

Hello everyone! In the autumn the Group has been very active - as usual!

**Beavers** - The Beaver colonies spent the term learning about our wider world and how to stay safe in our different environments. As part of the My World Challenge badge and Global Issues activity badge we explored different religions, learnt about (and got to try) some Fair-trade food and had an excitable visit from the Guide Dogs. For the Safety badge, we enjoyed an excellent evening at Central Fire Station, getting to look around the fire trucks and trying on the equipment.

**Cubs Kingfishers** - The Kingfishers took part in the UK parliament week, they also partnered with a Cub pack in Louisiana as part of the partnership award

**Cubs Kestrels** - The Kestrels welcomed a number of new members who have moved up from Beavers. The pack has spent the term completing a number of awards including their Skills Challenge, Entertainers badge and Emergency First Aid. The cubs as usual have enthusiastically completed the awards, having great fun and demonstrating great commitment

**Scouts** - The troop held an Autumn expedition award camp at Jubilee field. 12 scouts walked for 2 days covering over 20km in the Vale of Glamorgan including climbing the Garth mountain. The photographer, artist, model maker, mechanic, meteorologist badges were offered this term and in addition several scouts attended the District get a badge day.

**Leaders** - Welcome back to Alex Lantzios who is helping with the troop and to Megan O'Bryne from Dublin who is helping with Maple beavers whilst studying in Cardiff

**Dates for your diary      The return of the Easter Treasure hunt**

**Sunday 13th April**

**2.30 - 4.30pm**

**Family tickets £12 (up to 5)**

**Individual £3**

Some years ago, we ran a successful Easter family event and we are repeating it this spring. It will take the form of a walk around Pontcanna/Llandaff fields, answering questions on the way, with a prize for the winning team. A scavenger hunt & trail for the children will follow and a small raffle. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are included in the ticket price, plus a small Easter egg for the children.

**Group AGM Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.45pm Scoutbase**

**The Fete**

**Saturday 21st June p.m.**

We are planning to run the annual fete at scoutbase this year on 21<sup>st</sup> June

. Watch this space for further details

**Census-** We recorded 140 young people at our January census - Really good number - 1% of the membership in Wales!

**Help with sections** - we are looking to see if any parent might be able to help on a regular (or irregular!) basis with a section especially with beavers.

**Committee vacancies** - Our Group Trustee Board and general purposes committee meets about 6 times a year - usually by zoom - and is responsible for fund raising, management of scoutbase, etc. We have 2 vacancies. If anyone is interested - please contact Rex (GSL)

**New Joiners.** There is a waiting list for Beavers for children under the age of 6. Names need to register as young as possible to guarantee a place. We have several who were born last year☺ We do get a very large number of enquiries for older children. These are very hard to accommodate as the sections are usually full - very occasionally someone moves away or can no longer attend and we can fit them in. However, it is a matter of luck. If friends ask, please make the situation clear to them - there is no guarantee of a space. Nikki Cole is now holding the Reserve List for beaver/cub age children instead of Marilyn. There is no waiting list for scouts.. Please check with Rex before giving contact details to other people.

**Buying Beaver, Cub or Scout uniform** - you can order on line from Cardiff Area scout shop and they will then deliver. [scoutshoponline@cardiffandvalescouts.org.uk](mailto:scoutshoponline@cardiffandvalescouts.org.uk)

Or, you can shop in person at Scout Shop, CAV Area Hub at the end of Maitland St (off Whitchurch Rd). Saturdays 10.00 - 12.00 and Tuesdays 5.00 - 7.00.