

Group Newsletter No 113 January 2010

Welcome back to a new year

Dates for the diary.....

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| 4/5/7 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 December draw took place following the Celebration of Christmas on December 7th.

The winners were:

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| No. 68 | John Constantine | wins £50 |
| No 38 | David Cheesman | wins £40 |
| No 88 | C Downes | wins £30 |

No 42 Joan Conrad wins £30 for the special draw for standing orders payments

Tickets for 2010 are now on sale.

Congratulations and Thank You

Many thanks to all those who organised and supported the Christmas fayre, celebration of Christmas and the bag packing fundraiser. The fayre raised nearly £800 for Group funds whilst the collection for Bedelsford School Scout Troop raised £200. Bag packing just before Christmas raised a further £844 for our funds.

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 this month 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.

Group membership 2010

Our Group membership for 2010 which we have just notified to Scout Association HQ now stands at 124, an increase of 21 members over the 2009 figure. Sincere congratulations are due for this increase to our section leadership teams and reflects the ambitious and challenging programmes they regularly provide for our young people. We have also paid the annual membership fees which amount to £3224 (£26 per head). This payment is made from group funds and is reflected in the subscriptions which you pay each term. Thank you for your continuing support.

And finally

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

Yours sincerely

Alan Maloney
Group Scout

Leader