

Group Newsletter No 84 September 2007

Dates for the diary.....

10/11 September	Sections return
13 September	Group Executive
22 September	Jumble sale
6 October	Group Birthday
23-27 October	Sou'west Gang Show
3 November	Firework Night
1 December	Christmas Fayre
3 December	Celebration of Xmas
15 December	Bag Packing

The 100 Club has some more winners.....

The July draw took place at the Beaver Colony meeting on 17th July at our Headquarters . The winners were:

No 36	Michael Webb	wins £20
No 96	Mary Harrison	wins £15
No 10	Glenys Pardy	wins £10

Fundraising for the Group

Our next Jumble Sale is on 22nd September and as always we need some help on the evening before and the day itself. If you can help please let me know. This is the last Jumble Sale of the year so your help will be particularly welcomed.

By now you will all have received raffle tickets for our Grand 80th Birthday draw. The last time we held one of these raffles was in 2005 and this year we are repeating the event in place of holding a Summer fete which has lost most of its appeal over the years. **Please do your best to sell the tickets you have been allocated** so that we can continue to keep the level of individual subscriptions to the Group at a relatively low level for the next year or so.

In the next couple of months we will all be buying Christmas wrapping paper and we need birthday paper all year round. If you buy an item the Scout Group will receive 25% of each sale. If we all bought a couple of items we could raise a significant amount of money. Not only does the Scout Group do well out of this but you receive great quality and value. The leaflets will be available soon and will be given to the children at their Section meetings to bring home to you.

Group 80th birthday celebration

The Group has its official birthday in October. So on Saturday 6th October we are holding a celebratory event. We are planning to take the young people out for the day and we will be joined back at the Headquarters later in the afternoon by many "Friends of the 22nd", who will be coming along that afternoon for a reunion and hopefully by parents as well. A separate letter has been issued to you about this event. So if your child wishes to take part in this event it is essential that the forms are returned as soon as possible as tickets have to be purchased in advance.

Group Website

A couple of months ago I appointed Alan O'Brien to be our new Group Webmaster and he has been working on the site in recent weeks. The website address is:

www.22nd.org.uk We are now posting the Group newsletter on the Home Page and have included some details of leaders, helpers, and executive Committee members on the site.

In the next few weeks you will be given access to your own section of the website but to do so you will need to have a special password which we will send out to parents quite soon.

We want to include a picture gallery of some of our activities and we are planning to use the Group birthday event as the first activity to have a pictorial record put on the site. Accordingly we will write to all parents shortly asking for your permission to use photographs of future activities on the website. No picture will ever include a child's name. If you are not prepared to give permission then that will be respected.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

I am pleased to tell you that we collected 3983 vouchers during the 2007 scheme. Watch this space for further news next month.

Yours sincerely

Alan Maloney
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