

# BATCHWORTH SEA SCOUTS

## Beaver Colony Winter Newsletter – December 2010

We're almost at the end of 2010! By the time you get this, we will have had the Batchworth Christmas party, which was terrific and I hope you all enjoyed it. We will also have been to the pantomime – as usual, a great success. I hope that we'll get many more beavers and cubs to this in 2011 (we didn't make quite as much noise as some of the other local groups ... despite practicing every week!).

The autumn term has been fun and instructive for all of us. Here are some highlights:

- ☉ we went bark-rubbing and learnt a bit about trees
- ☉ we prepared for the Navy Inspection (which we passed with flying colours – the inspector was especially complimentary about the beavers),
- ☉ we had a trip on Pride of Batchworth,
- ☉ we visited Three Rivers Museum,
- ☉ we celebrated Halloween in style,
- ☉ we learnt about Remembrance Day and the significance of poppies. We were especially pleased with the turn-out at the Church on Remembrance Sunday – thank you,
- ☉ We had our usual fun and games at HQ.

Over the Christmas holidays the leaders will get together and plan an exciting programme for the spring term! Over the first half of the term, we're going to concentrate on the getting the Faith Activity and Promise Challenge badges.

Once the evenings begin to get lighter, we'll be able to start exploring outside too (and we have one or two ideas for those activities ...).

With that in mind, we thought we'd let you know about a few important dates in the calendar for next term!

### January

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> First meeting of the term

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> **Visit to St Mary's Church**. Meet, as usual at HQ at 6.00 prompt, and collect at 7.15 from HQ.

### February

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> **Half term**. There will be no meeting.

### March/April

Saturday 26 **JUMBLE SALE**

or 2<sup>nd</sup> April Leafleting and collecting will take place on the two weeks leading up to the sale itself.

Sorting is on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of the week prior to the sale.

We need masses of help on the day, organizing, selling and clearing up.

That's all we have planned for now ... please put the dates in your diary, and have a great Christmas break. With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. See you all in 2011!

*Claire and Jane*