

113th GLASGOW (BURNSIDE) SCOUT GROUP Newsletter, November 2012



SPOOKY !!



Saturday October 28th saw some sinister goings-on in Crawford Road, as the 113th held its family Hallowe'en party.

As ever, there were some fantastic costumes on display, lots of mess after some traditional Hallowe'en

games, some superb zombie dancing, and much hilarity.....and the kids enjoyed it too.

A big vote of thanks to Sharon Currie and others who put it all together.

LATEST NEWS : Section activities

Beavers have welcomed 10 new members this session who have all settled in well. As always they have a busy and varied programme this session :

Arts & Crafts - They have been busy recently using plaster cast & moulds then painting their mould of the Scout logo - all works of art!

Sponsored Obstacle Course- On **Wed 24th October** we challenged the Beavers to complete 10 laps of our Obstacle Course. The money raised will be split between the charity 'Children 1st' & our own Beaver Section to subsidise activities and outings.

Beavers Halloween Party was on **Wednesday 31st October**.

Soft Play Outing - Our District have arranged an outing on **Friday 16th November** to Play Kingdom Soft Play, Parkhead

Panto We are planning to take the Beavers to a panto on **Sat 8th December**

Beavers Christmas Party will be on **Wed 19th December**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Remembrance Service:

11th November

Bag Packing:

*15th December,
Tesco Burnside*

2013

Beaver Camp:

11th—12th May

Plant Sale:

18th May

Family Day Out:

*9th June (note
new date)*

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CUBS

This autumn sees a change in leadership in the Cub section. Fiona Hamilton, who has led the section for the past six years, has stepped down and is replaced as Cub Scout Leader by Lynda Whiteford. Lynda is no stranger to the section having been Assistant Leader for several years. Before that Lynda started her Scouting as an Assistant Beaver Scout Leader. We'll find a suitable occasion in the near future to say Thank You to Fiona.

Since the start of the session Cubs have been busy :

September – Cubs completed their scientist badges by making yoghurt, growing salt crystals, proving that heat rises and investigating the affect of exercise on pulse rate.

October – Cubs completed their local knowledge badge. They drew maps of their local area, spoke to Graeme (who has lived in the area all of his life) about changes in the area, and found out about Burnside Railway line and station.

Upcoming Dates:

10th/11th November - Sleepover in the hall prior to attending Remembrance Day parade

21st December – Christmas Party / Last Night

11th January – Cubs return after Christmas

Spring – Cub Camp. This will depend on parent helpers. If you are able to help, please speak to Lynda.

Help:

To continue to provide a full and varied programme we are looking for parent helpers on Friday nights. There are around 35 members, so if each of family could help out with one or two evenings across the year we will be able to keep up the range of fun activities for your children each week.

Please speak to Lynda if you are able to contribute.....

SCOUTS

Scouts have been spending their time doing all the adventurous stuff the 113th is renowned for. During October, this meant a Bivi in a forest.....hammocks and falling into ditches was all part of the experience, as well as a day's caving. Preparation for these activities included climbing on rope ladders attached to the rafters in the Scout hall.....the sort of thing our young people love and don't do at dance class. Graeme drew the line at turning on all the taps in the Scout Hall to practice going through the waterfall !!

AGM

Prior to the slightly damp BBQ on September 1st, the Group held its AGM, at which the parents accepted the Treasurer's Report on the Group's financial position, and approved the following appointments on the Parents Committee for 2012/13 :

Chair : Louise Bacon
Secretary: Andy Moffat
Treasurer: Jim Mortimer

GANG SHOW GLASGOW

Glasgow Gang Show 2012 takes place at The Mitchell Library auditorium from 23rd-30th November. You can purchase tickets in person at The Royal Concert Hall box office, at www.glasgowconcerthalls.com, or by phone on 0141 353 8000

DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND

Parents who are going to become regular helpers in any of the sections, drive children to events, or attend any overnight camp or sleepover require to have filled in a Disclosure Scotland form.

With the Beaver parent and child camp next May, and the potential for a number of parents to help at the 2013 Cub camp, now's the time to get the forms processed, rather than wait till the last minute.

Let Graeme know by return if you would wish a form, and he will organise that for you.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Our preferred method of communicating with parents is to use email, and we have email addresses for around 85% of parents.

Occasionally some information may still be issued in hard copy., but most Section communications and Group communications will be issued electronically, saving us the costs of printing and postage, and allowing you the chance to make a direct response and give feedback.

If you have an active email contact address and are amongst the missing 15%, please do let us know if you would be happy to receive messages by email.

You should also refer to our web page from time to time www.113.org for latest news and updates (This is dependent on us having someone to maintain the web-page regularly. Do shout if that would interest you).



Contact us:

If you have any questions, comments or issues you would like to raise about anything to do with the Group, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the following people:

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- Ever wondered what Scouts are actually all about ?
- Not sure about how the organisation works ?
- Ever been unsure about where to put a badge (!) ?

If so, you can find out all these things, more about the Scout Association, its objectives, policies, structure, current activities, how to get involved, and a whole bunch of other stuff at :

www.scouts-scotland.org.uk

Give it a go !!!

FAMILY FUN DAY - SUNDAY JUNE 9th

We have now booked Auchengillan Scout Activity Centre on Sunday June 9th, 2013 for next year's Family Fun Day (note the new date !)

This will be a version of the weekend family Camp which we held in 2009 to celebrate the Group's Centenary, but this time condensed into one day.

The day will involve all sections of the Group from Beavers all the way to Explorers, as well as parents, friends and families.

There will be activities for all ages, and the chance for all members of the 113 community to spend a great day out together.



HALL PAINTING

As the next stage in our programme of hall improvements, we are having the toilets and stairways painted in the coming weeks, and the upper hall redecorated in mid January.