

Group Newsletter No 89 February 2008

Dates for the diary.....

16 February	HQ Floor refurbishment
18/19 February	Half term
29 Feb/2 March	Scouts indoor weekend
15 March	Jumble sale
16 March	Scouts Hike
21/23 March	Cub Indoor weekend
24 March	Easter Monday
7/8 April	Holiday break
14/15 April	Holiday break
21/22 April	Summer term begins
24 April	Group Executive
27 April	St Georges Day
27 April	Gang Show auditions
30 April	GS Dance auditions
4 May	Gang Show auditions
5 May	Bank Holiday
17 May	Friends reunion
30May/1 June	Cub Camp
21/22 June	Beaver sleepover
5 July	Group AGM
26July/2 Aug	Pack Holiday
16/23 August	Scout Camp
8/9 September	Autumn term begins
11 September	Group Executive
20 September	Jumble sale
18 October	Race Night
8 November	Fireworks evening
6 December	Christmas Fayre
31 December	New Year party

(Some of these dates are still provisional)

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

The January draw took place at the Scout Troop meeting on 29th January. The winners were:

No 52	Avril maloney	wins £25
No 66	Colin Hingston	wins £15
No 60	Brian Gee	wins £10

Renewals and entry to the 2008 draws are being taken by our Treasurer, Andy Pearson.

Fundraising for the Group

Our next Jumble Sale is on March 15th and we need your support on the day. There are good bargains to be had but you might wish to give your support by offering to help out on the night before or on the day itself. Either way your help is really needed and appreciated so let me know if you can help.

Wanted...Event Coordinators

We are urgently looking for parents and supporters of the Group to coordinate a number of events during the year. We do not expect a coordinator to do all the work themselves as there are a number of volunteers who are usually prepared to help but we do need people to take the lead, to build up the team and be in overall charge for that event. We need a coordinator for the Jumble Sales on 15 March and 20 September, the Christmas Fayre on 6 December and the New Year party on 31 December. Without the support we cannot run these events and the loss of income will have a major effect on our finances.

Posters for Group events

Five or six times a year we produce posters advertising group events such as the Christmas Fayre, Jumble sales and Fireworks Night. Are you able to prominently display a poster in your window.? If so, please let me know and I will send you a poster usually about four weeks before the event itself.

Supermarket vouchers

Many thanks to all those who supported our Tesco scheme late last year. We managed to collect 2502 vouchers and as these were not enough to qualify for something we needed we have "banked" them in anticipation of being able to participate in the 2008 scheme later this year.

In the next few weeks Sainsbury's will be starting their Active Kids campaign and once again we will be taking part. In 2007 we were able to obtain a quality curling set which has already provided a lot of enjoyment to our young people and in 2008 we hope to do even better. So as soon as the scheme starts please collect the vouchers and we will see if we can beat the 2007 figure of 3983 vouchers.

Yours sincerely

Alan Maloney
Group Scout Leader