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## Happy New Year!

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With our successful Centenary now behind us, 2008 promises to be a year of consolidation and moving forward. All of us at UK HQ wish you a very happy New Year and it goes without saying that if you want any help or advice over the coming months, just email or phone us.

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## Beaver Scout 'Log Chews'

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It is an important part in the development of children that they are able to have their say, whether it is at home, school, with their peers or at after school clubs. No matter what their age, it is important for them to be heard and feel they are being listened to. Scouting is one place where our young Members can speak up and are actively encouraged to do so, through forums. As you know, in Beaver Scouts forums are called 'Log Chews'.

A Log Chew is an opportunity for Beavers to talk about all kinds of things, e.g. what they enjoy most about Beavers, what they would like to be included in the Beaver Programme, what they didn't enjoy, friends, school, anything that makes them feel able to have a say.

We know that many Leaders hold Log Chews on a regular basis; some include it as part of the programme, others do it without realizing it, perhaps in the form of 'show and tell' or something similar. We would really like you to share with us and the wider Movement, any good examples of a Beaver Scout Log Chew that you have seen or experienced, and why you feel it works well for those Leaders and young people involved. You can contact us at [beaver.scout@scout.org.uk](mailto:beaver.scout@scout.org.uk).

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## Gilwell Reunion 2008

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For those of you who go to Gilwell Reunion (and even those who don't) here's a chance to influence what the Programme and Activities Team provides during this special weekend for adults in September. What would you like to see from the UK Beaver Scout team –

workshops, panel discussions or leader skill development sessions? Please feed in your ideas to the Beaver Scout office. We can't promise to take them all on board this year but we will look at the most popular suggestions.

If you haven't been to Reunion before, why not come along in 2008 and make a point of finding your way to the Programme Team corner?

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## Home Contacts

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The Home Contact system has been in place for a number of years – it was designed in a world before mobile phones and other modern communications. We are currently looking at our procedures for this and would welcome any feedback on what you or Leaders around you think about the system. Please let us know at: [beaver.scout@scout.org.uk](mailto:beaver.scout@scout.org.uk) – preferably before the end of March 2008

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## Programme Changes

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As you know, the changes to the Programme were introduced in December 2007 and Leaders should now be working on introducing them.

As a reminder, the Zones have been tweaked and now match the name of the Zones in the other Sections. Also, the number of Challenges Badges has been increased to six.

We would like to hear what people think of the changes. Many of the comments we have already received have been positive. These include: 'it now makes it easier to understand the Balanced Programme' and 'glad that there are now more Challenge Badges.'

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## Working Group

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There is now a Working Group in place for the Beaver Scout Section to work closely with Karen Jameson and Jenny Winn on different areas of the UK Programme Team's work plan and to support Counties and Districts.

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## Out and About

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The Beaver Scout Team are happy to come out to Counties/Areas and Districts to run workshops on Programme related issues that Leaders might be struggling with and need a little bit of extra help. For example we could include:

- Programmes Online
- Programme Planning
- International ideas in the Programme
- Nights Away
- Young leaders.

And more.....! We can come and build a 'bespoke' Programme session on whatever you need. Just contact: [beaver.scout@scout.org.uk](mailto:beaver.scout@scout.org.uk)

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## Your Programme, Your Voice

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The UK Programme Team are in the process of introducing a regular online survey to act as a sounding board for specific areas of the Programme. Randomly selected adult Members of the Movement will be invited to take part in 'Your Programme, Your Voice' surveys about every three months. The Cub Scout Section has been chosen to pilot the scheme, and we will be rolling it out to other Sections as soon as possible. We are encouraging adults to share the questions with others in their teams, and be as honest as possible with their responses. Summary feedback will be given to all of those taking part and shared where appropriate. The information gathered will be used to develop Programme support in the future. More information on this will follow in due course.

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## Activity eNews

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If you want the latest information from the Activities team at UKHQ, please visit [www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/enews/jan08.pdf](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/enews/jan08.pdf) and view their latest eNewsletter.

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## Welcoming new AAC/ACCs

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Very shortly we will be re-introducing Welcome Packs for new AACs/ACCs. What do you do locally to welcome new ADCs? Do you have any good practice ideas that we can share with the rest of the Country? Please send them in via the Beaver Scout office at [beaver.scout@scout.org.uk](mailto:beaver.scout@scout.org.uk)

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## Finally...

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Thank you for reading the third edition of Beaver Scout eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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