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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

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Thank you to everyone who has supported us in 2001 and we look forward to your continued support in 2002.

The Tuck Shop will be opening on a Tuesday night as from Tuesday 15th January.

Capitation, the Scout Insurance of £20 for each child, is payable by the end of March. If you would like you can pay off this amount weekly or monthly, just see Mr T or Akela.

A calendar of Scouting Events in 2002 will be on display every Tuesday night on the door of the main hall.

Mr. T. has set a meeting with all members of the Executive Committee for Tuesday 22nd January.

Akela says...

Hi everyone

Well that's it for another year, Christmas and New Year celebrations over. I hope you all got what you asked Father Christmas for and had a good time.

Apart from the Carol Service and camp there were no other events in December. The Carol service was very good although not very well attended by our group. A total of 10 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

We had 30 Cubs and Scouts at Thriftwood in December and even if it was a wee bit cold, providing you wrapped up warm, with plenty of layers you were as "snug as a bug in a rug". If you don't believe me ask the Scouts who slept in the tents. Come on Cubs and Scouts lets have a report about the best and worst things at Winter Camp. I have booked for the same weekend next year.

On the fund raising front the Christmas raffle raised £146 and Webb Ivory raised £72. Well done everyone for supporting the raffle and congratulations to all the winners. Still on fund-raising I was chatting to a couple of my friends who have their own companies. We had had a few and I was trying to get them to sponsor us for our rent but they weren't keen on that idea. However they did say they would run the London Marathon for us if we got the sponsors. Unfortunately they cannot get in the field for this year so I will see if they will do the ½ marathon at town show time. They also said that for every goal that Glassmasters 1st and 2nd Veterans football teams score they would donate a pound. I will confirm the above is correct. Watch this space.

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Akela

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Beavers

No events for January

Cubs

No events for January

Saturday 2nd February
Chess Competition
17th HQ

Saturday 9th February
Sponsored & Fun Swim
Dagenham Pool

Scouts

Saturday 26th January
Mark Sutton
Details to follow

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Chess Competition
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All Sections

Founders Day Service
Sunday 24th February
Barking Methodist Church

Camp Dates

These camp dates have already been booked:

Fri. 31st May - Mon. 3rd Jun
Thriftwood, Cost: approx. £40

Sat. 18th Aug - Sat. 24th Aug
Southampton, Cost: approx. £100

Fri. 6th Dec - Sun. 8th Dec
Thriftwood, Cost: approx. £35

These are our OWN camps that are run every year and do not include District/County camps or other weekend camps that will be organised.

Putting the OUT into scOUTing

2002 looks like a great year for camping, everyone looks set to enjoy a wide variety of camping, even the beavers are going to get a chance to get away!

Beavers
District Beaver Sleepover 18/19 May

Cubs
- Weekend (end of May) at Thriftwood
- Weekend (beginning of Dec) at Thriftwood
- Week Pack Holiday at Southampton

Scouts
- Craft Day/Scout Rally weekend (2nd weekend in April)
- Activity Weekend (1st weekend in May)
- County Camping/Cooking Competition (4th weekend in May)
- District Camping Competition (1st weekend in Jul)
- District Week Summer Camp with the Danes (20-27 July)
- Weekend (beginning of Dec) at Thriftwood

This is aside from any other camps that will be organised by the group (ideally we would like to take the Scouts away for at least another 1 or 2 weekends).

The Craft/Scout Rally day is a new event combining the Scout Rally with a replacement for the Scout Handcraft Competition.

The Activity weekend is going to be one weekend you do not want to miss! It will be jam-packed full of adventurous activities.

The District week camp will be another unique event...we are hoping to have around 40 Scouts from Denmark camping with us from a week and staying with parents as an exchange...next year Scouts from B&D will get a chance to visit Denmark in return.

We will probably not be going to the County Camping Competition (due to clashes with District events) but I'm sure we can have a good stab at the District Camping Competition with the experience our Scouts have picked up.

Exact dates and approximate costs can be supplied to help you plan your yearly calendar and budget.

As always you may find it easier to pay a little each week for the camps that you wish to go to, please ask a leader for details of the Camp Bank.

Mark Sutton

Scouts...the Mark Sutton competition is nearly upon us (end of January)... the team did very well last year and with a little brushing up on their skills you are quite capable of doing very well this year.

The competition tests you on basic Scouting skills:

- Inspection
- Knots (reef knot, clove hitch, round turn and two half-hitches, sheet bend, sheep shank, bowline)
- Map & Compass
- Cooking (apple, banana, pineapple Fritters)
- First Aid
- Quiz

Each base is marked out of 20 points.

It would be nice to put a big team of 8 in this year, please speak to a leader as soon as possible to confirm if you can make it or not. (I.e. please tell a leader even if you cannot make it).

Beaver & Cub Handcraft

This years Handcraft exhibits have to be completed and handed in by the 8th March. There is a wide variety of items you can make and we will be covering many of these on a Tuesday night. Please speak to a leader for more information.