



# 2nd Lanark Scout Group News

## January 2017

### Top Awards



Many congratulations to the following young people who have gained the top award in their Section. This is a great achievement!

**Beavers** *The Chief Scouts Bronze Award:*

Annabel Logan, Harry Naismith

**Scouts** *The Chief Scouts Gold Award:*

Bradley Anderson, Rory Tait

### A very warm welcome to our new Leaders... and our new Beaver Colony!

We are delighted that Cheryl, Jane, Marian and Sarah are joining our Beaver Leadership team. And we are also thrilled to announce that we have opened a third Beaver Colony! It is very exciting that so many young people in and around Lanark wish to take part in the Scouting Adventure. But it can only happen if adults are willing to become Leaders. So thank you to everyone who supports our Group either as a warranted Leader, an occasional parent helper, or give of their skills and time in other ways.

### Using OSM

All Sections of the Group are now using Online Scout Manager for their record keeping and communication. It is essential that all parents go into their child's area and complete the database. Please ensure that all telephone numbers and email address are current. We have also asked for some additional information from you - medical, school and the option to opt out of photographs.

Some internet browsers don't work well with OSM - for example, Microsoft Edge, so if you have problems logging into your child's area, first try again with a different browser and then contact Siobhán if you still can't access it. If you need a new link to the contact page, please email Siobhán. Thank you.

### News from the Sections...



Our thriving Beaver Sections had lots of fun last term with evenings of games, activities, challenges and badge work. They visited the Fire Station, had a scavenger hunt up at the Racecourse, had a spook-tacular Halloween party and entertained residents at McClymont House with their carol singing. Colony B spent a great evening and night at Glasgow Science Centre joining with Beavers from our District

(Clydesdale) and South East District. Beaver Scouting was 30 years old in 2016 so there was plenty of birthday cake to enjoy too! The Beavers ended their term with a 'magical' joint Christmas party!

**cubs** Cubs have been celebrating their 100th birthday with a very special Sleepover at Deep Sea World, Queensferry. After an evening of activities lead by the Centre Staff, the Cubs laid out their sleeping bags, head to toe, along the Shark Tunnel and attempted to sleep despite the majestic fish floating over their heads all night! After breakfast they got to meet the seals before being collected by the parents prior to the Centre opening again to the public. A unique experience! Cubs finished off their 'Our Adventure Challenge' award and started the 'Our World Challenge' award. They also worked very hard for the Emergency Aid activity badge and we're very grateful for the time and teaching given to the Cubs by Tom and Joe from St Andrew's Ambulance. The term ended by joining 1700 Cubs from across the Region to renew their Promise, 100 years after Cubs officially started, before settling down to enjoy the fantastic pantomime at the Kings Theatre, Glasgow.

**SCOUTS** The Scout Troops have had some busy evenings and have tried to be outdoors as much as possible - one of the final nights this term involved cooking on 'Swedish candles' (see our facebook page!) They've also have been working hard towards their World Challenge badge and Creative Challenge badge. Both Troops came together to 'cheer' and 'boo' (appropriately!) at this year's Lanark Pantomime with our own Scouting stars of the stage, Ruaridh, Blair and Ethan.



Explorer Scouts and members of the Scout Network met fortnightly on Monday evenings. The meetings this term have been a mixture of expedition training, Young Leader training, games, challenges and a very enjoyable 'Chip Shop survey'. One highlight was an evening at Corehouse with German Scouts who were camping there. It was amazing how quickly friendships were made round the campfire. They finished the term with a Christmas Chinese Banquet. Several of the Explorer Scouts help weekly with our younger Sections which as well as being very helpful to the adult leaders, gives them great leadership skills. Thank you Explorers! Four of our Explorers have been selected to take part in the Region's Explorer Belt Award which will take place across several European countries next summer. Congratulations!

**Group Scout Leader: Andrew Sharkey** 15 Bellefield Crescent, Lanark. ML11 7QY

**Tel** 01555 664 399 **Mobile** 07801 565490 **email** andrew.sharkey1@btpopenworld.com

**Web address** <http://www.lanark-scouts.org.uk>

**Patron** HM The Queen **Founder** Robert Baden-Powell OM **Chief Commissioner of Scotland** Graham Haddock

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1912. Scottish Charity No. SC003551.

