



# Akela's Shout

## Quiz Night - Friday 21 March

at Dagenham Football Club

Book yourselves a table of 8 or just come along and we will find a team for you  
 £3 per adult, £1.50 per child over 10 and under 16

### News in brief News in brief News in brief News in brief

Subs - Please remember that subs. are payable for every week unless you are on holiday or the hall is closed

Start times - Please note that Cubs should not be in the hall until 6:25

Founders Day, St. George's Day & Carol Service are an important and necessary part of your scouting, you need to attend these events



### Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope this issue finds you well.

First event for Cubs and Scouts was the Swimming Gala on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Well done to Hollie Green, Lewis Sibbons, Geoff Morley and Charlie Lewis for the Cub section and to Adam Oxley, Daniel Elliott, Billy Marbe, Jamie Reed, Michael Jago, Darryl Beezley, Hayley Barham, Emma Guise, John Gazley, and Tobi Trott who swam for the Scouts. The Cubs came 1st in Section D over 9½ and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. The Scouts came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I know this last camp was short notice but well done to Rebecca Ratford, Jenny Lewis, Hayley Barham and Billy Marbe for braving the cold weather and having a good time. These scouts and Baggy made a swing over a tree, a proper swing like you see in children's playgrounds.

Thank you to Tracey who attended Founders Day...yes..that's right...just Tracey, Shere Khan and Baggy. Attendance at Founders Day, St. George's Day and Carol Service is a necessary part of your Scouting.

Next up is the Handcraft Competition. The Cubs have been working extremely hard over the past few weeks getting the exhibits ready. If they have made any stuff at home it needs to be at the 6<sup>th</sup> HQ, Grafton Road, Dagenham between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. on Friday. No entries will be accepted after 9.30 and can I please ask you just to drop off the exhibits and go as I have an experienced team to do the setting up.

Can I please just remind you that if your son/daughter is away for anything other than holiday or when we cannot use the hall subs of £2 is still payable.

Also if you require any information about investure, competition or trips then please speak to

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**Scoutbase** - [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)

**County** - [www.gln-scouts.org.uk](http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk)  
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## Beavers

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Hand in Handcraft Exhibits**  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Handcraft Competition**  
St. Mary's, Grafton Road  
1:00 p.m.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Hargreaves  
See Gaz for details

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## Scouts

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**April**  
**Scout Rally/Pioneering**  
Thriftwood  
More details in the next issue

## Camps

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
**District Camp**  
Belchamps  
Cost £35

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Camp**  
Thriftwood  
Cost will be approx. £40  
Open to all cubs

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Pack Holiday**  
Cost will be approx. £100  
Open to all cubs. More details as soon as we have them.

Please remember you can pay weekly or monthly for these camps to help you budget.

either Gaz the Beaver Leader or Akela, the Cub and Scout leader.

There are a couple of county competition this month, Chess and Swimming Gala, and I will be speaking to the parents of the Cubs/Scouts that are needed to represent us at these events.

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I think that's it from me, see you soon and take care

Akela



## Small camps are best!

We only had four of our scouts at the recent (winter?) camp but they performed very well. They worked well together and were able to look after themselves.

They also showed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Havering (Akela's Romford Scouts) a thing or two about playing wide games!

Highlights of the weekend included Rifle Shooting (don't believe what Bizza says, I beat him!), Abseiling (Baccy was shaking a little bit but she still wanted another go!), Wide Games (Blondie managed to stay quiet for almost 4 mins at a time!), Using all my gadgets (no Flossy...im not a gadget freak...I only have one or two...hundred!).

The scouts also enjoyed a very simple bit of pioneering...a swing using the tallest tree we could find...

### Gadget Ratings

PA Light - quite bright for its size, and a blue strobe works well when in the ambulance!

Spotlight - turn night into day for the entire campsite, well for half hour

Indoor Games - great fun...all that was missing was the bar  
Lighters - fairly good but must remember to fill up the match lighter

New Triple Dome - easy to put up and pack up and useful shape

Duck Tape - very useful when Blondie is on camp

50 000 Extra fleeces/blankets/sleeping bags - Experienced leaders on camp + 250 kg allowance each + minibus bursting at the seams = warm scouts



## 101 Things my leader forgot to tell me (part 3)

### Put a plastic sheet over the woodpile at night

This will keep the wood dry, don't use a poly bag water will collect in the bottom and make it wetter.

### Don't keep your woodpile in your tent

Dead wood attracts insects and they will crawl out during the night and over your kit.

### You must wear boots when working in the cutting area

If an axe can cut through a branch it isn't going to be stopped by the hair on your toe. ALWAYS wear strong leather boots or shoes in the cutting area, and don't wear anything loose around your neck.

### Don't put aerosol cans on the fire

They will explode with the force of a small hand grenade, people are regularly killed and injured like this.

### Don't spray aerosols on an open fire

It will eventually explode and blow off you arm up to the elbow but don't worry about that as you will probably die from the blast, or as a result of your injuries.

### Don't run around with burning sticks

Its dangerous and will hurt someone, probably you, when it slips down through your hand.

### Don't wear shell suits near a fire

They burn really nicely and the molten plastic will stick to your body. The best possible outcome is several days in intensive care and scarred for life.