



## Telstar International Scout Group Report for the AGM June 2015

### Leadership

Group Scout Leader (GSL) - Rani Roloff

Assistant Group Scout Leaders (AGSLs)

- Beverley Atkinson
- Neil Skinner
- Nicola Laurent

Chairman Executive Committee – Katharina Jacobs

Scout Active Support (SAS) – Elisa Jensen

### Membership

Section	Female	Male	Total
Beaver 6-8 years	10	17	27
Cub 8-11 years	20	33	53
Scout 11-14 years	5	25	30
Explorer 14-18 years	12	31	43
Leader	18	12	30
Helper	9	4	13
Exec	8	4	12
SUB-TOTAL	82	126	208
SAS UK	4	1	5
SAS	8	8	16
TOTAL	94	135	229

- Current waiting list - 96

### **Leader/Officer Status**

- We have 46 leaders and sectional assistants. Our Leaders Council meets 5 times a year and decides on all matters concerning the Scouting programme and activities.
- Leaders are required to follow 60 hours of formal training and then to demonstrate this learning by practical application within the sections. Fully trained leaders wear a Wood Badge around their neck.... A leather bootlace with two carved wooden beads.
- Our Executive committee numbers 11 and meets 6 times a year to provide logistic support to the group and to raise funds for equipment and for our building fund.
- All leaders and sectional assistants receive 4 hours of induction training plus a one day training in First Aid. Our Exec members are also encouraged to attend the induction and First Aid training.

### **Scout Active Support (SAS)**

- The SAS groups those people who want to help but who cannot make any regular commitment.
- 21 members led by Elisa Jensen
- Exec members are also automatically SAS members
- SAS have helped with:-
  - Fund Raising
  - Cooking
  - Transport
  - Special skills

### **Highlights**

- Celebrating 40 years of Telstar in Luxembourg.
- Two Scouts were recognised by BSO for their bravery and good conduct at the District Camp life saving incident.
- Explorer Belt to the Czech Republic.
- Beverley being recognised and awarded for 50 years of service to scouting.
- 5 new Leaders and Sectional Assistants joined Telstar.
- Over 30 additional children joined Telstar.
- Fantastic work done by the Scout Home Project Committee. We anxiously await news from the government regarding a Telstar Home Base.
- 1 Leader received his Wood Badge and two are close to completing their training.

### **Future Plans**

- Strengthen present Scout Troop and start a second Scout Troop.
- Continue with the Recruitment campaign and find able Leaders.
- Expedite the Scout Home project.
- Reduce the waiting list.
- Host the Benscan District Sixers and Seconders Weekend.

## Section Reports



### Oak Colony

Oak Colony now meets at the Scout Home in Capellen. The Colony is led by **Kristen Neville**, who is handing over the baton to Joanne Bywood. Joanne has graciously accepted being the Beaver Section Leader from September 2015.

The Colony currently has 5 Leaders, Kristen Neville, Joanne Bywood, Tony Killen, Marysia Walligora, and Catherine Loretto and 3 Sectional Assistants, Mei Hendersen, Sophie Saphy and Kate Ensor and Megan Hollis, Explorer Helper.

Kristen reports, 'We worked on the Global and Friendship challenge badges this year and the Camp Craft, Safety, Cycling, Healthy Eating, and Friendship activity badges.'

We are not quite sure what we will do next year since the badge requirements have recently changed, but will meet over the summer to revise the programme for the coming school year.

Everyone is looking forward to implementing the new badges, despite the immense amount of planning it will require, because we all think they provide an even better programme which will be a ton of fun to implement with the Beaver Scouts.'

### Sycamore Colony

The Sycamore Colony is led by **Caroline Kafka** and assisted by Lynn Frank, Clelia Sommers, Lynn Callaghan, Audrey Black and Zoe Baxter, Explorer helper.

#### Members

14 Beavers: 8 females, 6 males

#### Highlights of 2014 – 2015

Activity  
Badges  
completed



Staged and Challenge Badges completed



Badges awarded to individuals



**Other highlights:**

Visit by Parabadminton player – Gobi Ranganthan  
Raising over 100 euros for SHINE and Comic Relief

**Activity and Challenge badges for coming year**



**Challenges for coming year**

- Working on new Beaver programme
- Maintaining a connection between the two colonies
- Continuing to recruit and develop new Leaders and Helpers

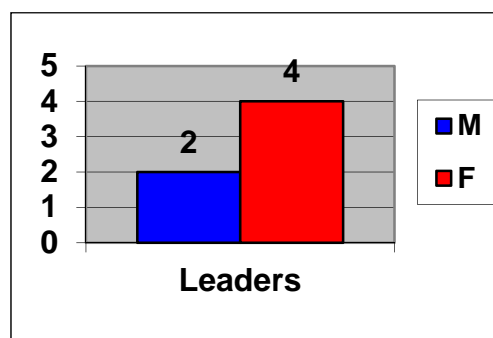
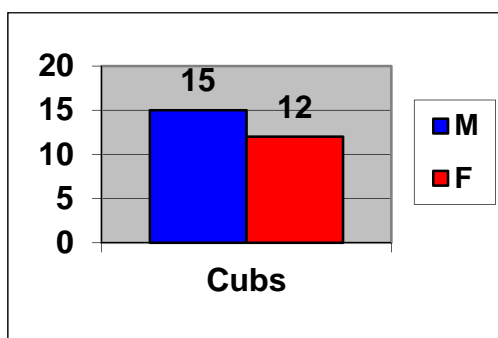




### Mowgli Cub Pack

The Section Leader, Akela, for the Mowgli Pack is **Karen McEwan**, ably assisted by Lena Berg, Paolo Panbianco, Martin Poppfredslund, Eva Kolovratnikova and Daisy Hollywood.

