Events

Beavers			
No events this month			
Cubs			
12 Jan	Chess	17th B&D HQ	9 for 9:30 start See Akela or Baggy for details
9 Feb	Fun Swim	Dagenham Pool	5:30 - 7:30 £1 per person
Scouts			
12 Jan	Chess	17th B&D HQ	12:30 See Akela or Baggy for details
26 Jan	Mark Sutton	6th B&D HQ	10 a.m. See Akela or Baggy for details
9 Feb	Fun Swim	Dagenham Pool	5:30 - 7:30 £1 per person
All Sections			
First Sunday each month	Church Parade	St. Elisabeth's	10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Selected Camps

Beavers			
Nov	Beaver Sleepover		
Cubs			
End May	Whitsun Camp	Thriftwood	£42.50
August	Pack Holiday	Thriftwood	£120
Scouts			
10/11 May	Scout Rally Incident Hike	Chigwell	£15
5/6 July	Camping Competition	Chigwell	£10

2008

2008 looks to be just as busy a year as last year.

We hope to bring you more details once we have met and discussed the upcoming events and programmes with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

They truly do have a say in the running of our group.

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Resources

Websites	
District	www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk
County	www.glne-scouts.org.uk
Scouting Resources	www.scoutingresources.org.uk
Scouts	www.scouts.org.uk
Scoutbase	www.scoutbase.org.uk

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Akela's Shout

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Akela Says...

Hi everyone, I hope this issue finds you well and you all had very good Christmas and New Year Celebrations. Now it's time to get down to the hard work in 2008 to make another good year for all sections.

Just a couple of things to report about from last year. 50 of us enjoyed a very cold camp in December. Well done and thank you to Blondie, Geoff and Daniel for all their help and assistance as Young Leaders at the camp.

On the 15th December 19 Committee members, Young Leaders, friends and leaders went to the Liberty Bell for our annual Christmas get together. Thanks to all that attended for making a lovely and enjoyable evening.

Next was the District Carol Service. Thanks to Amy & Danny Oxley, Lauren Morley, Sophie Clark, Stuart & Sebastian Bastidas, Victoria, Sadie and Daniel Pike for attending. It was a very good service.

Next Church Parade will be Sunday 3rd February at 10:15 am outside the Church. Please try to attend as this will help in negotiations with the rent.

I think that's all, take care

Akela

There was once a couple named Nancy and Mike Tate, and it was their life's dream to have a compass company. They finally saved enough money and started the Tate's Compass Company. Luck was with them, for the first contract they acquired was to manufacture 750,000 compasses for the Scout Association. Nancy and Mike worked feverishly day and night to meet their deadline, and finished just before the Jamboree was to begin. On the day of the Jamboree Opening Ceremony, each Scout was given a Tate's Compass to help them find their way. Unfortunately, it was discovered a little too late that every single compass was made with the coloured point of the needle facing the wrong way, so when one was facing North, the needle pointed to the South. Needless to say, all of the Scouts got lost and it was the biggest fiasco known in Scout history. The Tate's compass company went out of business, but from this experience came the familiar adage:

"He who has a Tate's is lost."

I'll say it's cold, we took the poles out ages ago...

The Year Ahead

2008 looks set to be a run of the mill year for us - only the 4 million activities will be on offer throughout the year.

Here is a brief run through of what you might expect, although it will be missing many bits and bobs that we will add in between now and December I'm sure.

Most Districts I know do somewhere between 3 and 6 District events a year.

Barking & Dagenham have Chess, Mark Sutton, Fun Swim, Founder's Day, Handcraft, Comic Relief, Easter Egg Hunt, Pioneering, St. George's Day, Scout Rally, Incident Hike, Football, Sports Day, Camping Competition, Town Show, Danish Camp, Explorer Cooking Competition, District Quiz, Beaver Sleepover, Sixer's Camp, Cub Quiz, Spooky Welly Walk, Connect 4, Jungle Rally, Kidspace, Cyclo Cross, Survival Camp and Carol Service.

I make that 28 District events (that doesn't include 60 other events for adults like section meetings, big 4 meetings, exec meetings, AGM, CRB checks, appointments, ADC meetings, first response and away day)

It also doesn't include the events the Fellowship put on.

It also doesn't include the events County put on (which would be around 10 items)

In addition to this we have the events that our Group organise. On a regular basis this would include a weekend Cub Camp in May, a week Cub Camp in August, a weekend Beaver Sleepover, at least two weekend or week camps for the Scouts and a weekend Group Camp in December.

The Scouts will probably be going hiking on at least 5 days and will be organising their own events, this is likely to be at least two days out and at least one trip to Southend.

The leaders may also put on other events such as a Beaver/Cub Fun Day at Hargreaves, a Cub day out, climbing for the Scouts.

During August we always go out with all the sections and have a Group BBQ at the end of August.

We have not even mentioned how much we do on a 'normal' Tuesday night. The weekly programme itself is packed full of stuff and consists of a wide range of activities, ideas, crafts, events and badge work.

Of course, if you wanted to make yourself look good, you could also attend some of the 25 or so National or large Local events that are within easy reach of us throughout the year.

Let us not forget our social and fundraising activities too. The leaders normally find time each month to have a social or fundraising event for adults each month.

Probably best not to mention how much time it takes to prepare, execute and tidy up all this lot too. Suffice to say I spent over 1700 hours Scouting in 2007.

by Baggy

Upcoming Events

12 January	Chess	Cubs/Scouts
26 January	Mark Sutton	Scouts
9 February	Fun Swim	Cubs/Scouts
24 February	Founder's Day	All sections
29 Feb/1 Mar	Handcraft	Beavers/Cubs
14 March	Comic Relief	All sections
15 March	Easter Egg Hunt	Beavers
12 April	Pioneering	Scouts
27 April	St. George's Day	All sections
10/11 May	Scout Rally/Hike	Scouts

Also to be arranged or run:
PL Meeting
Pantomime
London Loop Hikes (February and April)
Scout Meal in Formal Dress
Beaver/Cub Fun Day at Hargreaves in half term

Chess - 12th January - 17th- B&D HQ - Wilmington Gardens
See Baggy for details:
http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/chess/

Mark Sutton - 26th January - 6th B&D HQ - Grafton Road
See Baggy for details:
http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/marksutton/

Fun Swim - 9th February - Dagenham Pool - 5:30 - 7:30
See Akela for details. £1 per person. Donations welcome.

Founder's Day - 24th February - St. Cedd's - Lodge Avenue
See Akela for details.
http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/foundersday/

Handcraft - 29th February/1st March - 6th B&D HQ - Grafton Road
See Akela for details.
http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/handcraft/

http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/calendar_index.html