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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

Akela says...

Hello everyone

Hope you are all fit and well and enjoying your summer holidays. Perhaps we could have a section for holiday reviews.

It was nice to see so many of you at the AGM in July. Thank you all for attending. I have the telephone numbers for 3 other halls, George Crouch near Dagenham Swimming Pool, the Labour Hall in Green Lanes and the Methodist Church hall near the Dagenham Post Office in Whalebone Lane.

Watch this space for news.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the competition so far this year. Let's hope the next few months are as successful as the first months of the Millennium year.

We will be closed on Tuesday 22 August as we are all at camp.

As from the 5 October Subs will be increased to £2 per week. Subs are payable every week even if your child is absent for any reason.

See you all soon

Akela

5-a-side report overleaf

Two pieces of string meet one day in the park and while one goes on the slide the other goes on the swings. They're having a great time until one string decides to go on the roundabout. After a while, the string feels really dizzy and falls off, scraping across the tarmac and making as tangled mess of one end and falling in a heap. The second string looked at him and sighed "you're not very good on that roundabout are you?" The first string looked at himself and said "I'm a frayed knot".

Miniskirts & Platform Shoes

The Scout Association Program Review Group are proposing a wide range of changes to the Scouting Movement.

The two main aspects will be a change of identity (new uniform, new logo) and a change in programme (in particular new age ranges for scouts).

The PRG has issued a consultation paper containing photos of the proposed new uniform and a questionnaire.

Now we hope that you will take an interest in this major change and would ask that you take the time to have a look at the changes and perhaps even fill out a questionnaire and send them your views.

Please ask one of the leaders for more details.

I say, I say, I say

I am collating some 'sayings' such as the ones below, both funny and serious. I could really do with some help so please send in your sayings.

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have an "S" in it?

To say you are right takes confidence, to admit you are wrong takes courage

Animal testing is a terrible idea: they get all nervous and then give the wrong answers.

A Journey is made up of thousands of steps, to make the journey, first you must take one step.

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Beavers

- **No events for August**

Scouts

- **16/17 September** Camping Competition at Thriftwood
- **Sat 23 – Sun 24 Sep** District Camping Competition
- **October** District Scout Chess competition.

Cubs

- **Fri 18 August – Fri 25** Pack Holiday at Kettering, Northants.
- **Tue 12 September** Visit to the Post Office in Crow Lane
- **Sat 23 / Sun 24 September** Sixers Camp. This will be a 24 hour camp for sixers only

More details about all these events in the September Issue

Scout 5-a-side competition

by Jonathon Bennett

On the 10 June (Ironically the start of Euro 2000!) myself, Goldie, Darren, Matt, Chris and Andreas attended the Scout 5-a-side football competition at May and Bakers.

It wasn't a bad day and we had high hopes after being runners-up in last years competition, but only Goldie and myself were present from that runners-up team, so the first couple of games we had to get used to playing together for the first time. 5 other patrols from 4 different groups also showed up.

The first stage was a league stage, and we played five matches in this stage, the results were:

9th Dagenham 0 – 2 17th Barking

9th Dagenham 4 – 0 21st Barking

9th Dagenham 2 – 0 4th Dagenham

9th Dagenham 2 – 0 16th Barking B

9th Dagenham 0 – 0 16th Barking A

The top two teams went on to the finals, which was the 9th Dagenham and the 17th Barking, the next two teams (3rd and 4th) played for third place. We were looking for revenge on the 17th for the defeat earlier, but then again we had established the best team for the final which was,

Myself as Goalkeeper
Andreas and Matt in defence
Goldie and Darren up front

In the first half we conceded the first goal to the 17th (my fault!), but we pulled one back before the first 10 minutes were up, so at half time the score was level at 1-1.

The second half started well with probably the best goal we scored in the tournament, I put the 'goal kick' in-between two defenders and Darren made a blinding surge through, beating all the outfield players, and with only the goalkeeper remaining he easily slotted the ball into the back of the net. As play continued Goldie got knocked down by a fiercely hit ball, but his determination to win this competition kept him going. Unfortunately we conceded two more goals making the score 3-2 to their advantage. Although we gave everything we had in the last two minutes it wasn't enough to force extra time.

We finished runners-up for the second year running and next year the team will have to find a new goalkeeper, as this was my last competition as a scout.

The Star Player was Darren, mainly for the goals he scored, but he was where he needed at the right time and we probably wouldn't of stood a chance without him, but his goal tally did contain an own goal!

Well done to all the players and thanks to all the supporters who turned up to cheers us on (and give us much needed advice from time to time).

Two-cans for a token

The leaders came up with an idea that sort of worked. Thought I'd mention that straight away.

We took two patrols camping to Thriftwood, sited either side of the leaders. The idea was that each patrol had 50 tokens, worth £1 each at the end of the camp. The trick was that every time they asked a question, needed help or did something wrong they lost a token. Any left would be converted into money for the patrol.

They had to prepare their own programme, menu and equipment list and T only gave them what was on the list (leading to cries of "Can we have a gas bottle please", "Errmmm, can we have some more utensils").

During the weekend they got the chance to enjoy some Rifle Shooting, Laser-tag and they also built a submarine each (well, it certainly was not a raft!).

It was quite amusing after a while, the scouts would come up to us (losing a token in the process for being on our site without permission) and stand there struggling to ask for something without actually asking a question.

The main problem certainly seemed to be fire-lighting. The leaders seemed to light the scouts fires every day.

They certainly took it in good humour though, with some very unusual uses of the tokens ("If I give you two tokens will you cook the dinner", "Yes, Why?", "So I can run away from Baggy!").

At the end of an excellent camp the scores were totalled and the two patrols managed to walk home with an amazing….1 token each!
Don't spend it all at once!