

## Group Newsletter No 102 February 2009

### Dates for the diary.....

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
21/22 March	Beaver Sleepover
29 March	Cub Adventure Day
3/5 April	Scout camp
22 April	Group Executive
26 April	St George's Day
3 May	Gang Show auditions
10 May	Gang Show auditions
16 May	Scout Karting
29/31 May	Group camp*
13 June	District Sports (?)
19 June	Cub Athletics Badge
27 June	Friends reunion
4 July	Group AGM
11 July	boot and table top sale
12 July	Scout raft races
25 July/1 August	Pack Holiday
22 /29 August	Scout camp
24 September	Group Executive
10 October	Race Night
27/31 October	Sou'west Gang Show
7 November	Fireworks evening
15 November	Scout Incident Hike
5 December	Christmas fayre
7 December	Celebration Christmas

*(Some dates still subject to confirmation)*

**\*The Big Group Event of 2009 will take place from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May(a.m.) until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Letters have now gone out to all parents about this event.**

### The 100+ Club .....

The January draw took place at the Beaver Colony meeting held on January 27th. The winners were:

No 25	Alison Markwell	won £20
No 33	Michael Howard	won £15
No 67	Chris Boa	won £10

Tickets for 2009 are still on sale.

### = Finance and Fundraising

On 31<sup>st</sup> December over 100 supporters of the Group saw in the new year at a party at Scout HQ. Just over £300 profit was made for Group funds Well done to James and his team for arranging the whole event.

We have just paid the annual membership fees to the Scout Association for 2009. This cost comes from the termly subscription you pay to the Group. This year the membership fee was £25.50 a head. With a group membership of 104 this made the amount paid for the Headquarters, County and District a total fee of £2652.

### 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 not be able to open the Colony after the summer break**

### Christmas card recycling

From 5<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> January we collected used Christmas cards in support of a recycling scheme organised by the Woodland Trust. Thank you for your support. We managed to collect and recycle 5556 cards.

Yours sincerely

Alan Maloney  
Group Scout Leader