



## Akela says...



Hi all, hope this issue finds you well and busy preparing for Christmas.

First up for the Cub section was Jungle Rally, a test of the Cubs Scouting skills. Thank you and well done to Ryan Blake, Sophie Clark, Lauren Morley, Stuart Bastides, Chloe Stevenson, Daniel Lee and Bradley Reed. Sophie and Stuart joined with the 2 Cubs from the 1<sup>st</sup> B&D and they came 1<sup>st</sup>. Our other Cubs came 3<sup>rd</sup>. However in the Jungle Rally Nature Trophy we came 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next was the County Cub Quiz, our team came last but well done Ryan Blake, Stuart, Sophie, Lauren and Bradley.

The Scouts had a busy month. First up was our annual trip to Southend and a good time was had by all.

Next up was Survival Camp and well done to the Scouts and Explorers who attended. Please ask the Scouts what they had to do.

The Beavers had a couple of events. First was Connect 4, see Gaz for details.

Next up was Kids Kingdom, I was there climbing all over the stuff and a good time was had by all.

The Christmas Camp was well supported with 34 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers camping. We had 3 Beavers visit us on Saturday and a number of parents enjoyed the camp fire, even I learnt a new song. Thanks to everyone.

Yesterday was the District Carol Service. Well done and thank you to Sasha Dowden, Chloe Stevenson, Lauren Morley, Charlie Jones and Joshua Harvey for attending.

Next year will be just as busy so please read Akela's Shout and keep your eye on the notice board for dates and times of events.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Take care.

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District Website - [www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk](http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk)

Scoutbase - [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)  
Scouting Resources - [www.scoutingresources.org.uk](http://www.scoutingresources.org.uk)

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## Cubs

### Chess Competition

15<sup>th</sup> January

See Baggy for details

### Swimming Gala

5<sup>th</sup> February

Details to follow

## Scouts

### Chess Competition

15<sup>th</sup> January

See Baggy for details

### Mark Sutton

29<sup>th</sup> January

See Baggy for details

### Swimming Gala

5<sup>th</sup> February

Details to follow

## All Sections

### Party Night

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Events for 2005 include:

### County Events

County 5-a-side Football  
Scout Water Activity Weekend  
County Scout Camp  
Orienteering Competition  
County Cub Sports Day

### District Events

a joint district camp with Danish Scouts over 2 weeks in the summer - 1 week camping, 1 week hospitality

### Did you know?

Leaders are volunteers, they don't get paid

Leaders can spend several hours a day preparing or doing Scout work

Leaders often have more fun than the young people in their care

# Spooky!

By Georgia (Beaver)

Dear Julie & Gaz

The wellie walk was very spooky, we even saw some bats they were very small, even my torch died so I used Gaz's! My wellies was covered in mud and I made footprints in the mud.

# Dates, times, prices etc



We hope to issue every parent with an information pack in the New Year. The basic pack will contain all the basic information you will need as a parent of a Scout. There will also be supplements available containing extra information such as badge requirements, maps and so forth.

Information Available will include:

- 2005 Calendar
- Maps and directions to places where events are being held
- Information, times and prices for Scout shops and items available from the group
- Badge requirement booklets
- Diagrams of where to put things on your uniform
- Contact list and overview of Scouting in the district
- List of websites and shops which sell outdoor gear and equipment
- Recommended clothing and equipment items

# Thank You



A big **Thank You** to everyone who has helped provide quality Scouting in the group over the past year.

We have an excellent relationship with the parents of our members and benefit greatly from their support and hard work in helping the group and the young people.

The past year has seen some difficulties, the cost of the hall, the loss of the mini-bus and others but the group has actually enjoyed a very hectic and action packed year of events, days out, camps and competitions. Without the support of the parents and helpers who fund raise, help organise and run events, drop off and pickup young people often a long way from our home area we would not have been able to provide half of the activities we managed to squeeze in this year.

In speaking to other leaders across the county I take great pride in the fact that the leaders know every one of our parents very well, the relationship is not one of baby-sitter and client but of mutual friends. Other leaders barely see their parents whereas ours almost always drop in for a long chat and offer their help in various ways.

Thank You and may it continue to be a healthy relationship in 2005.