events and competitions this month.

The Beavers had Handcraft and the Easter Egg Hunt. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the winners.

Cubs had Handcraft and again well done and thank you to all who took part.

Scouts had the Maurice Pass Pioneering competition and Scout Rally. Well done to all who took part. The team of Geoff, David, Hollie, Charlie and 2 scouts from the 1st B&D won the Scout rally so congratulations to them.

Thank you to Geoff and David for representing the district at the County Swimming Gala.

St. George's Day Parade is on Sunday 17th April, 3:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's, Barking. We will be meeting at 2:00 in Eastbury School. If possible I would like every Beaver, Cub and Scout to attend as this is one of the biggest district events for the year.

That's it from me. Take care

**AKELA** 

### St. George's Day Parade 17<sup>th</sup> April 2005



We would like EVERY member of the group to attend this very important parade and service. This year's service will be held at St Margaret's Church in Broadway, Barking. The Parade will start from Eastbury School, in Rosslyn Road, Barking.

Please meet at the school at 2:00 p.m. It is important that you wear full and smart uniform.

This is a once a year event and it is vital that we show that the 9<sup>th</sup> is a living and thriving group.

## Group Matters

by T (Ken) - GSL

As a result of letters sent out by a member of our Executive Committee we have managed to purchase a minibus (with a CD player!). I negotiated with the man and got the price of the van down from £1500 to £1000 and the CD player from £150 to £50.

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#### **Beavers**

No events this month

#### Cubs

No events this month

#### Scouts

8-10<sup>th</sup> April Camp at Crow

#### **All Sections**

#### St. George's Day Parade and Service 17<sup>th</sup> April

St. Margaret's, Barking 2:00 p.m. at Eastbury School We would like EVERY member of the group to go

#### 2005 Calendar

There is a 2005 calendar of most group and district events. Speak to a leader if you do not have a copy.

### Available on request

Where to put your badges picture

Introduction pack to the Cubs

Introduction pack to the Scouts

What kit/equipment to buy

Introduction to camping guide

Rules for all the competitions

Maps and locations of events

Booklets for swimming/IT badge

Requirements for badges

If you want any of the above or anything else please speak to Baggy. (Continued from page 1)

In order to keep and insure the van, fundraising now begins in earnest. If you have any ideas about fundraising then please see a member of the committee.

The committee is:

Carol Welsby Ann Jones Sara Dowden Steve Lee Simon & Jackie Reed Eddie Jago

and myself, Ken Thompson.

Due to circumstances within the group I haven't been on the ball for the Easter raffle. Therefore there will be only 3 prizes. The draw will take place tonight (5<sup>th</sup> April)

During May we will have our annual smartie tube fundraiser. Leaders will explain this to you nearer the time.

I would like to remind you that subs of £2 are payable every week unless you are on holiday.

T (Ken) GSL

## Scout Rally/Maurice Pass



We experimented with a system to not only give the patrols more choice but to allow inexperienced patrols to compete on an even footing with those more skilled. Patrols had to visit several bases including: Firelighting (basic - with matches), Firelighting (advanced - other methods), Orienteering (basic - skills like leapfrogging), Orienteering (practice - following a route), Tent pitching (both practice and marked), First Aid (including casualty makeup), Pioneering (everything from simple lashings and gadgets to towers and bridges)

Scout Rally

1st - 1st/9th B&D Tigers 2nd - 6th B&D Ravens 3rd - 17th B&D Eagles **Maurice Pass** 

1st - 6th B&D Eagles 2nd - 6th B&D Ravens 3rd - 7th B&D Sharks

Thanks to Blondie, Stuart and Peter from Explorers who volunteered their services.

### **Jokes**



Sherlock Holmes and Matthew Watson were on a camping and hiking trip.

They had gone to bed and were lying there looking up at the sky. Holmes said, "Watson, look up. What do you see?

"Well. I see thousands of stars."

"And what does that mean to you?"

"Well, I guess it means we will have another nice day tomorrow. What does it mean to you, Holmes?"

"To me, it means someone has stolen our tent."

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If you have any favourite jokes send them to Baggy and the best 5 will be included in future issues.

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