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Church Parade	Notice to parents	97 Westfield Road
Founders Day	70's & 80's Disco	Dagenham, Essex
Swimming Gala	Mark Sutton	**0181 – 595 – 0292**

Akela's **Shout**

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(Can't be bothered to do a eye-catching title this month)

Akela's Shout

Hi everyone,

Well the first month of the New Year, Century & Millennium has passed and I for one think it's gone really quick, all the planned camps of the year will soon be upon us. Please remember we do have a camp bank in operation and you can pay as much or as little as you want.

The pantomime was well supported and all the Beavers, Cubs and leaders enjoyed themselves.

The Scouts came 3rd in the Mark Sutton competition. Well done Jonathon, Andreas, Luke, Lewis and Thomas.

We have not had any contribution from anyone other than myself and Baggy. So come on all you budding Shakespeare's. The deadline is Tuesday 29th February. (*Yet another reminder – Baggy*)

As from next week (8th Feb.) we would like all parents to collect their children from the hall. This is so you can hear any notices (just in case your son/daughter forgets to tell you what's happening) and you can have a chat with any of the leaders.

We are hoping to have a 70's & 80's disco towards the end of March and we need to know how many of you would be interested in supporting this event.

This year, instead of having Jumble Sales, we are going to try Boot Sales for fund raising. If you have anything we can sell at the boot sale please bring it to the hall on a Tuesday. (*Yet another reminder – Baggy*)

Thank you, speak to you soon

Akela

Upcoming Events

All Sections

Church Parade
Sunday 6th February
St. Elisabeth's church at 10:30 p.m.

Founders Day Service
Sunday 13th February
St. Cedds, Lodge Avenue at 3 p.m.

Cub & Scout Section

Swimming Gala

Saturday 12th February
Dagenham swimming pool 5:30 p.m.

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Parents

Please note: Would all parents please collect their children from inside the hall (as from 8th Feb).

This is for several reasons.

- You will then be able to see your child gain any awards, badges and certificates. This will certainly mean much more to them if their parents are there at the presentation.
- You will then also be able to hear any notices and get a chance to check the notice-board.
- It will also present you with an opportunity to chat with the leaders.
- Some of the parents and leaders have been working hard to make some cakes and biscuits in the hope that parents will take up our offer of a cup of tea, cake and conversation. Sadly however, not one parent stayed last Tuesday. Please take

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advantage of this offer and try to find the time to stay and chat at least once a month.

Mark Sutton

On Sat. 29 Jan a team of scouts from our troop entered into a district competition, the Mark Sutton. The competition tests scouts from all over Barking & Dagenham on their abilities in Knotting, Cooking, Map & Compass and First Aid.

The competition, as ever, was hard fought this year and points were very close. Our patrol (Andreas, Jonathon, Lewis, Luke and Thomas) put in an excellent performance and achieved a very credible 3rd place overall. Well done to those five, it is good when the scouts can see all that hard work they put in paying off.

If we had had more than one patrol enter the competition (as some troops did) then I feel sure we could have clinched the top two or three places. It is a pity that we have enough scouts that were more than capable of winning being unable to attend the competition.

"Give me all your money"

A reminder (*Again! It's like talking to a brick wall – Baggy*) that we have a lot of camps coming up this year. If you wish to spread the cost of the camp over time we operate a simple 'Camp Bank' where you can pay as little or as much as you like each week.

If you have any difficulties at all (not just financial) then please speak to one of the leaders. Camps are a very important part of scouting. Not only are they tremendous fun but they really do enable young people to learn and develop a wide range of skills. It would be a great shame for any cub or scout to miss even a single camp.

Baggy's Bit

Hello! Is there anybody out there?

Right, that's it. I've had enough.

<Moan Mode>
Every week on a Tue night and every month in Akela's Shout the leaders continually ask for a little feedback from parents/guardians/children.

We are always on the lookout for ideas, offers of help even for people moaning at us and telling us what we are doing wrong.

<Crawl mode> Now don't get me wrong. In my opinion the set of kids we have now (across all sections) and most of their parents are the best this group has seen in a long time. They are certainly well behaved and hard working. </Crawl mode>

However, the thing that is bugging me right now is Indifference and Apathy. To be honest, I think that we have few (if any) parents that I call TULAB'S (treat us like a baby-sitting service). I think that most of our parents appreciate what their children are gaining through scouting and would be willing to help wherever possible.

The point I would like to make is that, yes, we do not have any parents that just dump their kids and pick them up 2 hours later without so much as a hello or goodbye. We don't have any parents that are completely unwilling to help in any manner. On the other hand we do have some parents who are always the ones that come to the Bazaars, come out on the trips etc.

