

# Akela says...



## Akela's Shout

Hi all, hope this issue finds you well.

We had quite a busy month in January. Baggy, T, myself and a couple of other leaders went to visit some campsites in Hertfordshire. All were very good and we will be going to a couple of them in the summer.

Next was the chess on the 15 January for both Cubs and Scouts. Well done to Stuart for the Cubs and Charlie, Geoff and Lewis for the Scouts. Stuart will now represent the District at the County Chess Competition later this month, Lewis and Geoff will go on to the represent the Scouts at County Chess.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January we had 2 events, one was the Mark Sutton competition which tests the scouting skills of the Scouts. Well done to David for representing the 9<sup>th</sup>. The other one was the annual trip to the panto at Aldersbrook Hatch. This year the panto was Mother Goose. 63 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders from 3 groups attended. A good time was had by all (Oh yes it was!).

First up this month is the Swimming Gala on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please see me if your child can swim. If they are under 9½ they swim a width of Dagenham pool and over 9½ a length of Dagenham pool. I also need a couple of Fire Marshalls so again please see me.

Founders Day service is on the 20<sup>th</sup> February at St. Cedd's, 3:00 p.m. As we do not have a monthly church parade I would like all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to attend.

During February the Cubs and Beavers will be working on Handcraft entries. The Handcraft competition is on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, however all entries must be handed in between 8 and 9:30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Church, Grafton Road.

The Scouts and Explorers are camping at Thriftwood over 11-13<sup>th</sup> February. Please see either Baggy or me for a permission form.

Please remember you can start paying for camps each week or month right now.

I think that's it from me, take care

AKELA

## How did the 9<sup>th</sup> do in the Chess & Mark Sutton?



### Chess

**Cubs** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Stuart Bastidas

### Scouts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Lewis Pruce  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Geoff Morley

Troop Trophy - Joint winners with the 16<sup>th</sup>

### Mark Sutton

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (joint team with 7<sup>th</sup> B&D)

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)

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

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## Beavers

**Handcraft**  
**5<sup>th</sup> March**  
6<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ  
1:00 p.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**19<sup>th</sup> March**  
See Gaz for details

## Cubs

**Swimming Gala**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February**  
Dagenham Pool  
5 for 5:30 start

**Handcraft**  
**5<sup>th</sup> March**  
6<sup>th</sup> B&D HQ  
1:00 p.m.

## Scouts

**Swimming Gala**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February**  
Dagenham Pool  
5 for 5:30 start

**Camp**  
**11-13<sup>th</sup> February**  
Thriftwood  
Cost £20

**Scout Rally/Maurice Pass**  
**19-20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Thriftwood  
See Baggy for details

## All Sections

**Founders Day**  
**20<sup>th</sup> February**  
St. Cedds (21<sup>st</sup> B&D HQ)  
3:00 p.m.

**St. George's Day**  
**17<sup>th</sup> April**  
St. Margarets, Barking  
More details to follow

# Handcraft



The Handcraft competition is open to all Beavers and Cubs in the District. Programmes are issued several months in advance and they young people have the chance to enter an item in several different categories. This years Cub Handcraft includes: painted glass, decorated pringles tin, Jungle Book collage, knotting display, keyring and an any other exhibit category. In addition there is a Pack Effort which is worked on by all members of the Pack, this year it is a mobile. The Beavers operate on a similar principle.

The 9<sup>th</sup> tend to devote a month of work on a Tuesday night to Handcraft entries allowing all the young people an opportunity to enter at least some of the classes. Otherwise work from home is accepted subject to the rules printed on the programme.

Be sure to get your entries in on the Friday as the district team need all of Friday night to arrange them so that the judges can come in on Saturday morning and do their job.

Programmes are available if you have not already got one.

# Scout Rally/Maurice Pass



This is actually two competitions during a weekend stay at Thriftwood. The Scout Rally tests outdoor Scouting skills such as outdoor first aid, orienteering, firefighting and tent pitching. The Maurice Pass trophy is a pioneering trophy. Hopefully this year the weekend will run on a skills market basis which should keep the patrols busy on tasks throughout the weekend, all of which will count towards the final position. The weekend is a great chance to learn some scouting skills, meet other Scouts and have a good laugh. I would like all Scouts to attend, please speak to me for details.

# Founders Day



This is a day to celebrate the hard work of our founder, Baden-Powell. It is a perfect chance to reflect on your own role in Scouting and to give thanks to those who help us throughout our scouting life. The leaders would like to see every member of the group attend in smart uniform.

# Scout/Explorer Camp



The Scout camp in February is a very important one for every member of the Troop. You will find the weekend very useful and, as always, good fun. Please try your utmost to attend. Explorers are invited to camp with us but are reminded there will be times when they are asked to remain separate from the Scouts. Hopefully some suitable Explorer type activities can be arranged.