

BATCHWORTH SEA SCOUTS

Beaver Colony Summer Newsletter – July 2010

We're coming to that time of year, where we have to say goodbye for the Summer Holidays! Not only does this give your children a chance to recover from the rigours of the school year (and Beavers), but it also gives Claire and me a chance to regroup and plan the next term's exciting programme for the beavers! The last couple of terms have been great, with the whole colony growing and working together to achieve masses of badges. This is especially important, since we have our 18-monthly Royal Navy Inspection approaching!

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

September

Thursday 2nd

First meeting of the term

Saturday 4th

Shipshape day. If you can, please make yourself available to spend a little time down at HQ, making it neat, tidy and clean. Many hands make light work!! Every person-hour makes a difference – please don't assume that somebody else will do it!

Wednesday 15th

Royal Navy Inspection. Probably THE most important event in the Batchworth calendar. This usually starts at about 5.30-6.00, and will involve all sections of Batchworth. Now that the Beaver colony is recognized by the Navy, they will also be inspected. ALL beavers are expected to attend, in FULL uniform. The inspecting officer will probably ask them about their badges, so this is an opportunity to read the certificates and learn why they've been awarded certain badges. Parents might enjoy watching the display that the older sections put on. We are not planning on having a meeting on Thursday 16th.

October

Saturday 2nd

JUMBLE Sale. We have two of these every year, and together they are the most important fund-raising event for Batchworth. All families are expected to participate – delivering leaflets in their road/surrounding roads, collecting jumble, sorting and/or selling. Leaflet delivery will be on the weekend of 18/19 September, Collecting on 25th September, sorting on Monday 27, Wednesday 29 September and Friday 1 October.

November

Sunday 14th

Remembrance Sunday. Every year, Batchworth lays a wreath on the War Memorial at St Marys Church. While we don't expect Beavers to attend the full service, the section in the grounds is important, and it would be good to have as many beavers (In full uniform) as possible attending.

December

Saturday

Is Party time!!

Batchworth Xmas Party (date (a Saturday) to be determined). We ALWAYS have a Family Christmas Party at Batchworth. Each section puts on a bit of an act (and believe it or not, we've already started planning the exciting show that the Beavers will be putting on... Oh yes we have!). This is followed by a buffet supper. There's a bar, and mulled wine ... to get everybody properly into the party spirit. More news about this nearer the time...

Sunday 12th

District visit to the Pantomime at Watersmeet.

Every year the Scout district (Rickmansworth and Chorleywood) block-book the matinee performance of the pantomime (this year, it's "Jack and the Beanstalk") for Beavers and Cubs. We'll escort your child if you don't want to come, but families are welcome! We'll be giving you more information about this in September, but we'd like to know numbers by half-term.

That's it ... put the dates in your diary NOW, and have a great summer holiday.

See you all in September!

Claire and Jane