

Akela Says...

Hi everyone, I hope this issue finds you well and preparing for Christmas.

As I said in the last issue, November was another busy month.

Fist up was the Beaver Connect 4 and there were 26 Beavers from the District. Congrats to Josh, Samuel, Morgan and Grace who represented the 9th.

After that it was a dash home and straight day night was entertaining as most of the Beavers don't know many campfire songs. A brilliant time was had by all.

A couple of other things in November and that was that month.

The first week in December was time out for us, as T, Baggy and I went off to Lakenheath for the weekend as a good friend of ours was 50. So we partied the night away. This is the first time in ages that we have missed a competition and Church Parade because we had our own function to go to.

This weekend sees 46 of us at winter camp. A full report next time.

The District Carol Service is on Monday 17th December at the Salvation Army Citadel, in Barking at 6:30 pm. As there is no parking in the area, I will be taking the Cubs and Scouts by bus. Further details to follow.

Next Church parade will be Sunday 6th January 10:15 am outside the Church

I think that's all, take care, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Akela

Upcoming events

1st Sunday in the month Church parade
12 January Chess Cubs/Scouts
26 January Mark Sutton Scouts

out again for the annual Scout outing to Southend. 14 Scouts attended and all had a good time.

Then we had the Cub Scout Jungle Rally. Well done and thank you to Ashley Marriage, Shaun Quinn and Emily Bradford, our team.

T and I then went to cook for the Beavers and Leaders at the Beaver sleepover. There were 22 Beavers attending making a number of Christmas things. Camp fire on Satur-



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Resources

Websites	
District	www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk
County	www.gln-scouts.org.uk
Scouting Resources	www.scoutingresources.org.uk
Scouts	www.scouts.org.uk
Scoutbase	www.scoutbase.org.uk



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100 years ago a gentleman called Robert Baden-Powell decided to do something for the young people, something rather special. After the first Scout camp at Brownsea with 20 boys from a wide variety of social backgrounds Scouting has grown immensely.



Today, Scouting is a million times bigger than when it first started. It involves girls and boys, men and women from every race, religion and culture, and nearly every country in the world. There are more Scouts, in more countries around the world, than at any stage in the history of Scouting.



We have a dynamic Chief Scout today, Peter Duncan. He works tirelessly to promote Scouting across the UK and the world.



Scouts today are more likely to be found hand gliding, diving, sailing or rock climbing rather than polishing shoes or collecting old bits of tin.



However, Scouting has managed to move with the times while still

retaining some of the key aspects of its founding principles. The outdoor activities play as large a part in modern Scouting as they did on that camp at Brownsea.

The common themes of Scouting's history are the enthusiasm of young people to participate voluntarily in the exciting activities of Scouting, the support of men and women of goodwill around the world to enable the Scouting programme to hap-



pen, and the continuing vision of Scouting's leaders.

Media coverage of the Centenary year has been outstanding and we aim to maintain the momentum by making sure that we stay as busy in 2008 as we were in 2007.

Scouting is still growing, there are waiting list of young people for all sections, all they need are some dynamic leaders to show them the way.

As the sun sets on the first 100 years of Scouting we are all looking forward to the next 100 years of Scouting.

What will the next 100 years bring to the movement? Who knows? But if it is anything like what the past 100 years have achieved, bringing the principles and foundations of Scouting to millions of people around the world, touching the lives of young people and old people alike, it can only be a force for good, and a movement that can propel young people towards making meaningful contributions to society.

Here's to another 100 years of Scouting!