

*Group Newsletter No 112
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Dates for the diary.....

5 December	Christmas fayre
7 December	Christmas Celebration
14/15 December	End of term
19 December	Bag packing
31 December	New year party
4/5 January	Sections return
20 January	Group Executive
27 January	District all leaders
29/31 January	Scouts winter camp
31 January	Scouts Handball
3 February	22 nd leaders meeting
7 February	Scouts Cooking Comp.
13/14 March	Scouts Night Hike
28 March	Cub Adventure day
21 April	22 nd leaders meeting
25 April parade	St George's Day
28 April	Group Executive
8/9 May	Scout canal experience
12 May	District AGM
26/27 June	Beaver sleepover
3 July	Group AGM/Friends

(Some dates still subject to confirmation)

The 100+ Club

The November draw took place at the executive committee on 4th November. The winners were:

No. 47	Edna Colborne	wins £25
No 31	Vena Reed	wins £15
No 107	Helen Bansept	wins £10

Tickets for 2010 will be on sale soon.

Congratulations and Thank You

Many thanks to all those who organised and supported the Race Night and the fireworks evenings. The Race Night raised over £650 for Group funds whilst the fireworks evening raised a magnificent £1300 for our funds. There are two more big fundraisers this term. Firstly there is the Christmas Fayre on 5 December and then the bag packing on 19th December. Separate letters have been issued about these important events. I hope you will be able to participate in both activities.

A huge thank you also to the scout troop and a team of leaders from across the Group who assisted with some site clearance at our HQ last month.

A Celebration of Christmas 2009

Invitations have been issued for this annual event which takes place on Monday 7th December at Holy Cross Church starting at 6.45pm. It will finish by 8pm.

This is a highlight of the year and as always will be largely led by the young people themselves. We will also be making some presentations to a number of our group members to recognise their achievement.

Urgent help is still needed.....

The Scout Troop has grown massively in the past couple of years and we have now decided to create two troops which will meet from January on Tuesdays and Thursdays. But whilst growth is welcome this does put enormous burdens on the leadership team. While we now have some additional assistance we are still looking for a number of additional assistant leaders who can make a commitment to help out.

So if you are interested, then please speak to Tim Kerridge, Scout Leader, as soon as possible and we can discuss how to use your ability to assist the Troop.

Coming Soon.....

Don't forget the forthcoming bag packing fundraiser and our Christmas fayre and new year party.

And finally

On behalf of the Scout Group may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2010.

Yours sincerely

Alan Maloney
Group Scout

Leader