

Group Newsletter No 91 April 2008

Dates for the diary.....

5 April	Scout Night Exercise
6 April	Beavers Bike Ride
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
30 April	GS Dance auditions
4 May	Gang Show auditions
5 May	Bank Holiday
11 May	Gang Show auditions
11 May	Cubs Football
17 May	Friends reunion
30 May/1 June	Cub Camp
6 June	Cub Athletes badge
6/8 June	Visit by Belgian scouts
14/15 June	Beaver sleepover
5 July	Group AGM
12 July	District Sports
13 July	Scouts raft races
26 July/2 Aug	Pack Holiday
16/23 August	Scout Summer Camp
8/9 September	Autumn term begins
11 September	Group Executive
20 September	Jumble sale
11 October	Swimming Gala
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 March draw took place at the Troop meeting on 25th March. The winners were:

No 31	John Constantine	wins £25
No 101	Polly Hood	wins £15
No 44	Vera Downing	wins £10

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

Fundraising for the Group

The income we have been receiving from the Jumble sales in the last twelve months has been very disappointing and the future of the sales will be considered by the executive committee in the near future. Jumble sales are very labour intensive to organise and run and also

leave a huge amount of unsellable items, much of which is dirty, which has to be disposed of, often at a cost, by the Group.

In the meantime we are unable to accept any goods for such sales and items must not be left in the HQ or in our outbuildings.

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 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.

Congratulations

Well done to the Scout Troop who were placed fourth overall in the recent County cooking competition.

Well done to the Scout and Cub leaders and their adult and young leader support teams in completing a successful Monopoly Challenge in London, a full day hike, a winter weekend event and a successful indoor camp which included a snowball fight on Easter Sunday morning! Will soon be Summer!

Happy Birthday, Martin

On 26 April, Martin Conrad, our Honorary Life President celebrates his 80th birthday and the Group sends their very best wishes and thanks for a lifetime of service to the Group. Have a great day!

Yours sincerely

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Group Scout Leader