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Tuesday, 1 December 2009

Dear Robert,

Welcome to the December edition of Scouts Scotland Plus.

Please note that Scottish Headquarters will close for the Christmas break at lunchtime on Wednesday 23rd December and will reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2010. Peace and goodwill to you all for 2010.

In the meantime, please remember to contact david@scouts-scotland.org.uk if you have any news you'd like us to highlight on www.scouts-scotland.org.uk or if you have any good quality Scouting images you'd be happy to share with us.



Fundraising efforts boost Malawi Appeal

Groups and Districts across the country are getting involved in our campaign to help Scouting in Malawi. Find out about some of the fundraising that has gone on to date and how you can take part.



Count me in! - Annual Census 2010

Check out details of the 2010 Membership Census, including information shortly to be supplied by UKHQ and how you can help with the process.



Scout Fellowship - Active Support

SHQ Adviser (Scout Fellowship) Peter Merckel gives us an update on Scout Active Support and two presentations taking place in Scotland regarding this in February.



Book your place for our Burns Supper!

The line-up has now been completed for the evening event taking place in Glasgow on 5th February - book your place to enjoy a great evening's entertainment and support Scottish Scouting at the same time.



Protection of Vulnerable Groups consultation

The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 introduces a new scheme in Scotland later in 2010 to replace the current Disclosure arrangements. The Government is consulting on a number of pieces of Secondary Legislation to support the implementation of the Act. SHQ will submit a response on behalf of Scouting - comments and/or observations from members to help frame that

response would be appreciated - to be sent to SHQ by 10th January.



Evaluation of Restructuring - update

Evidence-gathering for the ERP Project has begun and will continue until the end of March. All DCs, plus an ADC and GSL from each District will be interviewed, as will Regional Teams, SHQ staff and volunteers and some from UKHQ. Those not being interviewed will have the opportunity to share their views with the Project Team via surveys which will be available early in the New Year. Please remember the Project Team can also be contacted on evaluation@scouts-scotland.org.uk.