

# Akela says...



## Merry Christmas

Hi everyone, hope you are all well. Loads of events & competitions in November and early December.

First up was Jungle Rally. Well done to Daniel Lee, Abigail Lee, Sebastian Bastidas, Chloe Harvey and Luke Willcocks. They came 1<sup>st</sup> in the

Jungle Rally and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Nature Trophy. Congratulations.

Next was the Beavers at Kidscape in Romford. 13 of our Beavers made up the 51 that attended. They all had a good time and so did I sitting in the coffee bar or looking for lost shoes.

Then 4 Cubs, Dean Reed, Jay Jarrett, Sebastian Bastidas and Jack Avis, represented us at the County Cub Quiz. We came 8<sup>th</sup>. Well done.

They were all the November things, now for December.

First was Cyclo Cross for Scouts and Explorers. Well done to the team, Bradley Reed, Sophie Clark, Lauren Morley, Sophie Carr, Joe Marshall, Gary Marshall, Gemma Bailey, Daniel Bailey, they came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The two Explorers were Tracey Martin and Geoff Morley.

In the evening 29 leaders, committee members, parents and friends all went to the Red House at Redbridge Station for our annual Christmas do. A good time was had by all. Thank you all for your good company, I had a great time.

This weekend (8-10<sup>th</sup>) sees us at Thriftwood Campsite for our annual Winter Camp. There are 41 of us camping, the Beavers will be joining us on Saturday and parents are invited to join us at Campfire at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and to stay for a cup of tea and a slice of cake afterwards.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Grafton Road, is the District Carol Service. All are welcome to attend.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December some of the Beavers and Cubs are going to see Santa. This trip is fully booked. See T for final details.

I would like to thank all parents for their support in 2006 and look forward to seeing you at some of the adult only events in 2007.

Please see the flyer for Thriftwood's Golden Dinner Dance on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. If you would like to attend please let me or T know ASAP.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Akela



# Akela's Shout

Scouts - [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)  
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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## Beavers

**9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Day Out at Thriftwood**  
 See Akela for a permission form  
 £7.50  
 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Santa Trip**  
 See T for details

## Cubs

**16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Santa Trip**  
 See T for details

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2007**  
**Chess Competition**  
 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ  
 9:00 for 9:30 a.m. start  
 See Baggy for details

## Scouts

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2007**  
**Chess Competition**  
 17<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ  
 12:00 for 12:30 p.m. start  
 See Baggy for details

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2007**  
**Mark Sutton Competition**  
 6<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ  
 See Baggy for details

## All Sections

**14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**District Carol Service**  
 St. Mary's, Grafton Road  
 6:30 p.m.  
 No refreshments will be available this year due to the hall being used by Slimming World that night.

## Church Parade

**First Sunday in every month**  
 We will be starting up our regular Church Parades at St. Elizabeth's again in 2007. - 10:30 a.m. start

# Thank You



A big **Thank You** to all the parents, helpers, assistants, leaders, friends, relatives and everyone who has helped to support the young people at the 9<sup>th</sup> B&D over 2006.

We enjoy a very healthy relationship with all adults associated with the group and, trust me on this, this is rather unusual in our District.

Without your help we could not hope to provide such a high level of quality Scouting for young people of all ages.

2007 is set to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for all involved with Scouting. Scouting has been going for 100 years now and is still just as useful and relevant to young people of all walks of life in today's society.

Scouting is a movement and it grows to ensure that young people are provided for. The purpose of Scouting is *to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.*

The 9<sup>th</sup> is the most active group in the most active district in the County. There are no less than 26 District events next year, 12 County events and 5 very special 2007 events. Our young people will have the chance to attend no less than 14 camps over the course of the year and there are at least 9 major national events that will be occurring locally. This is before you consider the special events to mark 2007 laid on at a national and international level like the Jamboree. This is before we even consider our own group events which are too numerous to mention. AND that is leaving aside the normal wide range of activities on offer on a Tuesday night!

If anyone says that Scouting is dead, old fashioned, not relevant or boring then perhaps you had better invite them along for period of time to see what.

SO WHY DO YOU ALWAYS ASK ME TO BE FATHER  
 CHRISTMAS AT THE GROUP'S PARTY?



There has never been a better time to be a member of the Scout Movement!

