Upcoming Events	News And Information	Contact Information
Cub & Scout Camp	Caerleon Scout Camp	97 Westfield Road
Camping Competition	Cub Pack Holiday	Dagenham, Essex
Jungle Rally	Fundraising	0181 – 595 – 0292

Akela's **Shout**

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"Mum, I want to come home"

The Leaders, after 2 min 26 sec's at Bromham!

See the articles on Pack Holiday at Bromham

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Hi everyone,

Sorry about last month but I missed the deadline. I hope you all had really good holidays and are now fully back in the swing of things.

Pack Holiday was great and for a change the weather was good apart from one downpour. I am looking forward to the reports from the cubs to see what they enjoyed most. All the cubs that attended gained four badges: Artist, Astronomer, Craftsman & Entertainer.

The patrol leaders went with Rob, our Assistant Scout Leader, to Wales and I know they had a good time. You can read their report later in this issue.

There are a number of events & competitions in September, more details later in the Shout.

Due to there being 5 Tuesdays in August the reminder about September's Church Parade should have been in the August issue. I would like to remind you that church parade is the 1st Sunday in every month.

Speak to you Soon

Akela

Upcoming Events

Beaver Section

No events this month

Cub Section

Camp
17th – 19th September
This camp is at Thriftwood. If your son hasn't had details, please see Baggy or me.

Jungle Rally Competition
Saturday 25th September
We need a team of six for this and we will be choosing the team shortly..

Scout Section

Camp
17th – 19th September
This camp is at Thriftwood. If your son hasn't had details, please see Baggy or me.

Scout Camping Competition
25th – 26th September
Details to follow..

News & Information

Fundraising

We now have the Webb Ivory Christmas catalogues and we get 25% of every pound spent. If you would like one please see any of the leaders.

Thriftwalk is on Sunday 10th October. This is open to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, helpers and parents. It is a sponsored walk around the Thriftwood campsite. If you cannot do it perhaps you could get sponsors for us. Half the money goes to Thriftwood for them to develop the site and the other half to the group.

A Big Thank You!

by Stephen & Sharon Martin

We would like to say A BIG THANK YOU to all the leaders who took the cub scouts on their pack holiday to Bedford, and who gave up their time to make sure the cubs had a good week. We know that Tracey enjoyed herself as the first thing she said was "I didn't want to come home"! So once again A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.

Pack Holiday At Bromham

by Tracey Ann Martin

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When we went on our pack holiday we made some time machines to go back in time and forward in the future. On Wednesday we went swimming. On Thursday we went to the Shuttleworth Collection where we saw lots of planes. We also went to Bromham Mill where we saw Mel turn the crank.

Caerleon Scout Camp

by Lewis Aldous, Jonathan Bennet & Thomas Mullen

Friday Day 1 – We all left home around 8 on our journey to Caerleon in South Wales. We had the CD player blaring to top tunes as we whizzed up the motorway. We arrived a the 1st Caerleon Scout hut around midnight where we were welcomed with some hot soup and a drink. We then tumbled into our sleeping bags and fell asleep after our long journey. L.A.

(Err, the Saturday report appears to have gone walkabouts Jonathon. Bags)

Sunday Day 3 – We woke up at about eight o'clock on the Sunday morning. We packed up camp and left the campsite for the days activities. We arrived at the National Park slightly early so we had to wait around a while. Our first activity was rock climbing. The 1st Caerleon went up first. I was the first of the 9th Dagenham to get to the top, but as I was coming down I slipped and slammed against the rock face. I was OK but it hurt. J.B. Had a bit of trouble getting to the top in his size eleven hiking boots! After we had climbed up and gone down we had to go up again, as were going to abseil down, which was a great laugh. After we had all finished climbing, we were ready to start out gorge walk. We had a variety of challenges to complete. These were split into two groups; "wet" challenges and "dry" challenges. This involved a number of activities including: two limbo competitions, a lesson on how to eat nettles, a short trip through a cave, climbing across parts of the gorge while trying to stay dry, a jump into some very cold water, a jump into a peat bog, washing off after jumping into a peat bog and a jump off of Loonies Leap. J.B. Proved to rather accident prone, falling off a ledge and getting rather wet (well, actually he got totally soaked) and getting stuck in a peat bog. After seven hours of getting soaked, having a laugh, watching extremely silly people jump off the top of Loonies Leap, climbing rocks we went back to 1st Caerleon's Scout Hut and we had our dinner. After that we went to Virgin Cinema in Newport to watch Austin Powers: The Spy Who _____ Me. It was a great film and it was hilarious. When it finished we went back to the Scout Hut to catch some z's in the small hours of the morning. T.M.

Monday Day 4 – We woke up around 7 and had our breakfast and did the washing up. We then had to pack everything away into the cars and sort out all the food and clean the kitchen until it was spotless. One of the leaders then showed us around the town of Caerleon. We saw the ruins of Roman barracks and a stunning Anthitheatre *(?)*. We also went into some old Roman Baths. We then looked in the shops in which Jonathon and Lewis bough welsh furry dragons for their mums. We then set off for the long journey home after a terrific camping experience. L.A.

Baggy's Bit

This years Pack Holiday was one of the best in my opinion. I know that I thoroughly enjoyed myself throughout the week.. The cubs that we took away were one of the best behaved groups on any Pack Holiday. With a hectic schedule of games and (largely) craft activities the cubs & leaders got stuck into the programme and really had some fun. There were none of the usual complaints about 'boring work' , no cubs crying to come home, no serious misbehaviour and they all dropped off to sleep with little or no mishap of a night-time!

The leaders would like to thank all the cubs that went to Bromham for behaving as Cub Scouts should and for giving us an enjoyable week.

'Puzzle This'

by Baggy

A prize to the person who comes up with the most correct answers to the following puzzles.

1. How many animals of each species did Moses take into the Ark?
2. How far can a dog run into a wood?
3. Take two apples from three apples. What do you have?
4. A farmer has seventeen sheep. All but nine die. How many does he have left?
5. If you were alone in a deserted house at night and you had a lamp, some firewood and a candle and you only had one match, which would you light first?
6. A rectangular house is built with each wall having a southern exposure, if there is a window in one of the walls and a bear goes past it, what colour is the bear?
7. If a doctor gives you three tablets and tells you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?
8. If a train travels South, some parts of it are travelling North. How?
9. If two monkeys sit in a corner of a room and look at another pair in the next corner and so on until every pair in a corner is looking at another pair, how many monkeys could say that they were looking at another monkey?
10. Chances dictate that it will rain on at least two days during the Wimbledon fortnight. If by the twelfth day it hasn't rained, the sun is shining and there isn't a cloud in the sky, what is the chance, in percent, of it still shining 36 hours later?

Do you have anything you wish to see in Akela's Shout? An article, pictures, an advert....

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