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Editorial

The County Team met at Gilwell on the 19th March, the day before the war on Iraq started and our thoughts were very much with our Groups who have been affected by this. Those in Islamabad, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates have either had to close or may have to, but we sincerely hope that it will be a temporary measure. We ask you all to keep them in your hearts and prayers for their safety in these troubled times. They are our Scouting family.

In this issue you will see a new section called Understanding Essentials. It is aimed at those of you who have not as yet done any training to try to fill the gap a little bit between now and the new Training Scheme coming in to effect in 2004. It appears on the back page so that it can be easily detached, photocopied if necessary and put into a file by each Leader requiring it. I would like some feedback from you on how useful it is and any

particular subjects you would like covered. Many times in previous issues I have asked for feedback on various subjects but as yet have had none. ? We need to know if 'far and wide' is meeting your needs. Please let us know by contacting the County Secretary or me.

You will see a couple of questionnaires included this time, please fill them in and return them, either by fax, e-mail or good old fashioned snail mail.

Appointment Procedures

It is very important that when we get a potential new Leader, the correct procedures as laid out in BGA Essentials (section 2) are followed to the letter. Nobody may be referred to as a Leader or Assistant Leader until you have received notification of approval from the County Secretary. Adult Appointment Application Form (Form AA) and the Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure Form (CRB) must be completed and returned to the County Secretary as soon as possible. The faster he gets them, the quicker they can be processed and you can get approval. Until that approval arrives the applicant must not be allowed unsupervised access to the young people.

Sometimes we get people who turn up and offer their services saying they have been a Leader in another Group, perhaps in the UK and that they still have a warrant. This is highly unlikely as warrants are cancelled when a Leader leaves a Group. In these cases they must be treated like any other new Leader and complete the forms AA and CRB for processing and approval. On rare occasions it has been known that the checks will show a reason for not appointing that person e.g. the reason why they left their last Group.

These procedures are in place for the safety and welfare of our young people, please follow them.

News from the Groups

Unfortunately 1st. Salmiya was to have been our featured Group in this issue but because of the problems in the Middle East they have had to close. We wish all their members well.

1st Ascension

We had six scouts staying with us from 1st. Jamestown, St. Helena, for three weeks over Christmas. Phew - a busy time for all - we ran activities with all our lot as well practically every other day canoeing, abseiling, caving, football, night hikes, fishing, etc. etc. - just about "Scouted - Out" by the time they left - but a good time had by all. Just back yesterday from a weekend camp up Green Mountain with the Troop - numbers at 28 - the most we've had for years.

Johnny Hobson



3rd Dubai

"I am very proud to relate to you the success we had on the occasion of 3rd Dubai Scout Troop's Investiture on the 26th Feb. Eighteen young men were Invested and presented with their badges and certificates by none less than Her Majesty's representative, the H.M Consul General Mr Simon Collis, whose residence is the Dubai based British Embassy. He too was a Scout himself at one time. A very proud moment for all of us.

Unlike 'normal' Investitures, we had the boys say their Promise altogether then one by one come out to receive their badges etc. from Mr Collis. They then moved on to be welcomed into the Scouting world-wide brotherhood with a Scout handshake from each of our Leaders and a final salute to the rest of the Troop on the completion of the awards. Mr Collis then addressed the new Scouts with a few words of encouragement and the value of belonging to such a worthy fraternity. He told the boys how he had learned so much from Scouting and found it beneficial throughout his life. He also suggested they put back as much as they took out. A very encouraging speech. It did of course leave not a great deal for me to say! But that didn't matter really as the points had been made by the Consul General. We had 47 people attend parents, friends and Leaders from the other Cub Packs and Beaver Colonies that we had invited. We even had a Guide representative and they were all in uniform. I felt it showed a tangible support to the new Scouts. After the prayer, in



which the guests were invited to stand and join us, we did flag down and then photographs. It was pleasing to hear so many compliments after the ceremony, even the Consul General congratulated us on an enjoyable, if not solemn at times, ceremony.



