



This year has been another active and varied year for the 18 or so strong Keir Troop. We have seen a keen group of Parent Helpers much appreciated by both the Scouts and leaders Richard Shaw, Jan Shaw, Birgit Teismann, Chris Western and Rae Taylor. We have also been ably assisted by Young Leaders Jack and Caelan (Ex Keir troop Scouts and volunteers from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme). Highlights of the year have included:

- Numerous camping events as the Scouts worked towards their Bronze Zodiac badge, including at the Westhill Scout Group family camp, cold weather camps in Westhill and in a bothy
- Jared, has been working hard on the Chief Scout Gold award badge.
- Sailing with the “Splash” organisation on Loch of Skene,
- Learning an essential life skill of how to extinguish a frying pan fire.
- Learning to be a responsible member the community in which we live by Litter picking and a visit from the local police beat officer who providing a talk on issues affecting young people.
- Roman gladiatorial games,
- Kicking off the new year with a Mad science themed *Brainiac* session,
- Several Scouts achieved the Survival badge which included sleeping out in a homemade shelter.
- Backwoods and other cooking events with pancakes, cookies etc.
- Creating pioneering structures, monkey bridges, camp gadgets, ballistae, catapults etc.
- Hiking on local Hills, stopping off to build shelters which were tested using super soakers.
- Burns supper with entertainment provided by the Scouts reciting Burns poems
- Visit to the ski centre at Garthdee
- Learning the ancient skill of bodging, making wooden mallets to hammer in the tent pegs.

We have had several move on to the Explorer Scout Group based in Westhill which creates further opportunities.



Shelter Building



Preparing for Litter Pick



Brainiac Mega-bubbles

Richard, Birgit, Jan Shaw and Rae