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Akela's Shout

CONTACT DETAILS

Akela says...

Hi everyone,

Hope this issue of the Shout finds you well. I am sorry that we didn't manage to get an October issue out but hopefully now that we are back in the hall things will start getting back to normal.

We have had several meetings with the Vicar and Churchwardens about the rent, rules and restrictions. We are going to have to pay £600 rent for 2001 but we will be paying this monthly so that should help. We will not be able to hold any fund raising events in the hall as it is now used on a Saturday afternoon. So if you have any ideas about fund raising please speak to one of the leaders. At the moment the floor is still very dusty so please feel free to send an old pair of trousers and T-shirt for your son/daughter to wear after inspection to save their uniforms getting to messy.

There are a few events and competitions left for this year and hopefully we will have teams in them.

I would like all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to attend the carol service in December. As soon as I have details I will pass them on to you.

As soon as I have a list of all the events for all sections for 2001 I will let you have a copy so that you can see the dates of all the competitions. Also as soon as we have the dates of our planned camps for next year I will pass these on to you.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all parents for your help and patience during the hall renovations.

See you all soon
Akela.

Subs

Please remember as from 3rd October subs were increased to £2 payable every week even if your son/ daughter is absent for any reason.

Cub & Scout Camps

A weekend camp cost approx. £25 and a weeks camp £85 - £100 depending on where we go. A camp bank is in operation where you can pay as much or as little as you want per week, per month whatever suits you.

We are thinking about having an indoor weekend camp Friday 24th November - Sunday 26th November, but before I book the building I need to know how many children will be attending. The cost will be £25 per person. Please complete and return the attached form together with the money by 14th November.

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Beavers

- **Sat 11th November**
  Connect 4 Competition
  21st HQ
  More details to follow

Cubs

- **Sat 11th November**
  Jungle Rally Competition
  16th HQ
  See Akela or Baggy for more details.
  Only the team selected for the Jungle Rally is to attend. Those chosen have already received their Jungle Rally 'packs' containing all the items they will work on at the competition.

Scouts

No major events this month

Calendar of Events

Now that we are meeting back in the hall we have some stability back in the group. We have a few leaders meetings in the near future (Every two months, the section leaders from every group in the district meet to discuss and arrange a variety of things) which should mean we can compile a list of upcoming events.

Once we have the details we shall print them in the newsletter. Hopefully from next month the back page of the newsletter should revert back to a calendar format where you can see events for the next two months at a glance.

Next month it will be the cub sections turn to complete an item for the newsletter. So all you cubs out there….get writing!

This & That

Just a quick couple of points:

Any scout (Beaver, Cub or Scout) is welcome and encouraged to bring along a friend or two to join our group. Convince them to come along for a week or two to try it out. Just make sure you let the leaders know they are coming and make sure that a parent or guardian comes with them on the first night – Don't just turn up.

Now we are back in the hall the following group rule is back in force:

All parents are asked to come **into** the hall to collect their child.

This is for your child's safety as well as making sure that we get a chance to have a chin-wag.

Parents are invited to pop into the hall at any time to speak to the leaders. If you have a question or complaint then you are welcome to take it up with any of the leaders.

Indeed it is worthwhile having a quick check with the leaders each week to make sure you don't miss anything important.

On a related note...parents, guardians are most certainly welcome to pop in and help at any time. If you have a particular skill or hobby the scouts might find interesting then let us know. If you really want to come in and make someone a cup of tea then we will bend over backwards to help (milk...no sugar thanks).

A scout group can only survive with the help, advice and enthusiasm from all members and friends of the group.

When we have an event all parents/ guardians are welcome to turn up and shout encouragement, make the tea, sell the sweets, join in, chase the cubs or just to sit and watch.

Please don't be strangers...

Jungle Rally

The Jungle Rally team has been chosen...those lucky few get to have a fun day out and a unique chance to mess about with cubs from other groups… I couldn't care a less where we come, just as long as those present give it their best and go home with a smile on their face..

This goes for all so called 'competitions'. Don't take it seriously...just have a go and have some fun!

Remember, Remember

When buying fireworks, make sure they comply with BS 7114 and are clearly marked for their intended use "Indoor, Garden or Display"

Keep fireworks in a sealed box or tin
Use them one at a time, replacing the lid immediately
NEVER put fireworks in your pocket
Read the instructions carefully, using a torch or hand lamp
NEVER use a naked flame
Light fireworks at arms length using a taper or a firework lighter
Stand well back and **NEVER** return to a firework after it has been lit, it could explode in your face
Ensure that all chidren with fireworks are well supervised
NEVER throw fireworks
Keep all pets and animals indoors
Take care of sparklers, wear gloves to hold them and dispose of sparklers in a bucket of water as soon as they are finished

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Advice taken from the British Fire Service