One last mention about the Headmaster of the English College, Dr Biggs, without the generous offer of his school hall to hold our meetings each Wednesday we would not be able to meet. Unlike the U.K. where there is often a Scout Hall available, we have no such luxury and not a lot of hope even if we were able to raise funds, to build one, so when an offer like Dr Bigg's came along we were delighted. He was also invited to attend the Investiture of course and he too, expressed his thanks and enjoyment of the ceremony.

So today will see us attending our first fully qualified Scout meeting, in full uniform and, hopefully, badges fitted! When I told them they had to sew the badges on themselves, there was a gasp from the parents! In this part of the world 'housemaids' do most things and the idea of actually sewing something on themselves is far from their imagination, but I will ensure they know just how to do such a simple task! Unfortunately the 'official' photographer didn't turn up (another Gulf trait!) so we have had to rely on parents which hasn't yet proved to be terribly successful. At our meeting today I will ask again if any parent has any good photos, there were certainly plenty taking them!

Our first real official function will be on the 23rd April when we will be holding a St George's Day Parade at Church, this will be an extra special event for us as the Union flag, which was very kindly donated to our Scouts by the Consul General, will be blessed. An exciting milestone in the lives of our Scouts and the 3rd Dubai."

Gillian Salway

3rd Dubai Group Camp

Apart from the usual couple of bumps and grazes the camp was "incident free"- the weather was good (not too hot/humid and no sand storms) - the programme was followed well and amended effectively. The food was great, we didn't lose any Cubs or Beavers! - and much to my pleasant surprise, lost property consisted only of a sandy tooth brush and a few odd socks (not the usual assortment of unnamed tea-towels, matching coloured woggles and spoons left in the bottom of murky cold washing up water).

On the Thursday afternoon, the gentleman who conducted the First Aid training popped by and in doing so conducted an "assessment" of the site, the facilities and of course of the first-aid tent/provisions/procedures -all of which were to his satisfaction.

The whole venture was an immense learning experience for everyone involved and one that was equally enjoyable and rewarding. I'm sure that any plans for future camps will be able to build upon this experience and will be an even greater success. As I know from my own experiences - Scouting doesn't get much better than Scouting outdoors!

Tim Christian

BGA GATHERING
Are you in the UK on 2nd August?
Come to Gilwell Park and meet the team.
Visit the Information Centre
Soak up the atmosphere of the home of Scouting.

There will be a special BGA day for you to do all the above and more. Bring a picnic or have a meal in the restaurant (£10).
Meet other BGA Leaders and share ideas.
More details later but please let the County Secretary know if you are interested, by email, fax, phone or post.

Blast from the Past

British School, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL.

The first time a British Group was registered in Rio de Janeiro was in September 1921 with Clarence Walter as Scoutmaster. It closed before December 1928 when it was re-registered, and survived much longer as the Group Scoutmaster Guy Burrows was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1937. Guy had been with the Group since the 1928 registration. How long after 1937 the Group

lasted is unknown, but it probably closed due to World War II.

In 1979 a Brownie Pack was set up in Rio de Janeiro at the British School. In September 1980 the School PTA approached parents to set up a Cub Pack. Maureen Royston volunteered to form a Pack with three other regular helpers and another three who could help part time. Brown Owl gave her a copy of the CSLs Handbook and they read the Jungle Book. They gave themselves jungle names and sent out applications forms. In November 1980 they opened the 1st British School Rio Cub Pack. They had 32 Cubs of which only two had been Cubs previously. One had a Bronze Arrow, the other the Home Help badge. Luckily the Bronze Arrow Cub had brought his Cub Membership Kit from which photocopies were made of the Arrow Scheme and Badge posters. Each Cub was given a reduced version of these posters in a folder, with handouts of various aspects of Scouting and Cubbing. This was added to after each activity. The Pack met after school from 3 to 4.30p.m. In 1981 they reduced their numbers to a more manageable 24 by not recruiting as Cubs left for UK. With five helpers, over half the Pack gained their Bronze Arrows and was working towards their Silver Arrows. The majority had earned two Proficiency badges apiece.

