



Aldersley District Information Bulletin

April 2010

A Word from the DC

Well, what a good first month! 1st Lindow won the County Cub Handicrafts competition, 4th Wilmslow Beavers won the County Beaver Challenge and three Band members won their classes in the National competition. Woooo, Aldersley First!!! ☺

Thank you to everybody who emailed me to welcome me to the District – it was great to hear from you! Please do email or phone me to let me know what you are up to, it's great to hear from you! The response on photos was pathetic – thank you Alison for the embarrassing photo of me frying sausages! So come on, send me some decent action photos otherwise our website will be full of really boring photos of my son and heirs' Scouting career!

A number of you asked me “What does the DC actually do?” The nerve of these people! The serious answer is that my job is to manage a team of volunteers. You volunteer to deliver Scouting to kids. My job is to help you do that safely and effectively. Very simple. So my first priorities are to get the basics established. Expect to see focus on safe guarding, appointments, training, permits and so on. Yes, it may appear boring but it's essential to running a good District. Remember this year we are 98. Next year we are 99 and we get to do all the really interesting stuff around planning for our second century but only if we have done our homework.....

Next month is a busy month what with Cheshire Hike and St George's Day. I will be helping a team from Holmes Chapel manning a Cheshire Hike checkpoint (I could tell you where but I'd have to kill you!) If you haven't been involved with Cheshire Hike, it really is a fantastic event. The Presentation is always great, all the teams hobbling in, the wait for the results, the cheers for the winners. Great. Makes you proud to be a Scout! (And once again, a county event where the cry will go up, “Right, lets march in, Aldersley First!”

Gilwell Reunion

The first weekend in September is the annual Gilwell Reunion. Let me explain a little bit more. Gilwell Park was given to the Scout Association by William de Bois Maclaren in 1919 as our National Training Centre. For a Scout it's a magical place steeped in history – last time I was there we went and found a photo of our generous benefactor, Dr Wilkinson – he attended the first Wood Badge Course ever held! So, lots of history but there's more. Will “Mr Campsite” Burnham went along with me in 2008. His view was it was a bit of a cross between a reunion and a trade show for Scout Leaders! There are no youth activities and there is catering so it's a bit like a leaders holiday. Of course there is a campfire but there are lots more entertainment including a bar or two. The best thing is that you realise that you are with kindred spirits – everyone is a Scout and you meet people from all over the world. If you haven't been to Gilwell, you need to visit at least once in your Scouting “career”! I will be going again this year, anybody else want to come with me?

<http://www.scouts.org.uk/reunion/programme.php?pageid=2692>

Wanted – Laptop

Anybody got a laptop they want to donate? For training and presentations it's useful to be able to use a projector and you need to have a laptop to drive it. Anybody got one they are not using?

“The DC”

Steve Buckley

District Commissioner

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St George's Day Parade 2010

Sunday 25th April

Timing of Event

Band and all Scouting Members will meet at St Philip's Football Field, Chorley Hall Lane, Alderley Edge, no later than 2.20 p.m. Uniform to be worn.

Route Chorley Hall Lane

London Road

Church Road

3.00 p.m. Special Guests arrive at Church and wait in the lobby. When Parade has entered they are escorted to their reserved seats

3.15 p.m. Service starts

4.15 p.m. approx. Band and Parade re-assemble in Church Road and march into Alderley Park.

4.30 p.m. approx. District Commissioner dismisses.

Order of the Parade 2010

Band

Colour Party

District Team

5th Wilmslow

6th Wilmslow

Alderley Edge

1st Chelford

1st Goostrey

1st Handforth

1st Holmes Chapel

1st Lindow

1st Wilmslow

4th Wilmslow

Explorer Units

The practice for Colour Party, Group Flag Bearers and Readers will be on Thursday 22nd April at 7.30 p.m. at the Church

Please Can all Flag Bearers attend the Rehearsal

When you Parade we do not march but please try to keep in straight lines so we look organised.

There is a Collection, remind your Members. If Leaders can collect before the Service then that would speed things up.

This year the collection is for the Scottish Mountain Rescue Team, in memory of Stephen Young, the Scout killed walking in the Highlands recently. He was well known in the movement as the Scout who slept in his tent for a year, to raise money for Charity.

