

### WELCOME....

.... to all new members and to their parents. If you have any queries, please talk to your child's leader. Contact details are given below and overleaf. This newsletter, together with subscription information, is being sent to everyone who was a member in June. If you are moving up to a new section we hope you have as much if not more fun than you had in the past.

### ◆ LEAVING ?

If so we are sorry to lose you. Should your child not be returning for the new session it would help us greatly if you could tell or email the appropriate Leader as this enables us to offer the place to someone on our waiting lists. It also helps us keep costs down by only sending mail to our active members. Please do not send a verbal message via another member as this is notoriously unreliable.

### ◆ MEETINGS

**City Beavers** : Wednesdays, 6.30 - 7.30pm starting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August in Queen Street Hall  
Leader - Susan Nichols 473981

**Carse Beavers** : Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.30pm starting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. in Gargunock Primary School.  
Leader - Morna Tinto 860208

**Cubs** : Mondays, 6 - 7.30pm starting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August in Queen Street Scout Hall  
Leader - Gregor MacCallum 860357

**Scouts** : Fridays at 7.30pm starting on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Leader - Murray Thomson 813344

**N.B.** Some of the sections may have a waiting list so please contact the appropriate section Leader before bringing a new member along.

### ◆ PLANT SALE

Thanks to the many parents and Leaders who assisted with the preparation of orders and their delivery, we succeeded in completing deliveries before lunchtime on the Saturday. This was a great effort from everyone involved and we would like to thank everyone who assisted. We have raised approximately £700 for our funds.

### ◆ CONGRATULATIONS

To Scout Lewis Rand on gaining the Chief Scouts' Gold Award. Greg McLachlan was awarded the Scout of the Year Trophy. They were presented at the Group's AGM at the beginning of June.



### ◆ PLEASE CONSIDER

Can you manage to give an hour each week, especially if you stay in Gargunock or Kippen? We need at least one more adult to help with the Gargunock Beaver Colony. Perhaps you are looking for a bit of excitement and appreciation from a group of excited 6 - 8 year olds. They would love you to come along. Contact Morna Tinto at the phone number opposite or speak to Fraser Harris (details overleaf)

### ◆ SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual Subscriptions for the coming Session have increased to £80 for Cubs & Scouts and £60 for Beavers.

This session we are continuing to offer the facility of paying by Bank Standing Order which is enclosed with the subs letter. You can also pay by bank transfer using the bank information supplied. Details are in a separate note included with this circulation. A separate Bank S.O. form should be used for each member in the same family.

If you set up your Direct Debit with on-line banking instead of returning the form or pay by bank transfer, please don't forget to let us know so that we can check that the bank has paid it into our account.

Please help us by paying on time as this greatly assists in saving administrative time and energies which we would rather give to activities for our young members. If your child will leave the Troop because of the upper age limit before 31 January then please speak to your child's leader regarding the reduced subscription payable.

### ◆ INTERNET

If you buy anything on the internet, why not register on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and help Scout funds. It's easy to register and takes only a few minutes to enter 1<sup>st</sup> Stirlingshire Scouts as your chosen charity. After that all you have to do is keep the site in your favourites list and go via the site to the company you wish to buy from. There is a large selection of companies. Each of them give a percentage of your purchase to our Scout Group. For example, Amazon gives 1.5% and Expedia gives up to 6%. Some package holidays donate as much as 3%. But remember, you must go via the easyfundraising web site to gain the donation. We have raised over £136 during the last year which you could help to double or even triple. This really is money for nothing as far as the Group is concerned!

## ◆ DATA PROTECTION

All Group records will be held on the COMPASS computer system provided by Scout HQ. This will include personal details, including health, as well as badge progress records and info about subscriptions. Each Scout may access his own records online to keep address, etc up to date. In addition, our sections may hold local computer records of individuals which will comprise addresses and Subs info.

The name & address only may be kept for a historical record of the Group for future contact such as reunions. Names of Award and Trophy winners may also be kept.