For British children to join Brazilian Packs was impracticable due to language problems. Also Brazilian Cub caps were blue and as a British Pack, they wanted to keep their caps green, while Leaders wore light green skirts and white blouses. The Pack also had no flags. They had tried to make contact with the local association but to no avail, although twice they were permitted to buy badges at the shop. Luckily, two leaders had access to badges from the UK. Another was a permanent resident in Brazil and was willing to be badge secretary. But they badly needed guidance, information and a UK contact. So with the changes to the UK programme, they sought UK recognition and the British School agreed to sponsor them. The Pack was finally registered as BGA 44022 on 5 April 1982.

Most Westerners live in flats in Rio. The school is the focal point of the children's' social activities. It is almost impossible to get parents to bring their children out in the evenings, for none of them lived all that close to the school, many living some 30kms outside Rio. There were no facilities for children locally and Rio was a dangerous city and the children desperately needed after-school activities. The school only had a playground. So they had tracking expeditions to the Park, had Saturday trips to the country to work on the Athletes

badge, trips to museums etc. Transport had to be arranged for every activity and they had to go miles to light a campfire, but planned to have a camp after March when the weather was more settled.

When Maureen Royston moved to the USA early in 1982, the Pack was taken over by Angela Fawcett, who had recently arrived from the UK where she had been an ACSL in Cleveland for eight years. Angela, realising that Annual Membership fees were due, forwarded payment in their first year of registration when they were entitled to free membership in the first year. Due to the problems in obtaining sterling in Brazil this was credited for the next years subscription. That March they held a Barbecue Fun Day. The Cubs had their lunch, pitched a tent, made paper puppets and kites, did parts of their Athletes badge and finished off with a bike obstacle course. Although there were Brownies and Guides, there was no Scout Troop, although there were boys of Scout age. So they were used to help the Pack.

The Pack returned a census of 26 including leaders, in March 1983. Angela returned to UK in June 1983 and her assistant Sue Lindsay took over as CSL. By April 1984 there had been a turnover of nine leaders and the Pack consisted of only 15 boys but of seven different nationalities. By July the nationalities had risen to ten. The high British membership of earlier years reflected our expertise in the oil exploration field. But the first phase of oil exploration had finished, and many British families had returned home, to be replaced by other nationalities. The Pack numbered around 40 per cent of the school membership. During 1984 the Pack visited Brazil's communications satellite tracking station and also the naval base where the Cubs used the periscope and torpedo-firing computer.

In 1985 numbers dropped drastically again. The Pack used school premises, meeting in the dining room after school. This restricted their activities, as it was a town school with no fields or country. Because of the very real and high risk of street assault in the area, the boys could not be let out of the campus unsupervised. The Cubs however did manage a camp in tents at the school's activity centre away from the city with a pool and playing field. 1986 saw a census of 19 and a new CSL, Yolanda Hume, who had been a Girl Scout Leader in the USA, and was the wife of the naval attaché. Before she left a year later, she organised a tour of the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

By now the numbers were back to 24 Cubs with a long waiting list and a new CSL, Susie Keig. Again they were trying to find a Scout leader to open a Troop and asked for handbooks and information in April 1989. Nick Higgins from the International Department was visiting the Brazilian Scouts

Union in June so was able to spend some time with the 1st Rio leaders. Then the following month Dorothy Kinlock, the Chief Commissioner for Scotland and previously HQ Commissioner (Cub Scouts), was holidaying in Rio, and visited the Pack. By Christmas the Scout Troop had been formed with 10 Scouts and Peter Buck as SL. A South African named Annette Van Wesel was GSL. The Scouts had already held two camps and several meetings. In their first year they had completed a conservation and preservation of the environment project and their Backwoodsman badge. The latter was quite an experience for the lads, as it took two attempts to accomplish sleeping overnight. Despite constructing very sturdy shelters, a strong tropical storm with gale force winds and torrential rain forced some lads to abandon the exercise. The second attempt was blessed with better weather and the event was successfully completed.

In March 1990 problems were experienced in collecting subscriptions as Brazil was in the middle of a change of currency and the exchange rates for the cruzados, cruzeiros, dollars and pounds were changing daily. The Group eventually closed in 1991 due to repatriation of Leaders and being unable to find replacements.