This Charity is at the request of the family and I hope it will have your support.

Our District Commissioner will be attending along with other friends of Alderley Scouts.

I am sure you will give the occasion your full support.

Derek Wiles
District Chairman
derekwiles@googlemail.com

District Annual General Meeting

19th May 2010

Wilmslow Methodist Church

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Nominations are requested for the following Roles

District Secretary

District Treasurer

District Executive Committee

Representative County Scout Council

In the past we have just asked at the Meeting.

This is an opportunity for any one who would like to be involved at Executive Level to have a go.

**Any nominations to derekwiles@googlemail.com by 26th April.
Include a CV if you wish.**

I will circulate nominations in next months DIBS so members have a chance to think about it.

Hope to see a big turnout, refreshments are free.

Derek Wiles
District Chairman

Appointments Committee

Full Appointments

Debbie Robson	BSL	1 st Handforth
Sally Atkinson	ASL	1 st Holmes Chapel
David Hudson	CSPA	1 st Holmes Chapel

Provisional Appointments

Bill Filby	ABSL	1 st Handforth
Kris Swinnerton	ASL	1 st Holmes Chapel
Chris Wright	ASL	6 th Wilmslow

Re-Appointed

Michael Garrihy	ACSL	1 st Goostrey
Denise Frost	ABSL	1 st Handforth

Rob Henstock
District Appointments Secretary
01625 531228



Congratulations go to 4th Wilmslow who won the District Challenge in February, then represented the District in the County Challenge which took place at Neston Sea Scouts. I attended a party which was held at 4th to celebrate their win. All the Beavers were given medals and those that took part were given certificates. There was party food, balloons and games. A good time was had by all.

I have visited the new leaders at Goostrey where Easter baskets and a very enthusiastic egg hunt were going on.

I also visited Chelford when they were doing their experiment badge.

Chelford and Monday Holmes Chapel Beavers had a joint sleepover at Holmes Chapel with 8 Beavers from each group attending. Nights Away, Healthy Eating and Fitness Badges were earned by all. The speed at which the 6 pop up tents from Chelford popped up was amazing.

Julie Tulloch
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County Challenge

On Saturday 20th March 4th Wilmslow Beavers represented Alderley District at Dee Sea Scout Hut at Neston.

I am very proud to say that we won. The team worked really well together on a variety of challenges.

Well done boys.



Jackie with the winning team

Jackie Toombs
BSL, 4th Wilmslow / DBSL
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County Handicraft Competition

Alderley District's 1st Handforth Cubs have proved themselves to be the county's 'craftiest' Cubs.

Their team of six boys and girls won the County Handicraft trophy in a competition held in Widnes.

The competition was also a real learning experience for the teams taking part who all had to make items for their own ShelterBox – using that charity's emergency relief materials as examples.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide.

“It was very difficult to choose a winning team, but Alderley's representatives, 1st Handforth, did such a good job making the items for their box, and getting so much in it, that they deserved to be named as winner,” said Cubs' Assistant County Commissioner Cathy Bland.

A typical ShelterBox contains [mosquito nets](#), [collapsible water containers and water purifying equipment](#), [stove and cooking equipment](#), [custom-designed ten-person tent](#), [waterproof ponchos](#), [waterproof groundmats](#), [children's activity pack](#), [thermal fleece blankets](#) and a toolkit.

So far this year almost 68,000 ShelterBoxes have been shipped to countries in need of emergency aid including Chile and Haiti.



The winning team of Matthew Cuthbertson, Laurence McCormick, Katie Mayoh, Sam Hawtin, Josh Ward and William Cahill with leaders Lorna Ford and Nikki Burgess.

1st Chelford Cubs win the Macclesfield & Congleton District 5-a-side football tournament.

Although it is M&C D tournament in name, packs from Alderley District are also invited to take part, although this year only ourselves and Lindow (who had 2 teams) took part along with 12 other packs from Macclesfield & Congleton.

