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TELSTAR SCOUT GROUP asbl

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From the Editor

This issue contains lots of positive reports about Group Camp – especially the catering. There are some interesting photos from the Jamboree contingent.
Thank you to all our contributors.

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Anne



Chairman's Corner

This is my first entry into "Chairman's Corner" since taking over the Chairman's position from Martin Hood this year. First, I would like to reiterate the thanks to Martin for the previous years that he has led the Executive Committee of the Group. I also want to take this opportunity to pass on a well deserved thank you to Jaime Barragan for his continued work in successfully obtaining another CAS subsidy for the Group. This subsidy directly goes towards the running of the Group as well as our building fund.

Unfortunately, one of the first items to mention is the cancellation of our Bonfire Night event for a second year. A combination of problems meant that we could not hold this fun event as we have been unable to secure a new area. However, we are very hopeful that we have found a suitable place in Godbrange for 2012 but this will still need some work to gain permission from the Junglinster commune. More to come on this.

The Telstar Group is moving from strength to strength with growth in all sections. There are a number of new section Leaders on-board but as ever we can never get enough help especially support at fund raising events and before and after camps for equipment loading/unloading etc. Please keep this in mind and keep a look out for requests for help from our Parent Reps throughout the year.

The project for our own home base continues and we are working with St. George's School. There will be another meeting with the school very soon and I hope I will be able to report on further progress over the next couple of months.

Finally, we will be holding another Quiz night - a fund raising event which has proven to be very popular. Date will be January 27th 2012 so please hold that date. Brush up on your music, general knowledge, and those obscure bits of trivia and start gathering your team...!

See you there...

John Ford

The Unsung Heroes of Group Camp ... Cooks in the Kitchen

by Paula Skinner

I don't cook at home, I loathe cooking, I'd rather wash up than cook and I am so thankful that my husband and children are wonderful cooks. So why do I volunteer to cook for 120 people at camp? Because that's not cooking – that's catering!

The recent Group Camp at Wiltz saw myself and Mary Hood (a wonderful partner to have in the kitchen; thank you Mary for volunteering), spending all day in a hot kitchen, sweating over boiling pans of ribs, large sinks of hot water and putting food in and out of an small single oven from 7am on the Saturday morning until 8pm that night. Everybody else was sweating in the glorious sunshine outside...

Starting with the cooked breakfast in the morning, the lunchtime sandwich menu and on to the evening banquet, we never stopped. Just to add to the fun, La Provencale forgot our order, so meals had to be adapted accordingly. This was just Saturday!

Sunday, we started the day again with cooked breakfast for the masses and then hand-prepared burgers for everyone (mince had been supplied instead of burgers), which were fun to make. Thankfully, Zezinha (who made some wonderful desserts for us over the weekend) came along and expertly finished off the last of them.

Lunch served, it was time for the final clean up of the kitchen and deciding how we were going to make use of any food leftover – freeze it, cook and freeze it etc.

Zezinha and I are now dab hands at this and you will be surprised at how little waste there is from a weekend like this! Finally, home for a well-deserved rest and the pure satisfaction that people were happily fed all weekend.

The challenge of catering is not for everyone, admittedly, but when you have a little Beaver doing an 'Oliver' impression in front of you, or getting an appreciative thanks from an Explorer, it is all worthwhile. And, I do have to say, I think we do a really good job in Telstar with our menus and the food we provide!

The weekend's menu:

Saturday:

Breakfast: bacon, tomatoes, fried bread, mushrooms, baked beans, fried eggs, cereals, bread and jam, fruit juices, tea and coffee

Lunch (adapted as La Provencale order did not arrive): cheese sandwiches, bacon sandwiches, cup cakes, fruit juice and water

Banquet: spare ribs (cut, boiled, marinated in home-made sauce and oven-roasted), chicken drumsticks, sausages (specially purchased from England!), roast potatoes, salad, corn on the cob, Zezinha's desserts.

Supper: hot chocolate and biscuits.

Sunday:

Breakfast: bacon, tomatoes, fried bread, mushrooms, baked beans, fried eggs, sausages, cereals, bread and jam, fruit juices, tea and coffee

Lunch: hand-made burgers in a bun, salads, potato salad, fruit, fruit juice and Zezinha's desserts.