Tony Dunn
County Historian

NEW FACTSHEETS

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Campfire's Burning

Here are a couple of items for your next campfire. They were published in 1945, in magazines of two British Forces Rover Crews in Italy during the Second World War. Although old, they are probably new to you, and should go down well with youngsters. I am sure that the Rovers would be tickled pink if you used them at BGA campfires. Both are good opening or closing numbers. The second is especially effective if sung as the fire lighter strolls into the circle and thrusts the flaming brand into the centre of the fire to light it:

'Did you ever watch the campfire,
When the wood has fallen low;
And the ashes start to whiten
Round the embers' crimson glow?

With the night sounds all round you,
Making silence doubly sweet,
And the full moon high above you
That the spell may be complete?

Tell me, were you ever nearer
To the land of heart's desire,
Than when you sat there thinking
With your feet before the fire?'

[From the "Adriatic Rover," magazine of 1st Adriatic (Brindisi) Rover Crew.]

(To the tune of 'Lily Marlene')

'With the scent of wood-smoke
Drifting in the air,
In the glow of firelight,
We always love to share;
Visions of campfires all return,
As long as logs,
Flame up and burn,
We dream of by-gone camp-fires,
And long for those to come.'

[From the "Tin-Whistle," magazine of 253rd CMF Rover Crew, Caserta.]

Welcome, Farewell – and Congratulations

We welcome the following Leaders and Helpers who have joined us in BGA since 15th December 2002.

Lina Al-Kabsi	ACSL	1 st Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Victoria Bennett	ACSL	2 nd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Sümmer Degazon	ABSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Susan Dineen	BSL	1 st Stavanger, Norway
Gillian Freeman	ABSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
David Jalili	ACSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Samantha Jamieson	ABSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Anuradha Kankipati	Colony Assistant	Tanglin Trust School, Singapore
Pauline Kell	Colony Assistant	Tanglin Trust School, Singapore
Faranzeh Majed	ABSL	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Susan Milford	Colony Assistant	3 rd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Christopher Romney	GSL	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Dawn Shimmield	ACSL	2 nd Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Michael Thomson	CSL	1 st Stavanger, Norway
Robert Troost	CSL (from ACSL) & GC	1 st Fuengirola (The Ark), Spain

Farewell, and many thanks to the following Leaders and Helpers who have left BGA:

Linda Casey	ABSL	St Catherine's Attica, Greece
Ian Castledine	CSL	1 st Manama, Bahrain
Deb Davenport	BSL	1 st Khanis Mushayt, Saudi Arabia
Raymond Davidson	ACSL	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
Lucretia Fronen	CSL & GC	Taipei European School, Taiwan
David Gorton	Treasurer & GC	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Kevin Innes	ABSL	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Elaine Liddell	CSL & GC	1 st Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Latha Mahesan-Grant	ACSL	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
Calvin Matthews	CSL	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Hilary Pilkington	BSL	1 st Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Derick Postlethwaite	SL	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Christopher Romney	GSL	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Laura Romney	ACSL	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Annabel Scott	CS Helper	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
Peter Scott	ACSL	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
Wael Selo	ACSL	1 st Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Clare Smith	CS Helper	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
Jane Spurin	Group Contact	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
John Spurin	ACSL	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
Mark Steel	ASL	1 st Salmiya, Kuwait
Sarah Toomey	ABSL	1 st Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Janis Walters	ACSL	1 st Islamabad, Pakistan
Carol Wright	CSL & GC	1 st Fuengirola (The Ark), Spain
Naomi Young	ACSL	1 st Jamestown, St Helena

I'm sorry to advise that the Scout Group (a Cub Pack) at Taipei European School, Taiwan has now closed. I hope they will be able to find more Leaders and look forward to the Group's reopening.

I'm also sorry to tell you that the Scout Group (Cub Pack) at Islamabad has also closed. The Cubs and many of the Leaders/Helpers were repatriated for a second time some months ago. We hope that the Group will re-open in the future when times are more settled.

The 1st Salmiya (Kuwait) Scout Group is temporarily "dormant", as is 1st Khamis Mushayt (Saudi Arabia) – we hope that both these Groups will be able to resume normal activities in the near future and look forward to welcoming the youngsters and Leaders back to BGA.

