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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 and getting into the Christmas spirit.

Another year nearly over and what a year for us!

We certainly put the 'out' into Scouting. 22 weeks with no hall for the Cubs and Scouts, so Hargreaves become our home. We would like to thank Doreen and Paul (the wardens at Hargreaves) and their team for the help and assistance they gave us during this time.

'Out' again with a camp once a month since April (although we did not have one in Oct.) some with just Cubs, some just Scouts and some with both Cubs and Scouts. I hope all the Cubs and Scouts that attended had a good time despite the weather at some of the camps.

We also entered a number of competitions. We didn't always win but one or two we did. The group also got a trophy which is given by the District Commissioner called the Law Trophy. It is given each year for Outstanding Effort and Team Spirit, so this is a good time for me to end my say.

I would like to thank all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, helpers, instructors, parents, guardians, friends and not forgetting the leaders, for all your help and support in 2000 and lets make 2001 another Out year for us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Akela

Akela & Mr T …

No hold on… that's Mr and Mrs Santa isn't it?

Mr SanTa … Hmmm.. Have you ever seen Mr T and Santa together?

Subs

Subs are £2 payable every week even if your child is absent for any reason

What do Elves learn in school? The elf-abet
What does Santa do in the garden? Hoe-Hoe-Hoe

My stockings were hanging by the chimney with care, I'd been wearing them for months and they needed the air.

How do snowmen travel around ? By iceicle

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All Sections

Carol Service
Wed 13th December 2000

Christchurch
Bastable Avenue
Thames View.

6:30 p.m. start.
All welcome

Pantomime

Sat 27th January 2001

Cost £9 per person.

If you would like your son/ daughter to come please let Mr T have a £5 deposit (non-returnable) by Tuesday 12th December

Camps

Remember we are operating a camp bank where you can pay as much or as little as you want per week, month or whatever suits you. Please encourage your son/ daughter to come to camp.

Badges

From time to time when we are doing badge work there may be bits of that badge that need to be done at home. Please encourage and help your son/daughter to complete this work.

Next Years Events

There are one or two competitions in January, more details in the Jan. Issue of the Shout. We also hope to have a full list of Beaver, Cub and Scout events and competitions for 2001 in that issue.

Uniform

Full uniform must be worn to Colony, Pack and Troop nights, all competitions and camps. If you do not know what constitutes full uniform for the section your child is in please ask a leader.

Wellies and Waders

The Cubs and Scouts were given (yet another!) chance to go camping for a weekend at the end of November. In the end 15 of you took us up on the offer and came down to Hargreaves (our 'second home').

The weather 'kind of' held out and Hargreaves managed to stay afloat for the weekend (although it was a bit...er...damp shall we say in places).

Those that had already been camping this year had come well prepared (Be Prepared is our motto) with stacks of dry clothes, wellies, waterproofs and coats. These proved very useful as we spent a good deal of time outdoors during the weekend as all good Scouts should.

We did not stick too rigidly to badge or scout work and just made sure we all enjoyed ourselves.

Memorable incidents include: Lee falling into every puddle and stream within 10 km and getting his wellies stuck on. The Cubs and Scouts jumping out on Baggy and Goldie during the wide game. Log Pulling, 'abseiling', pond dipping, net making. The 'campfire' that burned so fiercely it took the leaves off trees at 50m (ok..ok...so I couldn't get it going properly). Sam reading from the joke book and sending T into fits of laughter. Jamie, T, Goldie and others in 'farting' competitions.

Oh and yes...don't mention the fact that the Scouts were so scared on the first night (because of the spiders and creepy crawlies in their room) that they moved in and slept with the Cubs. Thanks to the Cubs (Tobi, Lewis, Geoffrey, Jamie, Lee, Vincent, Daniel, Daryl) for looking after the Scouts (Lee, Chris, Matt, Jimmy). Also we had 'Snotty Gloves' Sam, 'Pleeeassssee Don't throw me in the water' Rebecca and 'run around with your siren on' Tracey.

Jungle Rally

The Jungle Rally competition was on the 11th of November. Our team did a very good job and came a commendable 4th place overall and third place in the Nature Trophy.

Very well done to Billy, Callum, Sean, Tobi, Lewis and Micheal.

This years competition had an excellent atmosphere and was enjoyed by all. It was not taken too seriously by leaders or cubs and as results everyone went round with a smile on their face not matter what they scored at each base.

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has No L

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

He had low elf esteem

What does a cat on the beach have in common with Christmas?

Sandy Claws!