

2006 - A NEW YEAR FOR ALL.

Dear All,

January 2006 and what seems like the first steps in a long journey for us all! 2006 marks the birthdays of two of our sections – the Beavers who will be twenty this year and the Cubs who will be 90 years old this year so, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all!**

So, let's all start buttering the bread for the parties and start wearing the Celebrations badges. Also let's not forget Her Majesty the Queen who will be eighty years young this year. 'So lots to celebrate'!

This year we will be putting pegs in the ground to ensure 2007 which, you might know, marks 100 years since the birth of 'Scouting'.

An outline of the district programme has already been agreed by all in the district, lead by the GSL's, to ensure our members have a full and fun year for all. Look out for the 'Design the Districts Celebrations Badge' which will be, judged produced and ready to wear by the 1st January 2007. You might be a winner!

As we travel through 2006, more information and details will be coming out, so keep an eye on your District Website and Newsletter. Plus - I hope you all had your District Christmas Card? If not, ask your GSL where it is!

Working together is the only way we are all going to get the **most out** of our Scouting, so please, let's all look how we can support each other in providing quality scouting for all. With this in mind, let's look at our own groups and see if we can encourage more to join scouting and if they will not then ask yourselves "**Why not?**" Let's encourage and support new adults who come forward to support scouting and not frighten them off with often wrong and ill-informed information. Often, as a result of not attending adult information events and GSL's meeting.

I understand fully the problem of working, having a family to support and still finding the time to attend our section meetings with programmes that are fun and adventurous enough. Try getting the membership to ask for more and to tell their friends and families to get involved.

So, please, join with me and my family in ensuring that 2006 will be a great year of Scouting for all and, also, help fully in the planning and support our work for the **BIG ONE 2007**.

Join the adventure – having fun as Scouts.

**Polly
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