In fact, thinking about it, the majority of the cub parents have certainly helped out in some way over the past few years. I can remember many parents coming down to help at the Christmas bazaar. I can remember parents offering to help ferry kids to Thriftwood on very short notice.

However, sometimes we have a little indifference creeping in on the really small/silly matters. I mean trivial things like Not telling the leaders your child will not be able to come to the comp. at the weekend, not popping in for a cup of tea & biscuits after it has been offered for two months, not being there to see your child gain their latest badge/award, not returning forms for camps/trips when we ask for them….

All these silly little trivial matters add up, and if they are not kept in check lead to a widening gap between leaders and parents.

The whole point of this long winded moan is that I and the leaders **know for a fact** that we are lucky to have parents like you. We know that you care about the group and your child's place (indeed your place) in the group. I am really not having a go at you for the time and effort you put in to helping the group at the moment, we are deeply thankful for that. But we would like to see the trivial matters cleared up in order that the group can run at 101 % efficiency.

Please take the time to have a scan through the checklist below and see if you can try out one or two of the items over the next month.

If you have anything to add on this

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subject, or you feel offended by what I have said then Tough…..no, no, no, I mean please speak to myself or one of the other leaders (or shout at us if you prefer!) </Moan Mode>

Checklist:

Pop in after your section has finished for tea, cakes and chats

Return forms/monies on time

Invent a crisp packet that does not make any noise.

Inform us if you cannot do something as well as if you can do something. Don't leave us guessing.

Drop in some stuff for the boot sales.

Buy Baggy a crate of Foster's Ice.

Send in your piece for the newsletter

Give us your ideas on how to improve the group

Come to our events (both scouting and fund-raising)

Wanna have a 70's/80's disco?

Collect your children from inside the hall.

Design a shopping trolley that moves in straight lines.

Take 5 minutes to hang around/turn up 5 mins early to see what's what.

Perhaps stay one night or attend a special event to see what we get up to.

Ask us for any help that you might need regarding any matter at all.

Help your child go through some of their badgework.

Do a spot of fund raising.

Check out the website and email me.

"Play it again…. "

Last month we asked you to guess the song/artist. The answers are below along with a slightly longer excerpt from the song (without so many spelling mistakes this time!) to help you get the tune.

"If everybody had a notion, across the USA Then everybody be surfin', like californ-I-a, you'd see em wearing their baggies…..*"*

Beach Boys – Surfin' USA

" ..When its 8, 9, 10, 11 too... I'll be going strong and so will you, we're gonna rock, around the clock tonight, we're gonna rock rock rock until the broad daylight, we're gonna rock, we're gonna rock around the clock tonight… "

Billy Hayley – Rock around the clock

"..where we sat down. Yeah-eh we wept, when we remembered Zion...By the rivers of Babylon, where we sat down, Yeah-eh we wept…"

Boney M – Rivers of Babylon

"Here we are, in a room full of strangers. I'm standing in the dark, where your eyes couldn't see me. Well I have to follow you, though you did not want me to. But that stop my love for you. I just can't stay away. Blaming it all. On the nights on broadway. Singing them love songs..."

Candi Staton – Nights on broadway

"Hey baby won't you take a chance. Say that'll let me have this dance, well let's dance. Well lets dance. We'll do the Twist to start, the Mashed Potato too, any old dance that you want to do, but let's dance."

Chris Montez – Let's dance

"Come on everybody, clap your hands. Ooohh you're looking good. I'm gonna sing my song, it won't take long, we're going to do the twist and it goes like this. Let's twist again, like we did last summer, let's twist again like we did last year..."

Chubby Checker – Let's twist again

"Deep down in louisana, across to New Orleans, way back up in the woods among the evergreens. There stood a low cabin made of earth and wood, where there lived a country boy named Johnny B Goode. Who never ever learned to read and write so well, but he play a guitar just like a ringing a bell. Go Johnny go..."

Chuck Berry – Johnny B Goode

"Well I'm the type of guy who'll never settle down. Every girl, doll, well you'll know I'm around. I kiss them and I love them cause to me they're all the same. I hug em and I squeeze them they don't even know my name. They call me the wanderer, yeah the wanderer, I roam around around around..."

Dion – The wanderer

"Sitting here eating my heart out baby, waiting for some lover to come. Dialled about a thousand numbers baby, almost rang the phone off the wall. Looking for some hot stuff, baby, this evening. I need some hot stuff baby tonight. I want some hot stuff baby this evening. Gotta have some hot stuff, gotta have some love tonight.."

