

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

Beavers - Birch and Maple - Both colonies have had a very busy and fun filled time. In October, a combined group of Maple and Birch beavers enjoyed a Science based Sleepover at Scoutbase! Our Autumn activities covered My Skills Challenge, Cook, Creative and Build Badges. Lots of great and varied skills developed.

Cubs Kingfishers - Main event was the sleepover -the cubs visited the Cardiff Ice Rink. Cubs were invited to Llandaff Cathedral for the Remembrance Service and they laid a poppy wreath. Kingfisher cubs have been busy with a range of Challenge and Activity badges.

Cubs Kestrels - The pack enjoyed activities which contributed towards the Teamwork and Team leader Challenges. Core skills for cubs! 3 weeks were spent on gaining the Artist, Chef, Personal Safety or Sports Enthusiast badge. Lots of fun and many skills developed.

Scouts - The troop held an Autumn camp at Scoutbase - the highlight of which was building rafts and launching them at Barry boat base. Very enjoyable but wet! We completed the physical recreation, sports enthusiast, photographers & artist badges. We have been climbing at Boulders twice & a successful cyclist badge day was held - they rode 25 km in less than 3 hours -really good going!

Leaders - Congratulations to Emma Pryse & Tim Pryse who were awarded their Silver Acorn last term, and to Martyn Thomas, Paul Steele & Dan Ashman who were awarded their Medal of Merit.

We would like to welcome 2 new leaders to our leadership teams - Mick Lynn to Kingfisher Cubs and Lucas Price to Birch Beavers. Also, thanks to the Community Policing Team for their support.

Dates for your diary

Group AGM Thursday 9th May

Baseball & BBQ

A return to lighter evenings - this year's event will be on **Sat 18th May £4 a head 6 - 8pm**

Booking in advance required

The Fete

We are planning to run the annual fete at scoutbase this year on **Saturday 15th June p.m.**

. Watch this space for further details

Bonfire night & campfire

As usual this event is on the 5th November It's a Tuesday this year

Census- We recorded 136 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. Recently, several parents have helped at Birch Beavers.

Committee vacancies - Our Group Executive Committee(now renamed Trustee Board)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)

Auditor - we need a new auditor for this year's independent examination of our accounts - we have tried various people but no luck so far - any ideas please?

New Joiners. There is a waiting list for Beavers for children under the age of 6. Names need to be registered 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.

Marilyn holds the Reserve List for beaver/cub age children. There is no waiting list for scouts..

Please check with Rex or Marilyn 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

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.