#### December 2003

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## Akela says...



Hi everyone, hope this issue finds you well.

First up for the cubs was Jungle Rally, well done to Daniel Pike, Hollie Green, Ryan Sherwood, Ryan Blake, Charlie Lewis and Lauren Morley. They managed to (jointly) win the Nature Trophy! First up for the scouts was our annual trip to Southend. A great time was had by all. Well done and thank you Blondie for organising the trip.

Well done and thank you to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, Mums, and Dads who attended the District Carol Service.

A full report of camp will be in the next issue .

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the Webb Ivory catalogue, I will let you know how much we raised next issue. We are having a Christmas raffle and tickets will be on sale 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December with the draw taking place around 8.15 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We have an assortment of prizes.

May I on behalf of all the leaders at the 9<sup>th</sup> wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you soon, take care

Akela



### Gazza says...

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November the district Connect 4 Competition took place. The 9<sup>th</sup> were represented by ALANA PETTICAN, BRADLEY REED, DEAN REED, DANIEL LEE and LUKE WILLCOCKS. All played well especially Bradley Reed who made it into the finals, and after a close battle was just pipped at the post into second place for the second year running.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November 15 beavers attended the annual xmas Kids Kingdom party. A lot of fun was had by all, including the leaders who also joined in going down the slides and diving in the ball pit.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 15 beavers attended the district carol service. They were all well behaved, no-one fell asleep, and a few even sang the songs (so I was told by the beavers themselves).

That completes this letter, have a good day tomorrow and ill see you next Tuesday. Byeeee



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## 2004 Calendar in Brief

#### January

17th Cub/Scout Chess Competition @ 17th HQ 31st Mark Sutton Competition @ 10th/18th HQ

#### February

7th Sponsored Swim/Fun Swim 22nd Founders Day Service @ St Marys

#### March

6th Beaver/Cub Handcraft @ 6th HQ 20/21st Scout Rally @ Thriftwood

#### April

3rd	Beaver Easter Egg Hunt @ Hargreaves
17th	Bouncy Fun Day?
25th	St. George's Day Parade

#### May

8th	Scout Incident Hike	
15th	County 5-a-side Scout Football	
Last Bank Holiday Weekend - Cub Camp		

#### June

5-6	County Scout Camp
12th	District Football @ M&B Sports Ground
26th	District Sports @ Mayesbrook Arena

#### July

10/11	Camping Competition @ Thriftwood
17/18	Town Show @ Central Park
24th	Cub Fun Day ??

#### August

Hall is closed in August so the Scouts organise trips and days out and we have one week off for Cub Pack Holiday

#### September

18/19 Sixers Camp @ Thriftwood 25/26th District Beaver Sleepover

#### October

- 12th District Non-uniform week16th Cub Quiz
- 19th Spooky Welly Walk
- 27th Jack Petchey Evening

#### November

- 13thJungle Rally @ 17th HQ20thBeaver Connect 4 @ 21st
- 26th Beaver Kids Kingdom Evening

#### December

4th Scout Cyclo Cross @ Crow Camp Early weekend - Group Camp @ Thriftwood

# Calendar Notes

The list in this issue is a brief summary of the main events occuring in the district next year.

It does not include many events which are mainly of interest to leaders (errm... some 36 meetings, 4 first aid training, 4 social events and two services)

It also does not include many group events which are yet to be organised. The Scouts normally organise 3 or 4 outings a year as well as organising additional camps.

I hope to run one or two activity days for the Scouts in the district and that is before we consider group activities. One of which I hope will be Climbing at Mile End sometime in early 2004.

Hopefully we should have several social and fund raising events throughout the year too.

However it should give you advance warning of the main events in 2004. Just make sure you keep an eye on the notice board and newsletter throughout the year.

Its always best to pop in and chat with the leaders if you have any questions or problems. Alternatively we are all at the end of a phone or email connection.

If you can offer help for any events, have any events you particularly wish to see or just want to know more details then please contact us.

Thank you all for your support over 2003 ... we are lucky to have such supportive parents/guardians/leaders/helpers at the 9th.

#### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