Message from a Beaver parent

Bruno returned from camp on a cloud. He was really excited about the camp (but a bit tired!). It seems that not one detail was left out to make the weekend extra special -- from the rib-filled banquet to the costumes they made. Thank you to everyone who was so giving of their time. This camp will definitely be remembered as extra special as it was his first camp without a family member. The perfect weather was an added plus.





Benelux Camp 2011

We had 19 Cubs attend the annual camp at Grobbendonk in May. The theme was "American Indians" with the Cubs cooking frybread, making totems and learning some American Indian sign language.

Cub Camp 2011

For the first time in a long time, we organised our own Cub camp which was held at Colpach-Bas in June. We had 19 Cubs attend with a few Dads helping run activities. The Cubs made knotting boards, baked pizza in a box (yes, it does work!) and did an orienteering hike.

Group Camp 2011

At the beginning of October, 18 Cubs attended the Group Camp at Wiltz. The theme was "Asterix" and the Cubs made tunics, swords and shields. On the Saturday evening, we joined with the Beavers, Scouts and Explorers for a fantastic banquet. On the Sunday, we had a ceremony to "throw up" the 6 Cubs moving to Scouts.

Weekly Meetings

This term, we have been doing some map & compass work as well as knotting. We will shortly be working on the Entertainer badge for the Christmas party with the Beavers in December.

Chief Scout's Silver Award

This is the highest Cub Scout award and we recently had 2 Cubs who completed all the challenges, having done a lot of work in their own time. Congratulations to Kasper Berg and Zoe Upton.



Cub Leaders/Helpers

We recently welcomed Paolo Panbianco to the Cub team. Here is a recap of the current team, with their Cub names (taken from Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book"). A couple have still to choose their Cub name.

WANTED! - Cub Parent Rep

Alick Morris has stepped down from this role now and we need a Cub parent to replace him. A mail will be sent out to all Cub parents shortly but, in the meantime, if anyone is interested they can ask one of the Cub Leaders for more information.

Akela	Karen McEwan
Wawbeck	Neil Skinner
Kim	Lena Berg
Raksha	Helen Haselock
Hiawatha	Paolo Panbianco
	Jana Dziakova
	Jørn Tilsted



There were lots of changes at the start of the year with 8 Scouts moving on to Explorers, and new Scouts joining either from Cubs or from other Scout troops.

We are planning to have a very full and active programme for the Scouts this year.

We will, once again, be organising an Expedition to explore part of Luxembourg over a weekend. In addition we will be holding a Book Sale on December 3rd to raise money for the building fund and a local charity as part of the Community Challenge. We will also be having our Global Challenge Banquet where the Scouts will be cooking an Indian banquet for their parents and siblings.

Congratulations to Anthony Upton on completing his Chief Scout Gold Award just before moving up to Explorers. A total of 4 Gold Awards were made last Scouting year - hoping for even more this year!

Clare

Hi, I'm Kasper

When I started Scouts, I was a bit nervous because I didn't know anyone. But when I saw everyone, there were some Scouts I knew from Cubs - like James, Callum and Jess.

After one meeting I joined the Group Camp with the Scouts and I slept in a green Scout tent. In the morning I had to make my own breakfast on an open fire. It was cool. In the afternoon we cut sticks into different shapes with our penknives. It was awesome.

In the evening we had a big dinner with meat, sausages, spare ribs, potatoes, corn and cake for desert. We were all dressed up as Gauls because the theme was Asterix and Obelix. Ian was big Obelix and he always tried to get some of the magic poison (juice).

It is great to be a Scout, and I am looking forward to all the meetings and camps.

Kasper Berg

My impression of my first Group Camp with Telstar Scouts

The Group Camp in Wiltz from Friday 30 September to Sunday 2 October was my first Group Camp with Telstar Scouts and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

We were very fortunate that the weather was pleasant over the weekend which made sleeping in tents much more enjoyable.

On Friday, we set up the tents ourselves and on Saturday we had to cook our own breakfast. The theme of the afternoon games was that of Asterix. We dressed up in sacks which we had previously painted and played with swords. Later on, we were joined by the Telstar explorers who were on an expedition and we all set up a campfire with singing and fun. The whole event was very pleasant and I enjoyed it very much.

I also enjoyed the game we played on Sunday. We were divided into Groups trying to get cards from other Groups while our Leaders were trying to deprive us of the cards we had in hand.

I now look forward to my next Telstar Group Camp which, I am certain, will be equally enjoyable.

Christos LAZAROU

Here is a piece from our newest Scout Leader Marie Jaquesson

Hi Everyone!

