

# Akela says...



# Akela's Shout

Hi all, hope this issue finds you well and rested after your holidays.

Thank you to all those who came to Walton with us. We had a very enjoyable day.

Next up was the Town Show and again thank you to all who sold balloons before the event and to those who came to the park and sold balloons there.

The first week of the school holidays saw us at camp with the Scouts and some Explorers. The weather was really bad, it rained every day, but we still managed to have a good time. We camped from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July. On Thursday we went to Clacton for the day and on Friday we went Ice Skating in the morning and the pictures after lunch at Deep Pan Pizza. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 28 Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and parents walked from St. Elisabeth's to Hargreaves where we had a picnic lunch, played some games and then walked home again. Well done to everyone who attended.

We were due to go to London on the 9<sup>th</sup> August but due to recent events we went to the climbing wall with the Scouts and Explorers. We had lunch in the park, found the Go-kart track and then came home again. The Explorers enjoyed it so much that we went again with them on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

The 16<sup>th</sup> August saw us at Number 10 Bowling Alley in Romford. Well done to all that came, there were loads of us as we had 4 lanes with between 6-8 people on each lane.

The week of 20-27<sup>th</sup> August saw us at Cub camp with 33 Cubs from 5 Packs, 2 Explorers and 9 leaders. A good time was had by all.

The next Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, saw 39 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, parents, brothers, sisters and leaders at our annual BBQ at Hargreaves. Well done and thank you to all.

I would like to say a big thank you to all who supported these events during August.

That's it from me, see you soon, take care

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## Social Nights

The 9<sup>th</sup> try to arrange a social night out for adults every month. I don't think we have missed a month in over a year. Recently we have had quiz nights, bowling, BBQ's, May & Bakers, dogs. Coming up we have the District Quiz Night which you can all get a ticket for, it's a brilliant fun night out. The leaders have a reputation to uphold (we always come last because we are messing about so much).

If you have any suggestions for a good night out please speak to a leader. We are not a bad bunch and you will be certain to have a good, fun night out with us.

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)

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

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'Akela' (Cub/Scout)  
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'Baggy' (Cub/Scout)  
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## Beavers

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Spooky Welly Walk**  
See Gaz for details

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Connect 4**  
See Gaz for details

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Kids Kingdom**  
See Gaz for details

## Cubs

**24-25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Sixers Camp**  
Hargreaves  
Cost £10

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Kubadoo**  
10:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Cost £7

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Cub Quiz**  
See Akela for details

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Jungle Rally**  
See Akela for details

## All Sections

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Non Uniform Week**

**9-11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Group Camp**  
See Akela for details

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## Scouts

**24-25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**PL Thingy**  
Hargreaves  
See Baggy for details

**19-20<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Survival Camp**  
Thriftwood  
See Baggy for details

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**Cyclo Cross**  
See Baggy for details

## Parents

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
**District Quiz Night**  
7:30 p.m.  
See T for details



# August Events

Bricklaying, painting, roofing, felting, fencing, glazing, camping, ditch clearance, ice skating, Clacton, bowling, walking, picnic, BBQ, archery, rifles, jump mat, Bletchley Park, swimming, wide games, code breaking, prison guard, rotating climbing wall, cinema, Deep Pan Pizza, shopping, climbing wall, climbing wall, campfires, shop keeping, exhaust fitting and all the usual things Cubs, Scouts and Explorers do. Leaders don't get up to much over the so called "Summer Break" do they?

The Scouts have at least 3 camps between now and Christmas and a Cyclo Cross, the Cubs have 2 camps and 2 competitions, the Beavers have 3 events, the Explorers are looking to do a skiing and pioneering weekend and a couple of camps. Not much going on then over the Autumn or Winter either then.

I have started keeping a record of the times I spend doing Scouting stuff since the beginning of the year, including camps (which is practically a 24 hr job) we have:

January	101.5 hrs
February	126.25 hrs
March	141.25 hrs
April	138.5 hrs
May	216.5 hrs
June	227 hrs
July	192 hrs
August	243 hrs

Which is about 5.8 hrs a day on average!

That's like a full time job... if only we got paid for doing it :)

This is quite high because I have so many jobs and commitments within Scouting. A 'normal' leader would do quite a bit less than this. Working in more than one section bumps it up a lot too.

## Explorer Events

The Explorers did a good job working on site at Crow Camp painting, building, roofing, felting, bricklaying, fencing and demolishing. They also went to the Mile End climbing wall, twice!

The Explorers are looking to do a weekend Skiing and Pioneering at Brentwood, speak to a leader if you are interested.

The Unit also has some new Explorer Scout Leaders coming in now so things are looking up for BAD X.

## Available on request

Where to put your badges picture  
Introduction pack to the Cubs  
Introduction pack to the Scouts  
What kit/equipment to buy  
Introduction to camping guide  
Rules for all the competitions  
Maps and locations of events  
Booklets for swimming/IT badge  
Requirements for badges