Best wishes to you all

Bob Spargo, County Secretary

Editors note: As we have already pointed out some Groups have had to close and members are returning to the UK. This should not disadvantage the youngsters. They can carry on their Scouting in the local Group where they will be living. They are members of the Movement and should be accepted back into any Group. If they have difficulty finding their nearest Group then a phone call to the Information Centre on 0845 300 1818 giving their postcode will get them the details they require. This process applies to all members returning to the UK not just those in times of trouble.

Competition

We are launching a competition for you to win prizes. You can send us a photo or a drawing/painting on the subject of "Scouting in British Groups Abroad". Drawings/paintings must be no bigger than A4 size. All must be accompanied by a photo of the entrant, name, age, sex, section, and group. The age groups are: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Leaders. The closing date for this competition will be 15th. July 2003. There will another one in the next issue.

Send your entries by either:

Email to heather.elliott@lineone.net

Fax to +441440 705509

Or send to

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I look forward to receiving your entries.

Publication dates.

In order to ease the workload over the Christmas period we have decided to alter the publication dates for "Far and Wide". After this issue the next will be August followed by November, February and May. Therefore anything to be included must reach me by the 15th. of the previous month. I would still like more contributions from you, programme ideas etc. or letters to be included in a letters page. Perhaps we could even start a Question and Answer section. This is your magazine, what do you want from it?



Picture taken at recent BGA team meeting of Tony Dunn being presented with his Long Service Award for Twenty-five years. Congratulations Tony.

David Bull is on the left, Tony Dunn on the right.

✓ **Checkout ... the Programme**

We provided books dealing with the changes to our Programme and produced a special edition of Far and Wide. We hope that all this has helped. We have also tried to answer individual questions accurately and helpfully!

It would be a great help to us if you could let us know, for your Colony, Pack, Troop or Unit, whether you have taken up the new Programme yet. You can fax your reply to us or send an email.

From (name of respondent)

..... (name of Colony/Pack/Troop/Unit)

Please indicate with a ✓ your section

Venture Scouts		Beaver Scouts		Cub Scouts		Scouts		Explorer Scouts	
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We have started using the new Programme *

We have not started using the new Programme *

* (delete those not applicable)

Please reply by 28 April 2003:

Email: db@davidbull.co.uk

Fax: +44 20 7691 9364

First Aid Training

From January 2005, in order to renew their warrant, an adult will need to hold a current First Aid certificate, the minimum standard for which is First Response. While everyone is encouraged to maintain his or her qualification at all times, the certificate must be valid at the issue of the Wood Badge and at Warrant renewal.

In BGA's it is obviously going to be a bit complicated providing First Response training. However I am sure many of you have the facility to do First Aid training where you are and in fact many of you will have done it already through work etc. In order for me to assess where any gaps may occur, please will the Group Contact fill in the following questionnaire.

More details about First Response and equivalent qualifications are available on factsheet FS310547 that can be downloaded free from Scoutbase. There is also a Trainers manual and participants' books available from the Information Centre but any course must be run by a qualified First Aider.

Name of Group.....

Name of person completing this form

Is there provision locally for your Leaders to do a recognised First Aid course?

Yes / No (please delete)

Do any of your Leaders already hold a First Aid certificate?

Yes / No (please delete)

If yes, please list their names and the type of qualification (e.g. St. John, Red Cross. First Aid at Work etc.) and the expiry date.

Please return to Heather Elliott, County Training Manager either by email: heather.elliott@lineone.net or Fax: +441440 705509 or post to 7, Mount Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8ED.

Understanding Essentials

Spiritual Development

Many Leaders get confused between the Religious Policy of the Association and Spiritual Development. They are often lumped together and referred to as the “God slot”. In fact they are two different subjects. The Religious Policy is clearly laid out in “Policy, Organisation and Rules” and needs no interpretation. Spiritual Development on the other hand can be interpreted in different ways.

