

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th -25th May 2008 **SURVIVAL CAMP - SCOUTS**

26th May 2008 **NO MONDAY CUBS (Holiday)**

28th May 2008 **NO WEDNESDAY CUBS (Holiday)**

30th May 2008 **NO BEAVERS OR SCOUTS (Holiday)**

4th - 6th July 2008 **CUB CAMP - WOLFERTON, NORFOLK**

18th July 2008 **LAST BEAVERS & SCOUTS BEFORE SUMMER HOLS**

21st July 2008 **LAST MONDAY CUBS BEFORE SUMMER HOLS**

23rd July 2008 **LAST WEDNESDAY CUBS BEFORE SUMMER HOLS**

3rd Sept 2008 **BACK TO WEDNESDAY CUBS!**

5th Sept 2008 **BACK TO BEAVERS & SCOUTS!**

8th Sept 2008 **BACK TO MONDAY CUBS!**

## **NOTES**

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## THANK YOU TO OUR LEADERS!

By now you will probably have seen some of the recent publicity regarding the massive increase in the numbers of young people wishing to join Scouting. In fact, numbers in the UK and within Lincolnshire are at a 22-year high! We now have more children wanting to join than we have adult leaders and helpers to accommodate them.

In the UK, there are currently 33,000 children on waiting lists to join Scouts, Cubs and Beavers - simply because we do not have enough adults to support them.

In addition to leading the Group, I also handle all the PR and media for Scouting in the County, and I am only too well aware that the lack of adults is now a widespread problem. Current legislation stipulates that we must have one adult present for each 6 children, and you can understand our difficulty when we have nearly 100 children involved in Scouting in Long Sutton. This means that to comply with the current requirements we need to have 17 adults available every week. They don't all have to be trained leaders - in fact it is parental support that we are short very of! As long as we have a couple of trained leaders at each meeting we can continue running - as long as we have sufficient parents willing to offer occasional help to make up the ratio. Even if it is only one session a month, we need all parents to help our leaders to continue providing first-class Scouting for your children.

All our leaders are volunteers. They do what they do to help our community, and provide your children with adventurous, exciting activities. Please help them by offering your services as-and-when you are able.

We are lucky enough to now have the largest group in the District, but only due to the devotion of our leaders. So the next time your child's leader asks for some support, please do what you can to help! - Thank you!

*Ian (GSL) - Baloo*



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# LEST WE FORGET . . .

As usual our Scouts, Beavers and Cubs did their duty to respect our fallen heroes at the 2007 Remembrance Sunday service in Long Sutton. Part of the theme was Scouting and its role during the First and Second World Wars. Our GSL, Baloo was asked to speak about Scouting's commitment to world peace, and the role of some of our Movement's bravest men and women who lost their lives in the two World Wars. As usual, we had a fantastic turnout, and all our members did us proud!



# MUMMY MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND

The Annual Mother's Day service at St. Mary's Church, Long Sutton - went without a hitch when Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows were all called upon to speak about what Mothers mean to them. As usual at the end of the service all mums, nans, aunts - you name them! - were given their very own posy of flowers to take home. A parade of Colour Parties was led by the Scouts, and presented to the altar for this service.



# ST. GEORGE'S DAY "A TRIUMPH"

The annual St. George's Day parade and service was held on Sunday 20th April in Spalding, and was attended by members from every Group in the District. As usual, Long Sutton did us proud, so thanks to all young people and leaders who attended.



# LINCOLN CITY FUNDAY

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from all over the county converged on Lincoln City Football Club back in March for what turned out to be a fantastic funday! Many



activities were on offer including catapults, archery, football shootout, climbing wall, games, crafts and balloon sculptures! Our young people and their parents were also given their own special 'enclosure' to watch the match!

# POACHER '08

With Poacher '08 getting ever-nearer, we are frantically trying to raise funds to make things a bit cheaper for all our Scouts who are attending. The District recently benefitted from £1,000 donated by the Lincs Free Press, and as a Group, the recent "Bag Pack" at the Co-Op in Long Sutton raised in excess of £400, so well done to all involved with that! In order to make things fairer, the committee has decided that collected monies will be used to reduce costs only for those Scouts who have actually taken part in the fundraising. Unfortunately it still seems that the same few still do a majority of the fundraising - so it is only right that they benefit from the reduction in costs. **The incentive is there - please get involved!**