Gift Aid Declarations have to be kept for 7 years from the end of the last financial year in which a claim has been made after which they are destroyed. The name and address are given to the Income Tax authorities together with the amount paid in subscription and/or donated.

No information on individual members is passed to any person or organisation outwith the Scout Association.

## ◆ PHOTOGRAPHS

From time to time Photos and video images of our members may be submitted to the local press, District and Region Scout newsletters/displays or posted on our web site. They are also occasionally displayed at Parents' Nights or similar events. If you have any objection to this please contact the Group Scout Leader. It should be noted that we do not identify individual members online. Some photos are also kept as a historical record of our Group's activities.

## ◆ WHERE TO FIND OUT INFORMATION

If you want to know where the numerous badges go on your child's uniform you can look it up at [www.scouts.org.uk/documents/por/2010\\_updates/uniforms\\_main.pdf](http://www.scouts.org.uk/documents/por/2010_updates/uniforms_main.pdf)  
(Please note the two underlashes)

Group Web Site : [www.1ststirlingshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.1ststirlingshirescouts.org.uk)

Scout Troop Blog :

[www.1ststirlingshirescouts.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.1ststirlingshirescouts.blogspot.co.uk)

Scout Troop Photos :

[www.flickr.com/photos/1ststirlingshirescouts](http://www.flickr.com/photos/1ststirlingshirescouts)

## ★ ENCLOSURES

Enclosed with this newsletter for Beaver, Cub & Scout parents are the following :

Subscription Information & Standing Order

Addressed Return Envelope

A Section programme for this term (Scouts)

Leader Appeal

Gift Aid Appeal & Form (some members only)

## ◆ SCOUT CAMP

This year's Summer Camp was held at Spaarnwoude in Holland. We attended the Haarlem Jamborette for the fourth time and had a great camp undertaking a lot of great activities. The Jamborette had 3,850 participants from many countries throughout Europe with some travelling from as far afield as America and Canada. Our Sub-camp this year was called the Green Village.

Most of our Scouts flew there but Murray and William went by ferry carrying all the equipment and personal gear.

The advance party arrived to rain and high winds on the Saturday. Our Sub-camp was one of the most exposed and so suffered badly from the wind. However we managed to get some trustworthy Icelandic tents up and then sheltered in the sub-camp's marquee along with many others.

Later that day the weather improved and were able to draw breath and start to dry out. Sunday was lovely sunshine and we were able to put up the rest of our campsite for the remainder of our party who were arriving just in time for dinner and the Jamborette Opening Ceremony.

A picture of our advance party arriving at Schiphol airport was published in the first edition of the Jambo Journal.

On one of the evenings we held a Burns' Supper, with Murray addressing the haggis and William giving the Immortal Memory. Then, together with Scouts from Bonnyrigg and Lasswade, we ran a Green Village Ceilidh with Murray and Erika, from Bonnyrigg, calling the dance steps. It was great fun and enjoyed by all. Not only was a picture of the dancing published in the Jamborette journal, but it also made it onto the Jamborette YouTube channel.

On the Open Day on Sunday 2nd August, we were pleased to welcome Leader Charlie and his wife Cathy, parents of Benjamin, to our site. This is the second time that we've had visitors from Scotland at the Open Day. Our activities on the day included trying on kilts, tossing the caber and tasting oatcakes.

We had a great time visiting the Walibi World Theme Park and tried out many of the rides including the Goliath roller coaster. The weather was a bit damp, but hopefully that kept the locals away and the queues short.

The camp Closing Ceremony was held on Tuesday evening with a fabulous firework display. We were sad to leave for home the next day. Thankfully, as our flight was in the late evening we were able to have a relaxed pack up in the sunshine and were one of the last groups to leave the site for the airport.

The good news is we've already signed up to return in 2019, and in 2017 we'll be inviting all our members who are currently aged between 6 and 10!

There are more photos available on our Jamborette Blog on [www.haarlem2015.blogspot.com](http://www.haarlem2015.blogspot.com)

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