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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.

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all got what you wanted for Christmas.

There were quite a few events in December. First we had the Carol Service, well done and thank you to all who attended.

Next we had our annual December Camp at Thriftwood, 34 of us braved the cold weather. 7 Beavers visited us for the day on Saturday and we all had a good time. I have booked the same weekend next year.

On Friday 12th December 15 of us invaded the Harvester at Chadwell Heath/Goodmayes for our annual Leaders, Committee members and friends Christmas meal. A good time was had by all.

The Christmas parties for both the Cubs and Scouts were held on the 16th December and thanks to Peter (Scout) for the disco.

There are lots of events, camps and outings during 2004 so keep your eye on the notice board and the Shout. The Shout is issued the 1st Tuesday in the month so if you don't get one ask Akela or Baggy.

That's it from me, take care
Akela

Beaver day at camp

Saturday 7th December 2003, beavers due to arrive at approximately 10.30am. Everything going fine apart from the beaver left behind outside the hall, thanks to the modern invention the mobile phone all was soon rectified and 7 beavers arrived a little bewildered. After 5 minutes of instructions of what to do or not to do, they were welly's on and off into the forest in search of mud and plenty was available that weekend. I would like to thank the cubs and scouts for looking after the beavers during their day at camp. There were a few tears when they fell in the mud (that's from the beavers not cubs or scouts) but once explained its ok to get muddy at camp no further problems.

The beavers managed to pack a lot into their day, the assault course, eating, taking part in a quiz, dancing, eating, firework display and camp fire to mention some activities.

All the beavers loved the day and many did not want to come home and asked could they stay the night "we're not very big no one will notice us, please".

Every beaver was asked what the particularly liked about the day and they all said everything, but especially the camp fire and singing the songs. One beaver enjoyed everything except the dark, sorry not a lot we could do about it getting dark.

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2004 Calendar in Brief

January
17th Cub/Scout Chess Competition @ 17th HQ
31st Mark Sutton Competition @ 10th/18th HQ

February
7th Sponsored Swim/Fun Swim
22nd Founders Day Service @ St Marys

March
6th Beaver/Cub Handcraft @ 6th HQ
20/21st Scout Rally @ Thriftwood

April
3rd Beaver Easter Egg Hunt @ Hargreaves
17th Bouncy Fun Day?
25th St. George's Day Parade

May
8th Scout Incident Hike
15th County 5-a-side Scout Football
Last Bank Holiday Weekend - Cub Camp

June
5-6 County Scout Camp
12th District Football @ M&B Sports Ground
26th District Sports @ Mayesbrook Arena

July
10/11 Camping Competition @ Thriftwood
17/18 Town Show @ Central Park
24th Cub Fun Day ??

August
Hall is closed in August so the Scouts organise trips and days out and we have one week off for Cub Pack Holiday

September
18/19 Sixers Camp @ Thriftwood
25/26th District Beaver Sleepover

October
12th District Non-uniform week
16th Cub Quiz
19th Spooky Welly Walk
27th Jack Petchey Evening

November
13th Jungle Rally @ 17th HQ
20th Beaver Connect 4 @ 21st
26th Beaver Kids Kingdom Evening

December
4th Scout Cyclo Cross @ Crow Camp
Early weekend - Group Camp @ Thriftwood

Beavers

Saturday 31st January
Panto
SOLD OUT - See T for details

Saturday 7th February
Sponsored Swim
Dagenham Pool

Cubs

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Chess Competition
17th HQ, Wilmington Gardens
12:30 for 1:00 p.m. start
See Baggy for details

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Camps

Full details of all camps in next months issue

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All beavers were delivered back to their parents tired, a little muddy but happy.

And they would like to thank Akela, Tea bag and Baggy for inviting them.

Julie

Chess Competition

If any Cub or Scout wishes to enter this January's Chess Competition please speak to Baggy as soon as possible as the number of places is limited.

Christmas Raffle

We raised £72.00 for the group. Thank you to the Beavers for selling the tickets, and an extra thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and anyone else who bought tickets and helped to support the group. A full list of winners is available from either Gary or Julie.