Donna Summer – Hot stuff

"At first I was afraid, I was petrified. Kept thinking I could never live without you by my side. But then I spent so many nights thinking how you did me wrong, I grew strong, and I learned how to get along. And so you're back, from outer space. I just walked in to find you here, without that look upon your face. I should've changed that stupid lock, I should've made you leave your key. If I had known for just one second…."

Gloria Gaynor – I will survive

"Wellll, look about, look about, look about, look about, oooohhhh eeeee, look about, look about, look about, oooohhhh eeeee,..."

Jackie Wilson – Reet petite

"Five, Four, Three, Two, One....54321, 54321, 54321, 54321, 54321, 54321, 54321, onwards rode the six hundred, 54321, down the valley on their horses they thundered, 54321, …. "

Manfred Man – 54321

"There she was just walking down the street, singing Do Wah Diddy, Diddy dum diddy do, snapping her fingers and shuffling her feet, singing do wah diddy diddy dum diddy do, she looked good, she looked fine, she looked good she looked fine and I nearly lost my mind. Before I know it she was walking next to me singing.. "

Manfred Man – Do Wah Diddy

"My baby don't care for shows, my baby don't for clothes. My baby just cares for me. My baby don't care for, cars and races, my baby don't care for..."

Nina Simone – My baby just cares for me

"Here we are, here we are and here we go, on and on....."

Status Quo – Rocking all over the world

"For goodness sake, I got the hippy hippy shakes, yeah I got the shakes, I got the hippy hippy shakes. I can't stand still, with the hippy hippy shakes....."

Swinging Blue Jeans – Hippy hippy shake

"There is, a house, in New Orleans. They call the rising sun. And its been the ruin of many a poor boy, and god I know I'm one. My mother was a tailor, sewed my new blue jeans. My father was a gambling man, down in New Orleans..."

Animals – House of the rising sun

"Start spreading the news, I'm leaving today. I want to be a part of it. New York, New York. These vagabond shoes, are longing to stray, right through the very heart of it, New York, New York.."

Frank Sinatra – New York, New York

"When you walk, through a storm, hold your head up high. And don't be afraid of the dark. At the end of the storm, there's a golden sky. And the sweet silver song, of love. Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain…. "

Gerry and the Pacemakers – You'll never walk alone

"You're everywhere and nowhere baby, that's where you're at. Going down a bumpy hillside in your hippy hat. Flying across the country and getting fat. Saying everything is groovy, when your tyres are flat. And its hi ho silver lining, and away you go now baby, I see your sun is shining. But I won't make a fuss, though it's obvious... "

Jeff Beck – Hi Ho Silver Lining

"Something's in life are bad, they can really make you mad, other things just make you swear and curse. When you're chewing on life's gristle don't grumble, give a whistle. And this will help things turn out for the best. And, always look on the bright side of life, always look on the light side of life. If life seems jolly rotten..."

Monty Python – Always look on the bright side of life

"I thought love was only true in fairy tales. Meant for someone else but not for me. Love was out to get me. That's the way it seemed. Disappointment haunting all my dreams. Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer. Not a trace, of doubt in my mind. I'm in-love, I'm a believer I couldn't leave her if I tried... "

The Monkees – I'm a believer

"I believe in miracles, where you from, you sexy thing. Where did you come from baby, how did you know I needed you. How did you know I needed you so badly…."

Hot Chocolate – You sexy thing

Err, the bit about warping forward in time was not a song (it was not in quotes "") just a line to separate the two different 'eras'. Shame on you if you wrote down "Time Warp by…..", mentioning no names (Jan).

"You treated me bad, now what can I say. You told me you loved me, but it never felt that way. I tried so hard to carry on but you left me, left me there alone. Now you're trying to say, I don't treat you this way. But don't you know I don't need, I don't need your life.. Don't give me your life, your life, give me your life (Repeat)"

Alex Party – Don't give me your life

"Its time to begin, I'm counting in, 5, 6, 7, 8... My boot-scooting baby is driving me crazy. My obsession from a western, my dance floor date. My rodeo romeo, cowboy guy from head to toe…….(Repeat)"

Steps – 5678

"Help me escape this feeling of insecurity. I need you so much, but I don't think you really need me. But if we all stand up in the name of love, and state the case of what we're dreaming of, I've got to say I only dream of you. But like a thief in the night, you took away the love that I knew. Relight my fire, your love is my only desire. Relight my fire, because I need your love"

Take That feat. Lulu – Relight my Fire

"Can't you see I don't need you around. When I think of you it brings me down. I turned my back and your at my door. What can I say I don't need you no more. I wrote to you a Dear John letter, I thought that it would be better. But it seems you didn't understand, you're still thinking that you're my man. You keep coming in and out of my life, I just can't understand why, you keep coming in and out of my life... "

A.T.F.C. presents Onephatdeeva – In and out of my life

"You, and me, we had an opportunity. And we, could make it something really good. But you, you think I'm not that kinda girl, but I'm here to tell

you baby I know how to rock your world. Don't think that I'm not strong, I'm the one to take you one, don't underestimate me boy, don't make you sorry you were born. You don't me, the way you really should, you sure misunderstood, don't call me baby .."

