Upcoming Events	News And Information	Contact Information
Pack Holiday	Beaver Fun Day	97 Westfield Road
Camp Meeting	"Get Knotted!"	Dagenham, Essex
Jungle Rally	Introduction Pack	0181 – 595 – 0292

Akela's **Shout**

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Free with this issue of Akela's Shout – "Get Knotted"

Coming Soon – "Introduction Pack for Parents"

Baggy's Bit

The summer is here again and the camping season is upon us. The Cubs will be going away for a week in August and I know that a few of the Scouts may be going to Wales for the weekend with Rob, as well as their upcoming camping competition.

Apart from Pack Holiday there isn't actually much happening during August. The main reason for this is that there are few District Events in August. We will be open throughout the summer holidays (except for the week we are away) although you may be surprised how many other groups actually close for the summer holidays.

I hope everyone enjoys those nice hot summer days and I look forward to seeing those of you going to camp.

Upcoming Events

Beaver Section

No events this month

Cub Section

Pack Holiday
21st – 28th August
If you don't have the details by now, you are in trouble!

Pack Holiday
Camp Meeting
17th August
10th/18th HQ, St. Georges Church, Rogers Road
For those parents whose cubs are going away on Pack Holiday.

Jungle Rally
25th September
We will be entering a team of six cubs for this competition.

Scout Section

No events this month

All Sections

The group will be closed on Tuesday 24th August as the leaders will be away at camp

News & Information

Beaver Fun Day

On Saturday 17th July the 9th Dagenham Beavers took a day out to Hargreaves campsite for the Beaver Fun Day. There they made friends with Beavers from other groups in the district, and got the chance to have hours of fun! The days activities included Welly Throwing, Egg & Spoon race, Duck Fishing, the Nail puzzle game, Hoopla as well as the opportunity to paint a plaster cast model. They still managed time to play football, Frisbee and other games, and even a water fight with some of the leaders!

Introduction Pack for Parents by Baggy

If you are a parent/guardian of one of our cubs you will soon be getting an Introduction Pack for Parents. Whilst primarily aimed at the parent of the new cub, we will be issuing each par-

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ent with one as it may still contain some useful information.

Views from the Scouts

by Baggy

Hmmm....., this feature is conspicuous by its absence this month. The intention was to bring you details on the Scout troop and their 'goings-on' but unfortunately I have not received one submission from the Scouts themselves! Get it sorted!

Newsletter Feedback

by Baggy

Last month the newsletter included a feedback slip for parents to complete and return. This slip served two main purposes. First it gives us an indication on just how many parents are actually reading the newsletter and secondly, it gives you, the reader, a chance to air your comments and criticisms.

I have currently received slips from 4 Scouts, 8 Cubs and 7 Beavers. This means that there are still a sizeable number of parents who, I can only assume, never bother reading Akela's Shout. I'll say no more about the subject here (as there is not much point, if your reading this you are not the person I want to be badgering!).

The comments that were returned suggested that you could be notified earlier regarding events. Now this partly due to the recent change in times for the Beavers, but there was no way we could have informed you earlier about this particular problem as we were only told by the vicar at the last minute ourselves! (That's what I like to see – excellent communication skills!). In response to this though we will be publishing a list of the dates for the upcoming **years** district events in a future newsletter, which should cover most events.

It was also suggested that we could include the date of Church Parade. I think you'll find though that upcoming Church Parades are always mentioned in Akela's Shout, and at the meeting on the Tuesday before (indeed we are always 'going on about' church parade). This aside it is easy to remember, it is the First Sunday in each month unless told otherwise.

One final comment I received about Akela's Shout was "She does LOUDLY & a lot!". Quite true!

Competition Time

by Baggy

Last months answer to the Scout competition was – the 'Spelelogist' Badge (errr, apologies for spelling, I don't have a Scout book with me and it is in none of the dictionaries!). The cub badge pictured was of course the Naturalist Badge. Well done to those who got the correct answer. No takers for the Beaver competition last month so I'll try to make it a bit easier this month.

Beaver section – What animal is this a picture of?

Cub Section – What animal is Chil in the Jungle Book?

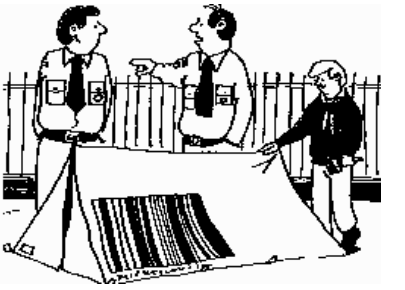
Scout Section – What animal is a traditional symbol for the USA?

'Side Splitting'

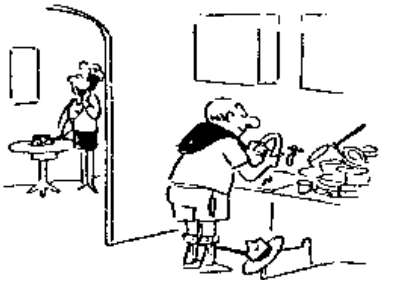
by Baggy

Do you have any funny stories or jokes? Share some of your best 'side splitters' with Akela's Shout.

"I think its cooked but I can't see to be sure!"



"Is this the tent we bought from the supermarket?"



"Mr. T. can't come out to play, he still has to do his good turn for the day"

Try to think of a caption for the cartoon above. Best one gets printed next month.