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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

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After our meeting earlier in the year and our Chairman Steve and Baggy's meeting with the PCC, you may recall that we did the survey to see what the best option for us was. One of the options was to try to find a new hall, another option was to stay here keep the subs as they are (£2) and pay the scout insurance of £20.

Baggy, T and myself have visited a number of halls and spoken to booking secretaries of halls and all of them we feel have been unsuitable for our needs one way or another. Most are unsuitable because it is only one hall and they are smaller than the large hall here.

I checked all the survey slips I had back and the result was stay here keep the subs at £2 per child per week (payable even if absent apart from Holidays) and parents to pay the capitation (insurance) of £20 for each child.

We will still keep looking for a new hall so if you hear of one please let us know and we will go and see it.

Akela says...

Hi everyone

Hope this issue of the shout finds you well and busily preparing for Christmas.

I am sorry to say that we did not enter a team for the Beavers Connect 4 for the simple reason that we had a change over of Leader in that section. However I am sure that the 5 Beavers who went to Kids Kingdom on Friday 30th November had a great time. Over to you Gaz for a report.

The Cubs who represented us at the Jungle Rally did very well with 3rd place in the Nature trophy and 2nd in the main competition of scouting skills. Well done Jamie Reed, Tobi Trott, Michael Jago, Lewis Sibbon, Sam Hill and James Wilkinson.

Three scouts entered the Cyclo Cross at Crow Camp on Saturday 1st December. Well done Sam Harvey, Harley Barham and Jimmy Hill.

A big thank you to these parents for supporting the Fundraising quiz on 9th November, Gillian Marbe, Eddie & Sarah Jago, Simon & Jackie Reed, Mr & Mrs Oxley and Julie Morley. We had 11 tables, most with 8 people. Special thanks go to Julie Morley and her friend for supplying the questions and the bus stop and to Jackie Reed for dealing with Dagenham Football club. Thanks also to all those who supplied raffle prizes. The team who came last got a booby prize of a dummy and it was Simon and Jackie Reed's team. Their excuse was that they played their joker on the wrong round. In first place it was Mr & Mrs Oxley and their team got a tub of celebrations each. The total raised at the quiz was £310.50

Well done everyone.

Christmas raffle is underway and all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, helpers and leaders have been given 5 strips to sell at £1 per strip. Please return the money and one side of the strip to me by 11th December when the draw will take place. If you need any more tickets see me.

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Prizes include:-
A Christmas Hamper
Bottle of Whiskey
£10 Marks and Spencer Voucher
Bottle of Wine
Christmas Cake
and a few others.

We have had a brilliant response for December camp and all places have been filled. Please remember to pack waterproof coat and trousers, wellingtons or similar, hat, gloves, scarf, warm clothes and a blanket.

We are hoping to set up a fundraising committee, so please see one of the leaders if you feel you would like to sit on this committee.

It only remains for me to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the leaders and myself at the 9th.

See you in the New Year.

Akela

Scouts

Saturday 26th January
Mark Sutton
Details to follow

All Sections

District Carol Service
Wednesday 12th December
St. Mary's
Grafton Road
Dagenham
6:15 p.m.

Camp
7th - 9th December
This camp is now full. I need to know if you can or cannot get your son/daughter to Thriftwood and if you would be able to take another Cub or Scout whose parents cannot take them.

Please remember to pack your waterproofs, boots and warm clothes.

2002 Calendar

2002 looks set to be a busy year for Scouting and for the group. The District and County calendars have been outlined and what with group events and group fundraising I'm sure we can all find plenty of events that we would be interested in.

If you have access to the internet you can check the calendar and event details on the District and County websites (URL on the front page).

If like most people you do not have access (or don't want it!) then you can have a look at a printed copy, just ask Baggy.

We hope to have a notice board in the foyer in the new year so that we place details of upcoming events, news and diaries for all to see.

Looking Back

Well 2001 was certainly an eventful year...with some 30 (30!) district and county events, not to mention all the group organised activities and an average of a camp every other month. And that's before you look at what the sections work on every Tuesday night and beyond.

To think that in the county some districts are being 'forced' into running at least 4 district events a year! We certainly are lucky to have a very active group and district team dedicated to the young people in our care.

Next year looks set to be just as hectic. Scouting is set to introduce two new sections:

Explorer Scouts
14-18 years
Scout Network
18-25 years

This will mean a change in programme for ALL sections.

Lets look forward to having as much fun as we did in 2001!

A BIG THANK YOU to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, Helpers, Parents, Friends, Family and everyone else who has helped support and run the 9th B&D over the last year and made it what it is. Without your help we simply could not have put so many smiles on so many faces.

THANK YOU

Cyclo Cross

The Cyclo Cross was well represented this year with 17 Scouts (from just 3 troops in the district!).

Lance (4th B&D), Steve (16th B&D), T and Akela were kind enough to take everyone and their bikes down to crow camp for a day of muddy racing!

Our 3 scouts did very well and certainly put in some serious effort, puffing up the hills and falling over down the slopes.

Considering they were up against Scouts twice their size they did an excellent job.

Well done Sam, Hayley and Jimmy.