Madison Avenue – Don't call me baby

"So never mind. What you gonna do? Easy come, come the way you go. I'll never find what, I'm looking for. Easy come, come and give me more. 2 times. 3 times. 2 times. 3 times. So don't you mind, what your're gonna do. Easy..."

Ann Lee – 2 times

"Whooahahahh Whooahahahh.. Vengaboys back in town Whooahahahh Whooahahahh Whooahahahh Whooahahahh If you're alone, and you need a friend. Someone to make you forget your problem. Just come along baby take my hand, I'll be your lover tonight... "

Vengaboys – Boom Boom Boom Boom

"We've come a long long way together, through the hard times and the good. I have to celebrate you baby, I have to praise you like I should…."

Fatboy Slim – Praise you

"Like the movie scene, in the sweetest dream, I have pictured us together. Now to feel your lips, on my fingertips, have to say it's even better, than I ever thought it could possibly be, its perfect, its passion, its setting me free. From all of my sadness, the tears that I cry, I have spent all of my life, waiting for tonight, when you would be here in my arms..."

Jennifer Lopez – Waiting for tonight

"Friday night you and your boys when out to eat, then they hang out but you came home around three. If six of you'll when out, then four of you are really cheap, because only two of you had dinner, I found your credit card receipt. It's not right, but it's ok. I'm going to make it anyway. Pack your bags up and leave, don't you dare come running back to me..."

Whitney Houston – It's not right

"Well you look so good, I don't wanna let go, and although I should, I can't leave you alone. Cause your so disarming I'm caught up in the midst of you, and I cannot resist at all, ... Heartbreaker you got the best of me, but I just keep on coming back incessantly, did you have to ..."

Mariah Carey – Heartbreaker

The highest scoring entry came from Daryl & Daniel Collins with an amazing (well not really amazing, sort of okish) score of 53 out of 68. Well done.

Budding Artist's

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, the handcraft competition is soon upon us (March). I suggest that you start making some of your entries now (not the cakes please, someone has to taste the damn things to judge them!).

The cubs certainly have a copy of their handcraft programme. Remember you can put one entry into every category and whilst we will be doing some work every Tuesday you will stand a better chance if you can do some work at home.

Parents, please help and encourage your children but remember the work must be their own in order to be judged fairly.

What about if.....

As mentioned earlier we are trying to get a 70's / 80's disco up and running soon and we need your feedback and suggestions.

I have been trying to rack my brains for other ideas and I have come up with few ideas of my own.

What do you think about :

Having a quiz night on a musical theme (e.g. like last months quiz but by actually playing a piece of the song). We could have guess the song/artist, complete the lyrics, perhaps even a spot of karaoake… What do you think? Also, how do you spell karaoake?

How about a parents night out. Lets leave the kids behind and go out for a meal… or the parents and leaders could go do something (meal, bowling whatever) whilst some of the leaders looked after the kids (at the same event but out of sight and out of hearing)…

Or how about a parents vs kids competition (e.g. bowling, laserquest, skiing, football)

This space (and loads more that I had to fill up myself) was reserved for your contributions.

(Again! Every month it happens. I don't know. It looks bad on the editor you know.

"Can't even fill up a scout newsletter" they say. "How can he manage anything decent like a newspaper" they whisper.

I'm ruined now… Can't get a job running multi-million pound corporations when I can't find the material to cover a sheet of A4.

It's not as if I'm full of ideas myself you know. It takes me ages to think of stuff to fill all those gaps.

It wasn't easy doing those songs you know. Took me hours and hours of shouting and screaming at the computer.

That's another thing. Does anybody know the words to Come on Eileen by Dexy's Midnight Runners? You listen to it, it's complete gibberish.

And they say that songs nowadays are rubbish. Look at that Do Wah Diddy thingamijig, have you ever heard such a load of nonsense. Old people say "ohhh, but you don't get any lyrics nowdays", huh, don't get any lyrics! And the tunes, some geezer on