



Issue Jan 09

# 1st Shinfield's *Shout!*

## DIARY DATES

### January

16<sup>th</sup> Jan SCUBA  
Diving SCOUTS  
25 Jan Funky Quiz  
SCOUTS  
31<sup>st</sup> JAN Handicraft  
competition CUBS  
31<sup>st</sup> Chess  
competition. CUBS

### February

7<sup>th</sup> Swimming Cubs  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3 Towers  
Practice SCOUTS  
19<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3 Towers  
Practice SCOUTS  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb - Cooking  
Comp SCOUTS

### March

8<sup>th</sup> March- RND 09  
event. ALL  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 3  
Towers Full Practice  
SCOUTS

### April

4<sup>th</sup> April - 3 Towers  
Hike SCOUTS  
16-19<sup>th</sup> April Scout  
Easter Camp.

### May

5<sup>th</sup> May May Day  
Fete ALL  
15-17 May Scout  
District Camp

### JUNE

19-21st June -  
Family Camp ALL

### JULY

3-5<sup>th</sup> Summer Camp  
CUBS



## Note from the Editor!

Hello and a Happy New Year to All!

1<sup>st</sup> Shinfield experienced some big changes last year, the Scout Section started back up and I am pleased to say is flourishing, Pat Jenkins left after 20 years of Scouting Service!!! I can not begin to say what a fantastic Leader Pat was, she personally taught me everything I know about Scouting and, she still is a valuable help line, not just for me, but the group as a whole.

The Beavers now have a new leader Fiona Crouch, who, will I hope love Scouting as much as I do!!!, Being a new leader is not easy, one of your biggest assets is experience, if a programme goes wrong, I can dredge those "little grey cells" and generally find something, Fiona still needs to get that, so I hope that you all offer Fiona the support that you have shown me!

Additional letters will be flying about throughout the term, but I hope that you find this useful as a rough guide.

Your in Scouting

Gia

**You are cordially invited to 1<sup>st</sup> Shinfield's inaugural Family Camp**

**Date – 19-21 June 2009**

**Location – Burnbake Campsite Dorset**

This is not the final arrangements and costing is very very much dependant on the number of participants – ( the more the cheaper it will be!).

The cost for the weekend will include all food and drink ( not the nice bottled kind) and all activities.

*Rough Plan –*

*Arrive Friday evening and set up.....*

*Friday night a settling in period and games for the kids, whilst the parents unwind with a drink and chat, walk for those up for it.*

*Saturday – after a nice cooked breakfast, a visit to Brownsea island to partake in some activities, to include the 100 years of Scouting hike, as well as some traditional Scouting Activities, followed by ( weather dependant) swimming / canoeing for the kids and any slightly insane adults!!! Saturday afternoon is left to you to explore the stunning Dorset country side, go to Swanage, Corfe Castle*

*Saturday Evening – BBQ and games for all, depending on the weather, this could be on Studland Beach.*

*Sunday – After pack up and breakfast, a trip to Blue Pool for a walk, treasure hunt and picnic and games, before heading home.*

This is all dependant on numbers and finalising with the various areas, but you get the jist!!!

I am hoping to keep the cost to under £25 pp for the weekend!

Dogs Permitted!! Tents a must – don't worry I can get more!!!!, but no Caravans allowed!!!



**THE BIG ONE RED NOSE DAY**  
**FRIDAY 13 MARCH**

**RND 09**

RND 09 is on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 09.

We are going to be holding a  
“Wigs, Wings and Wellie’s Wehicle Wash”  
At Dobbies Garden Centre on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.  
Time and additional details to be arranged!!!

Parent Rota

Please find the attached CUB parent Rota,  
If you can not make your rota'd evening  
please let me know as soon as possible.



# CUBS

Last term was seasonally busy for the Cubs, culminating in our Christmas show, which I hope that you all enjoyed...

I am losing 4 of my Cubs up to Scouts this term, Daniel, Joshua, Joseph and Tom, so I hope that you all have a great time.

This term is no different with lots of events planned..

Starting straight away in Jan with the handicraft competition! -

The theme this term is Water, this is to fit in with the handicraft competition. We are doing a lot of the entries in the pack night however details are on the left of the ones that I am not going to be able to do. Please please take part, points are awarded for every entry.

**Do I have any budding Chess players????**

31<sup>st</sup> Jan, Chess Competition, @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading HQ time TBA. Let me know if you want to join in.

Summer Camp is on the 3-5 July at Youlbury Activity Centre Oxford..... Abseiling, Swimming, Archery fire lighting etc....

### Handicraft Competition Water Theme

Cook and decorate six small fairy cakes

Shoe box diorama of an under water theme.

These entries need to be handed in to me on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009.



Welcome back guys!!!

Ok, so we have all learnt a lot over the past few months!! I have learnt that Shaving Foam and Scouts equals a lot of tidying up, and that I am totally unfit after the cycle camp!!! For those of you who came on the cycle camp I am so very proud of all of you, it was very very hard work, and not the nicest of weather, but, I do think that we had fun!!!

Loads planned for you guys this term, starting with Scuba Diving (pending pool!!!), we've got a funky quiz, as well as the next round of the cooking comp!!!, the 3 Towers hike is getting closer, so lots of practice required.

We have 4 new Scouts joining us this term, so I am hoping that you will all give a huge welcome to Jo, Joshua, Tom and Daniel!!!

Camps wise ( and I promise no bikes) Easter Camp in Wales – District Youlbury – family Camp Dorset and a couple more but I have not got that far yet!!

# [SCOUTS]

The Beaver Colony is going from strength to strength.

May I thank all of the Beavers that attended the Christmas Show, I hope you enjoyed it! We have lots of activities planned for this term introducing the Beavers to a variety of different experiences.

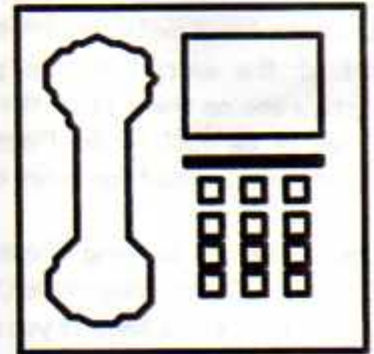
Can I please ask that you stick to your allocated Parent Rota date as this makes a lot of difference to our planning and the activities that we can provide for your child.

If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact me on the numbers below or on a group night.



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Dead Line for next Issue  
1/4/09

Please give any items to Gia by this time!!!!

We are interested in attending the family camp.

Name of Family \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

What Section are you with? BEAVERS – CUBS – SCOUTS

Please return to your leader by the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.

By returning this you are in no way committed, it gives me a rough number, on which to base my figures and to see if it is viable!!! Gia