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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

Akela says...

Hi everyone,

Hope this issue finds you well. Thank you all for attending the meeting on the 20th Feb. We were hoping that the Vicar together with the PCC would also be attending but all we had were the 2 churchwardens. Hopefully they will take our feeling back to the others.

The PCC were meeting this week but it was decided that we would not attend this one as the PCC is changing and the new PCC will meet in May when we hope to be allowed to state our case. In the meantime if you know of any halls in the area that are not used on a Tuesday evening please try to get a telephone number and let one of the leaders have it. We would like to stay in this hall if we can.

We entered a number of competitions in February:

Chess 3rd Feb. Cubs and Scouts
Well done Billy Marbe, Lewis Sibbons and Luke Sibbons.

Swimming Gala 10th Feb. Cubs and Scouts
Well done Lewis Sibbons, Callum Sparrow and Hayley Barham

Mark Sutton 24th Feb Scouts
Well done Gary Prince, Luke Sibbons, Hayley Barham, Tracey Martin, Rebecca Ratford and John Gazley. They achieved 2nd place.

Thank you to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders that attended Founders Day Service on Sunday 25th Feb. I was presented with my Long Service award (15 years in Scouting) and Bagheera was awarded the Jack Petchy award for January.

See you soon, Akela

Thank You...

...to everyone who attended the meeting on Tuesday 20th February.

Your show of support is a welcome and encouraging sight for the group and its future.

Fun & Friends

4 Beavers went to the District Beaver outing on Friday 2nd March. Perhaps we could have a report from them for the next issue.

Mobile Phones

There are a number mobile phones being brought to cubs and scouts. There is no need for the children to bring them as Bagheera has his, as do some of the other leaders. If you do need to contact your son or daughter then please feel free to ring him. In an emergency we will ring you and an ambulance if necessary. They are only at Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for 2 hours so there really isn't any need for them to have their phones.

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Beavers

Sat 24th March
Handcraft Competition
6th Barking & Dagenham HQ
St. Mary's Church
Grafton Road
See Beaver leaders for more details

Sun 8th April
Easter Egg Hunt
Hainault Forest
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cubs

Sat 10th March
Handcraft Competition
21st Barking & Dagenham HQ
St. Cedds
Lodge Avenue
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sat 7th April
Badge Afternoon
More details to follow

Scouts

Sat 10th March
Handcraft Competition
21st Barking & Dagenham HQ
St. Cedds
Lodge Avenue
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

All Sections

Sun 22nd April
St. George's Day Parade
More details to follow.

This is one of the most important dates in the Scouting diary.

"Checkmate"

The District Chess Competition was held on the 3d February with both Cubs and Scouts actually in the same hall!

It was extremely well organised...I simply have not seen a competition run so well before...the organiser was simply outstanding (oh...it was me! I remember now...that would explain it then).

We had two Cubs, Billy Marbe and Lewis Sibbons, and one Scout, Luke Sibbons.

Almost every single game was a close fought battle and the judges had to make some difficult decisions. The Cubs played in two leagues and 6 of them managed to score 8 points each which meant we had to have a playoff before we could have a semi-final.

Some of the Scouts games were excellent and a joy to watch.

Well done to those who attended.

Make a splash

Every year the District holds a Swimming Gala which is open to all the Cub Packs and Scout Troops in Barking & Dagenham.

Parents and friends stay to cheer on the Scouts from the gallery while the leaders and the district team take care of all the judging, scoring and organising poolside.

Each section is split into two age groups and in each age group there are three main races, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Freestyle with an additional relay.

On the 10th February we all descended upon Dagenham Swimming Pool for a fun night of swimming and sinking.

Unfortunately our group was not represented very well number wise but those that came to swim for the 9th certainly made up for this in effort and spirit.

Very well done to Lewis Sibbons and Callum Sparrow who swam for the Cubs and Hayley Barham who was our only Scout on the night.

Mark Sutton

The Mark Sutton is a Scout competition which tests patrols from across the district on some basic scouting skills.

There are 6 main 'bases' which count towards the scoring (20 points each):

First Aid
Map & Compass
Knots
Cooking
Inspection
Scout Quiz

Our team this year consisted of:

Gary Prince
Luke Sibbons
Hayley Barham
Tracey Martin
Rebecca Ratford
John Gazley

The event was a little more informal than it had been in previous years although the standard was very high (in places!).

The 9th Bulldogs (each patrol in the Troop chose their own name. The Mark Sutton team chose this patrol name for the competition) excelled themselves and gained an excellent 2nd Place.

Well done to the whole team for a job well done.

Handcraft Competition & Exhibition

Don't forget that all parents, relatives and scouts are welcome at the Handcraft on Sat (10th March for Cubs and Scouts, 24th March for Beavers).

It is an exhibition as well as a competition and the exhibits are often imaginative and well crafted.

If you can find the time to have a wander round, a cup of tea and a chat with the Scouts then they will be encouraged all the more to enter next years competition.