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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

Free Gift!

Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope you are all well and enjoyed your holidays.

In the June issue, after 2 very, very wet camps, I did say things could only get better. At cub pack holiday we had gorgeous weather. Plenty of sunshine and no rain.

On the hall front we are still no nearer to finding a hall. The George Crouch and the Methodist Church are both used on a Tuesday night. I still have the Labour Hall in Green Lanes and have rang a number of times but so far I have not managed to get an answer. I will keep trying. Let me or any of the other leaders know if you can think of another hall.

The competitions for all sections start again now so the children will be brushing up on their skills. Most competitions take place on a Saturday and I will try to obtain a list of the remaining ones for the section and let all parents have a copy.

This is a reminder that subs will be increased to £2 per week from 5th October. Please remember subs are payable every week.

See you all soon

Akela

I say I say I say
What does the cheese say when its having its photo taken?

Fun in the Sun

The cub and scout section was closed on Tue 22 because the leaders were at camp. We took 9 cubs (yes! Just 9. We had 9 cubs, 2 scouts and 7 leaders so we were a bit short handed!) all the way up to the Sir John Lowther Scout Centre near Kettering.

After chugging down there in the minibus we set up camp in a very nice building complete with full size sports hall.

This years theme was the Movies. Saturday saw us playing at Cowboys and Indians with a spot of archery, line dancing and quick draw

Quote of the day from Mr T – "You wont have custard on your cocopops!"

Sunday was a day of action movies. The cubs built some shelters

Don't forget
Subs Increase

Camping 2001

There will be a number of camps in 2001 for the cub section. There will be at least 2 weekend camps with an approximate cost of £35 per person as well as a weeks camp with an approximate cost of £100 per person. We are hoping to take the scouts camping at least once a month with the cost approx. £20 per person per camp. We are also thinking of taking the scouts with us for the weeks camp with the cubs and the cost will be around £100 per person.

To help you save for all these camps we will be operating a camp bank. This is a bit like a bank account where you can pay in weekly, monthly or fortnightly any amount but you only get a withdrawal to pay for camp or if your son/daughter leaves

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Beavers

- **Tue 12th September** Visit to the post office in Crow Lane, 6.00 p.m. If you can we would be grateful if you could take your son/daughter there. Please let a leader know if your son/daughter will be attending and if you require transport.

Parents

- **Fri 20 Oct** District Quiz Night, 7:30 p.m.

Cubs

- **Tue 12th September** Visit to the post office in Crow Lane, 6.00 p.m. If you can we would be grateful if you could take your son/daughter there. Please let a leader know if your son/daughter will be attending and if you require transport.
- **Sat 23rd to Sun 24th September** Sixers Camp at Thriftwood. This camp is for **sixers** only. I will be sending a separate letter and a permission to camp form to the parents of the boys/girls that will be attending this camp
- **Sat 14th October** District Cub Quiz.

Scouts

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- **Sat 16th to Sun 17th September** District Scout Camping competition.
- **October** District Scout Chess competition.

whilst the scouts managed to build one of those 'automatic collapsible shelters'. The cubs also designed and produced a short war movie with the camcorder. Oh and we went on the brilliant assault course and I was pushed in the mud.

Quote of the day from Ethel – "We are going to have cooked swivels"

Monday was sci-fi day and we all went to the cinema to see the new Star Wars film (well the lounge anyway).

Tuesday we hopped off to Wicksteed Park, a local adventure park along the lines of Thorpe Park only smaller. The leaders got dragged on all the dodgy rides and some leaders also got stuck in the middle of the lake (I blame all the algae). A certain cub getting lost ("would the persons responsible for…")was also responsible for the leaders rowing two miles back to shore and running 53 miles up hill (well it felt like it!).

On Wednesday morning we did a couple of hours of Rifle shooting before getting stuck into the water fight (well the planned water fight anyway. It was about the fifth one so far during the week). Being a comedy day the cubs also did a little stand-up, err…, comedy I suppose it was.

Thursday was Murder Mystery day. Mr Akela was lured to the lobby and killed with two paperclips. There was the case of Mrs Akela being found dead in the bedroom with a deck of cards. And Haithi was brutally murdered in the kitchen with a shuttlecock. Of course the local police were soon on the case as Detective Akela and Detective Akela rounded up the usual suspects and put them through a thorough interrogation. They all seemed to put the blame on a shady character who subsequently stood trial (but got off by bribing Detective Akela with a crate of wine).

Quote of the day from Lee – "You were aiding and abetting" "I weren't betting!"

Friday saw us chuck the cubs out of the building while we fumigated the place before we headed home.

Quite simply, I did not want to come home and neither did the cubs!

Free Gift!

Yes! This month, at great cost, we bring you an astounding piece of artwork especially comissioned for Akela's Shout. Painted by the great artist B'ag o'heera it depicts the ominious and overbearing presence of the winter snowstorm on a bleak mountaintop. Frame your copy now!

And...not just a painting but you also get a free piece of adhesive tape! Totally free!