



28th Glasgow (Giffnock) Scout Group

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Spring 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to the latest Group Newsletter.

Read on for updates from the sections, photos of recent activities, and more.

<https://www.giffnockscouts.org.uk/>

Fundraising Club

Thank you to everyone who responded to the letter that we sent to all parents inviting them to join the Fundraising Club – and a particular thank-you to those who took up that invitation. As you know, we need to raise an extra £90 or so per head per year to help fund each young person's Scouting experience, including meeting the costs involved in heating, lighting, cleaning, insuring and maintaining the Scout Hall. The income from the Fundraising Club makes an important contribution to raising the necessary funds, particularly at a time when it has not been possible for us to undertake our normal programme of fundraising events, including the Jumble Sale. If the letter got put aside and forgotten about, don't worry! It's not too late! Just drop an email to Peter (group.chair@giffnockscouts.org.uk) and he'll send you details of how to join. We need your support to help our volunteers deliver the Scouting experience that your child enjoys every week.

And congratulations to those who have won prizes in recent draws, including:

No. 10	Kenny Gibson	-	£200
No. 148	Pat Mantle	_	£50
No. 239	Geoff Archbold	-	£50
No. 273	John Nicholson	-	£50



Group Executive Committee

At the Group's Annual General Meeting on 24 January Alastair Milloy and Sally Gallagher stood down from the Group Executive Committee after 4 years as Group Treasurer and Catering Co-ordinator respectively. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work during their time on the Committee. The other members of the Committee were re-elected to the Committee and we were also delighted to welcome to the Committee 4 new members, namely Michael Davidson, David Hatfield, Claire Newton and Lindsey Tollan.

Section Reports

Monday Beavers

We had a quieter time in January with less numbers as our oldest Beavers had moved onto Cubs. This allowed the remaining Beavers to finish off activities needed for some badge completion. We also worked on environmental issues and first aid.

When our new Beavers started in February, we covered the knowledge they needed with games and activities ready to make their promise and enrolling. The Beavers followed instruction and diagrams to make paper aeroplanes and then had a competition to see who could get theirs to fly the furthest. Good fun was had making and eating pancakes for pancake day. Thinking ahead to summer the Beavers planted sunflower and nasturtium seeds. They took them home to care for and we have reports that seeds are now seedlings and growing well.

Mother's Day meant we had a craft week and our last night before the break was busy with games and making our chocolate Easter nests.

Friday Beavers

Since Christmas it's been a busy time for the Friday Beavers Section! After seeing our older Beavers progress to Cubs in January, we've welcomed 7 new Beavers into the Scouting movement, bringing the total in the Section to 29.

As per of our outdoor activities badge, the Beavers enjoyed an evening of building campfires and toasting marshmallows which were enjoyed by all.

With new Beavers onboard we've renewed our Code of Conduct with each Lodge working together to set their own Code which all will aspire to uphold each Section night.

Our teamwork challenge had all the Lodges reaching for the sky with the spaghetis and marshmallow towers - some great fun was had by all, with points awarded for the tallest tower, best design, and tidiest Lodge. This was followed by the celebration of pancake day with Beavers making and eating their pancake face creations!

As we move into the Summer term, we'll look to spend more time outdoors making use of the lighter nights.



Tuesday Cubs

Just a quick update on what Tuesday Cubs have been up to since starting back in January.

We got off to an active start with a Burns Evening of Highland games, including, Toss the Turnip, Welly throwing, and a Burns Quiz. The night was finished off with a very competitive Tug of War.

After the February school holiday break, Cubs spent the next few weeks completing their First Aid Badge. They got involved in learning about CPR, burns and scalds, treating minor cuts and how to bandage an arm in a sling. Cubs also learned how to phone 999 in an emergency situation, and what services to use for different situations.

Shrove Tuesday was a great excuse to make and eat pancakes, which was very much enjoyed by everyone, and a few pancake tossing games. Many thanks to Janette Dickson for the pancake making.

A fun night of games was enjoyed by all, followed by Eleven Cubs receiving their Investiture...Well done everyone!

We have recently started completing the Cub Pioneering Badge, learning how to make stretchers using square lashing. We will also be learning other knots, and making rope before we break for the Easter Holidays.

Cubs will start back on the 19th of April, and look forward to seeing you all.

Have a lovely Easter.



Wednesday Cubs

Our Wednesday Christmas party and a trip to the trampoline park closed the year 2021. As we have now moved to sending our Cubs up to our Scouts section twice a year we said farewell to a number of our long standing Cubs. We wish them all the best in the Scouts and I was delighted to see many of them take up their positions within the Scout section. We had nine Beavers progressing into Cubs and that brings our pack number to a very healthy number of 31. We have since been working with them on some Scouting fundamentals, learning The Promise, and learning a selection of knots which will enable the Cubs to progress in their Scouting life with confidence.

In amongst our usual team building activities and games we celebrated Burns Night with some tug of war, tartan designing and traditional food and drink. The following week we celebrated the Chinese New Year - January & February are always good for some food & drinks. Our new Cubs have now been invested and new Sixers and Seconders announced.

I am writing this update just after Founders Day (22 Feb) and it was great to see pictures of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts wearing their uniforms to school with great pride. We will not be running a Cub meeting on 6th April and 13th April. Should of course anything change I will let you know by email. As always do not hesitate to get in touch be it an issue, a suggestion, getting involved or whatever.

Wishing you and yours all the very best over the holidays.





Scouts

The Scouts kicked off the year with games to get to know new members of the Troop before planning, preparing & hosting their own Burns supper at the end of January. The patrols have been working on team building as well as practising their knots and woodworking skills.



Explorers



One of the most notable evenings for the Explorers was a fencing taster session in the beginning of March. The evening saw Explorers don fencing jackets and chainmail masks and were taken through the fundamentals of the sport.

Make sure to like the [28th Giffnock ESU](#) page on Facebook for updates and photos from the Unit.



If you have any queries about any of the above or indeed about any aspect of the work of the Group Executive Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the Group Chairman, Peter Ritchie (Tel : 638 5205).

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