It is part of the aim of the Association to develop our young people to their full spiritual potential. So what is Spiritual Development? It is something we are most probably doing without even realising it. If we are providing a well-balanced programme then Spiritual Development will automatically be present. It should incorporate the following:

A ctivities	Corporate activities, games, teamwork working in groups for games and projects.
N ature	Looking after the world around us, the environment, recycling.
T olerance	Teaching them to be more tolerant of those less able than themselves, helping those less fortunate. Tolerance towards others beliefs and cultures.
I nnner discipline	Learning to be proud of their uniform, keeping their meeting place clean and tidy, respect for adults, following rules in games etc.
C aring	Caring for other people and animals. Helping the disabled, looking after sick family and friends.
S haring	Learning to share their possessions and not be selfish or greedy.

An easy way to remember this is to look at the letters in bold type, they spell **ANTICS**.

If your programmes are planned to include something from each of the Programme Zones over the course of a term then you will have covered all of these elements without making a special issue of it.

Factsheet: FS322021 What is spiritual development?

Records and Record Keeping

Many people groan at the amount of paperwork that can accumulate at times. We just want to get on with the fun things in Scouting. However, some paperwork is absolutely vital and keeping records is part of that. So what sort of records do we need to keep? These basically fall into two groups, those that relate specifically to your section and those that are more general to the Group. Let us look first at the general ones.

We have all been to meetings where the proceedings can turn into a free for all and nothing is achieved except a huge waste of time and a lot of hot air. Meetings can range from your sectional planning meetings to Group meetings and in some cases District meetings. To make them all run smoothly and successfully they should all have certain elements of record keeping. To be able to keep some sort of order it is usual for one person to chair the meeting and an AGENDA should be produced. This should list all the topics to be covered in the meeting and should be adhered to. Another very important record are the MINUTES OF THE MEETING, somebody should make a note of all that is said and decided for future reference. A DIARY is another useful item particularly in Group meetings when different sections might be putting in dates for their events and might want to use Group equipment. It will save clashes e.g. Scouts and Cubs both wanting the Group tents on the same weekend.

Other records within the Group should include:

EQUIPMENT LIST This is a very useful record as it enables everybody within the Group to know what equipment is available. If the Group is lucky enough to have a quartermaster then it is their responsibility to keep this list and book out any equipment. The list can also be used by Leaders to note for the quartermaster's benefit any repairs that need doing.

ACCOUNTS We usually have a treasurer to do this very important job. Every penny that passes through or hands must be accounted for and the accounts must be audited annually. As section Leaders you will probably keep your section accounts and then pass them on to a Group treasurer every three months or so.

Now let's look at the sectional records. The most important of these are the records for individual members, particularly so in BGA's with the likelihood of the youngsters at sometime returning to the UK or moving to another country. Also when they move between sections their records should go with them. The most common records are:

RECORD CARDS These are available in packs of ten and are aimed at recording all personal details about a youngster, parents, address, school, contact details, doctor, special needs etc. as well as their progress within the section. There is nothing more frustrating for a youngster than to do an activity towards an award or badge and to not have it recognised later because somebody neglected to record the fact. This is a sure-fire way of losing youngsters because they get tired of doing the same things over again and not achieving anything in return. These record cards should move with the youngster.

CAMP BANK CARDS A simple record of payments made towards a camp or outing if it is not being paid all at once.

SECTION ACCOUNTS Already mentioned above but it is important that you keep a record of all monies paid in or out and give your accounts regularly to the Group Treasurer. Keep your recording system simple but effective. Always obtain a receipt for everything you purchase or spend out (admission fees on outings, for instance).

REGISTER A register should be taken at each meeting in case there is an emergency such as a fire when everybody will need to be accounted for.

It is also a good idea for Leaders to keep details of programmes that have been run with an evaluation. Did the programme run well? Were there any problems? Would I change anything if I did it again? This could be useful for future planning. A sectional game book can also be very useful, again with notes about any changes that might need to be made or even to say NEVER play it again!

Sectional record keeping need not be a major chore, perhaps one person could take responsibility for it or maybe even a willing parent helper might come to each meeting just to keep the records up to date.

However you organise it record keeping is important, it can seem like a real bore but it can also be very rewarding when you look at an individual record and see how much somebody has achieved.

Project: Look at the records in your section and Group, do they need improving and how can it be done?