My name is Marie and I think what Telstar does for children in Luxembourg is great. I have been a monitor at summer camps for young children in France ever since I was 17. In France, many young people do this. I really enjoyed it and have developed a passion for it. . You have to pass a certification test to become a 'summer camp monitor'. I took it and specialised in coin magic tricks. Since then, I have been a monitor on a number of summer camps of between 2 to 3 weeks in the Alps or in the French countryside, organising daily activities and theme nights for children aged between 8 to 13 years old. Unfortunately, I have not had the time nor the opportunity to continue doing it over the last couple of years. Joining Telstar allows me to pick this up again. To me, Telstar has the advantage of having an international vision. I am a French national but I have spent a couple of years in the UK and I would like to remain close to British culture. I also value the Group's pedagogical approach and I want to be introduced to a new world, the one of Scouting. I have never been a Scout myself but I am keen on learning more with you all!

PLs' and APLs' Weekend 18-20 November



Held in conjunction with the Sixers' and Seconds' weekend for the Cubs at Clairefontaine, we were delighted that all 12 of our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders could attend. They teamed up with Scouts from Brussels and Waterloo to learn about Leadership skills, instructing Practical Skills, Programme Planning, Responsibilities of a Patrol Leader and Leading Games. A fun weekend was had by all and the Leaders were extremely

impressed at how articulate and insightful our young people are. Thanks to Nil Tailor from Waterloo for the programme and tp Akela Karen McEwan for organising the venue and the catering.

Beverley



This year the Explorers had to hit the ground running, or certainly at a fast walk, as we started with planning and then completing the Assessed Expedition for the Merite Jeunesse Bronze award. The Expedition was done during Group Camp when the Explorers walked from Clervaux to Wiltz (20kms) and then Wiltz to Liefrange (11 km). The finishing point was meant to be Lultzhausen but we were surprised to find the pontoon bridge was being moved due to a lack of water in the lake – you just can't plan for some things! All the Explorers did a fantastic job. The weather was beautiful but almost too nice for a long walk. During Group Camp we also welcomed the Scouts moving up to Explorers in a ceremony unlike any I have seen before. They were half carried, half thrown from the Scouts to Explorers across the morning ceremony circle in a blanket, it seemed a fitting start to their Explorer career! Since Group Camp we have calmly welcomed the new Explorers into our Group. During our session on the 15th October we heard from the Explorers who went to the Jamboree, which I hope will inspire some of the new ones to apply in 4 years time. We then had a fantastic session with trainers from Ultimate de Lux who came along to teach us all how to play ultimate Frisbee – it's much harder than it looks!

So what do we have planned for the rest of the year? We will be learning about and working with the charity SOS Village; playing laser tag; going on a Winter survival camp (let's hope the Leaders do!); getting musical and internet aware and working on our Merite Jeunesse awards. We have a very varied and active programme and are really looking forward to it.

And last but most certainly not least I would like to welcome 4 new Explorer Leaders to the team this year. Yes everyone else who worked with me last year left! A very big welcome to Helen Miller (who I have poached from the cubs), Lisa Di Rollo, Tom Sheils and Pierre Lindburg. They are already proving to be a fantastic team.



World Scout Jamboree



22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011
22^{ème} Jamboree Scout Mondial Suède 2011

Photos from the Jamboree

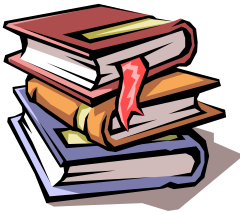


Do you recognise anyone?





**Telstar Scout Troop
Second-hand Book Sale
Saturday December 3rd**



St Georges' International School
Rue des Peupliers, Hamm
14.30 - 16.30
Refreshments available



Sorry, we cannot take any more donations of books

Events for your diary

12th December 2011 Exec, SAS, Leaders and Helpers
Christmas meal. Venue to be confirmed.

14th December 2011 18.30 -20.00 Leaders, Helpers, Exec, SAS: Christmas
Drinks at FNEL. 43, rue de Hollerich, Hollerich.

15th December 2011: SAS – final drinks of the year at the George and
Dragon - all welcome from 7.30 onward!

27th January 2012: Quiz Night

3rd & 4th March 2012: The annual Telstar HELP weekend for all Leaders,
Helpers, Executive committee members and SAS in the beautiful Abbaye
Saint Maurice in Clervaux.

11th – 13th May 2012: District Camp (Pirates)