

Group Newsletter No 101 January 2009

Dates for the diary.....

5/6 January	Sections return
5- 27 January	Christmas card Recycling collection
15 January	Group Executive
25 January	Cub badge day
30 Jan/1 Feb	Scout camp
8 February	County Cooking Comp
8 March	District Football
13/15 March	Cub camp
14/15 March	County Night Hike
29 March	Cub Adventure Day
3/5 April	Scout camp
22 April	Group Executive
26 April	St George's Day
16 May	Scout Karting
29/31 May	Group camp*
13 June	District Sports (?)
19 June	Cub Athletes Badge
27 June	Friends reunion
4 July	Group AGM
12 July	Scout raft races
25 July/1 August	Pack Holiday
22 /29 August	Scout camp
22 September	Group Executive
7 November	Fireworks evening
15 November	Scout Incident Hike

(Some dates still subject to confirmation)

*The Big Group Event of 2009 will take place from Friday 29th May(a.m.) until Sunday 31st May (p.m.) and will involve all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for all or part of the weekend which falls at the end of the school half term holiday. Watch this space, so keep these dates free in your diary.

The 100+ Club

The December draw took place at the Christmas fayre held on December 6th. The winners were:

No 10	D Dickson	won £60
No 99	Michael Howard	won £40
No 56	Penny Price	won £20

No 77 Kim Stanley won the annual standing order special draw of £20.

Tickets for 2009 are now on sale. An application/renewal form is attached to this newsletter.

Celebration of Christmas

We held our Celebration of Christmas at Holy Cross Church on Monday 1st December . The collection raised £265 which has been sent to Help for Heroes.

Finance and Fundraising

The Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday 6th December. The event raised just over £500 for Group funds. Our thanks to all those who helped run this event and to Penny Price who acted as co-ordinator.

On 20th December we were able to do bag packing at Sainsbury's in Wimbledon. Our sincere thanks to all those beavers, cubs, scouts, leaders, parents and other supporters for giving their time. A magnificent £1166 was raised on the day. ...and a special thank you to Graham for making all the arrangements.

Urgent support is needed for the Beaver Colony

Kim Stanley, who has been a Beaver leader since 2001 will relinquish his duties at the end of the Summer term. This means therefore that we will be without a Beaver Leader from September and we are anxious to encourage anyone who might be prepared to consider taking on this responsibility to step forward and discuss with me whether this role is for them.

So even if you think you might only be able to help in a small way, why not come along and have a chat and we can see what is possible. If we cannot find another leader we will be in considerable difficulty from the Autumn.

Christmas card recycling

From 5th January until the 27th January we will be collecting used Christmas cards in support of a recycling scheme organised by the Woodland Trust. Thanks in anticipation for your support.

Yours sincerely

Alan Maloney
Group Scout Leader