#### Members (June 2015)



#### Programme (2014-2015)

Backwoods Cooking  
Collector  
Emergency Aid  
Entertainer  
Fire Safety  
Global Challenge  
Knotting  
Map & Compass  
Tracking  
Family Camp  
Telstar's Got Talent  
District Camp  
Church Fair  
Big Jump Challenge

#### Highlights

Orienteering

Museum Visit  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Code of Conduct Video  
Presentation of 3 Chief Scout Silver Awards

### **Future Plans**

Getting acquainted with the new Cub Scout Awards  
Start a Pack Forum (for Sixers and Seconders)  
Cub Centenary  
Group Camp  
Benelux Sixers and Seconders Weekend (Telstar hosting)

## **Baloo Cub Pack**

The Section Leader, Akela, for this Pack is **Sonia Alvarez**. Sonia took over the baton from Dorothy Slatter in January 2015. She is assisted by Pablo Sanchez, Freider Keilkopf, Razvan Rijou, Kira Stewart and Dylan Theissen, Explorer.

**Members:** 26 Cubs: 8 Female & 18 Male

### **Program 2014-2015**

Compass, Map Reading, Orienteering, Knotting & Lashings, Mini Pioneering, Healthy Eating, Entertainer, Crafts, Water Sanitation, Photography, Fire Safety, Home Safety, First Aid, Creativity, Imagination, Cultures of the World, International Scouting, Backwoods Cooking, Camp Preparation, Nature Ramble, Code of Conduct, Pack Forum, The World Scouting Emblem & Its Meaning, Leadership – VI & IIs to run a meeting

### **Badges worked on:**

Navigator 1, Pioneer, Chef, Entertainer, Artist, DIY, Environmental Conservation, Global Issues, Photographer, Fire Safety, Home Safety, International, Backwoods Cooking, and Naturalist

### **Highlights of the Year**

Visits by experts in different topics: Water Sanitation Engineer / Fire Fighter / Paramedic / Photographer / Former Telstar GSL  
Grand variety of topics and hands-on activities

### **Next Steps**

To introduce more Outdoors & Adventure activities  
To include more activities inducing to Team Building and Bonding among the Cubs





The Scout Section is led by **Paul Clinnik** and assisted by James McGill, Ian McCabe, Johnny Orr, Derek Clifford, Gordon Mackenzie, Donato Magazzino, Paola Novo, and Helene Meadows.

### **Members**

32 Scouts – 4Female, 28Male    9 Leaders – 3F, 7M

### **Year ahead**

6 Scout moving up to Explorers    13 Cubs moving up to Scouts

36 Scouts

Waiting list 40

### **Activities undertaken this year were:**

Family camp and District camp,

Geocaching

FNEL Camp

American WWII cemetery visit

Orienteering

Bonfire night

Telstar's got Talent

Climbing at Marienthall

Church Fair Duck Race

Grand Duke's Birthday Torch lit Procession

### **Topics and badges covered over the past year have included:**

Hikes Away, Entertainers, Pioneering, Survival skills, Promise challenge, Adventure Challenge  
Outdoor and Outdoor Plus Challenge, Creativity and Problem Solving, Community, Chefs Badge.

As well, seven Scouts who look like they will achieve their Gold Chief Scouts Award .

### **Future Plans**

Meeting will be moved to Mondays from 1800 to 2000, at Scout Home Le Castors, in Schuttrange.  
With the move to Monday night meetings, we hope to have at least two more Scout camps this year  
as well as the PL and APL weekend and an Expedition camp. With the ability to have our 'learning'  
sessions more regularly on a Monday night will enable us to use weekends for larger activities,  
Hiking, camping, visits to local amenities etc.



# EXPLORERS

The Explorer Section is led by **Nicola Laurent** and assisted by Tom Sheils, Hayley Montague, Paul O'Sullivan, Lisa Di Rollo, Pierre Lindberg, Bryan Bulman, and Paula Stewart.

## **Members**

41 Explorers - 29 male and 12 female

3 Network - 2 female and 1 male

## **Areas covered this year**

Explorer belt over the summer holiday to the Czech Republic, fundamentals of scouting, ultimate frisby, bird ringing camp, drugs and alcohol awareness, talent show, working with the charity natur&emwelt clearing scrubland, navigation exercises, working at Bronze and Silver level for the Merite Jeunesse (International Duke of Edinburgh award), including practice and assessed expeditions. Working towards Platinum, Diamond and Queens Scout Awards.

## **Highlights**

- The Explorer Belt to the Czech Republic which was an amazing experience.
- 31 Explorers attending the bird ringing camp and really getting excited about wildlife, thank you so much to the charity natur&emwelt for the opportunity.
- District Camp, where we worked super successfully with the other groups to operate as one single Explorer section, a fantastic survival camp that saw our Explorers sleeping out in shelters overnight and cooking utensil free on open fires.

## **What we need to work on**

Teamwork both for Explorers and leaders. The District camp was a very successful start to this but a team-building camp will be early in our programme next year, with other team building exercises throughout the year. I would like to really see the Explorers getting to know each other better and really working as one big team and not just in friendship groups. Leaders will also be encouraged to take the lead for weekly meetings and camps so that the entire leadership team is working effectively and bringing in new ideas.

## **Looking forward**

A Gold Expedition to Southern Ireland next summer, including archery in our programme, continuing our work with the charity natur&emwelt and really building on our teamwork.