Chelford, along with both Lindow teams topped their groups and so progressed to the quarter-finals where, unfortunately, Lindow "B" were knocked out. Chelford and Lindow "A" both progressed to the semis and safely navigated their way into the final for what was to be a closely contested match. The score see-sawed throughout the match but at the final whistle of normal time they were locked at 3 – 3, so the match went into "golden goal" extra time. Both teams pressed for the winner but neither could sneak the win and so the final went to the dreaded penalty shoot out. Again, there was very little to choose between the two teams, but the Chelford goalie saved Lindow's final penalty to earn Chelford a 2 – 1 penalty victory and take home the Cup.

Well done to Chelford for their victory and Lindow for their second place.



The winners with their trophy

Ian Wilkes
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New ASL at 6th Wilmslow

Chris Wright was welcomed as ASL at 6th Wilmslow by being invested in front of an audience of 90 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, Parents and others at their Group Talent Show.

The setting was perfect.



Chris Wright with Ian Ross

Ian Ross, SL
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Gold Duke of Edinburgh



Adam Ashcroft, Josh Harding and Matt Rugen at St James Palace where they were presented with their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



On Sunday 21st March, 5 band members travelled down to Wednesbury to enter in the Traditional Youth Marching Band Association Solos Competition. We had 3 buglers, 1 drummer and 1 member on tuned percussion taking part, and one of our buglers, Thomas Matthews, was also entered in to the Upper Brass category, playing his trumpet. Of the six entries we achieved 3 firsts - Rebecca French in Intermediate Tuned Percussion, Shereena Hewitt in Intermediate Bugle, and Thomas Matthews in Foundation Upper Brass; 1 third, and two fourths. This was a fantastic result in a competition where entries came from all over the country.

A huge congratulations goes to all the members that entered – it is a huge achievement to even get past the nerves and go that far.

We are now entering a very busy time of year for the band. From April 7th band practices are moving outside to the Seashell Trust in Cheadle, where we will stay until mid-November after the National Finals - only moving inside for really extreme weather! We have many engagements planned for this year, including 5 competitions, and band members work extremely hard, both at practices and at home, making sure that they are ready for these events.

We are always looking for new members - whether they already play an instrument or not. We provide the loan of an instrument, uniform and tuition all free of charge. All we ask in return is commitment. If you know of anybody from the age of 8 upwards who might like to join the band, please do not hesitate to pass on our contact details, or contact us directly.

Emma Simpson
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The latest list of courses planned is attached and shows more training available locally.

Getting Started on 17th April covers modules 1, 2 and 3, which are required before a full appointment is made.

First Aid: the next course will be on 18th April at Alderley Edge Scout Hall.

To book a place on a course or to discuss your training please contact me.

Wendy Macdonald, LTM

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**Practical Skills Training Day 2010 (Module 18)
Saturday 25 September, Tatton Park Scout Campsite**

Come along and have some fun enhancing your practical skills as a Leader which will aid you in delivering even better programmes for your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts. This is great way of completing your Module 18 training requirement (it will be validated on the day) or as a way of completing some of your on-going learning (15 hours over 3 years) You will have the opportunity to attend 7 sessions from all the skills bases on offer.

See attached flyer for more information and booking form.

**Pioneering Skills Training Day 2010 (NEW FOR 2010)
Sunday 26 September, Tatton Park Scout Campsite**

Calling all Scout and Explorer Scout Leaders, new for 2010 we're running a Pioneering Day; learn the Skills required to teach your Scouts and Explorers some large scale Pioneering projects! An ideal opportunity to do some on-going learning at the same time (15 hours over 3 years) is essential for all leaders, including those who hold the Wood Badge. The day will run from 9.30am till 4.30pm.

See attached flyer for more information and booking form.

Canal Narrow Boating

Courses leading to assessment for an activity permit for canal narrow boating are again being run this year:

April 16/18 - 2 spaces left

May 14/16th

June 25/27

Sept 10/12

Contact Pam Jones for more details:

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pamjones51@hotmail.co.uk

Chamboree 2010

At the recent District Forum, I was asked for a summary of which sections / groups from the District are planning on being at Chamboree. Here is the summary as far as I know:

	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
Holmes Chapel	y	y	y
Goostrey	n	n	n
Lindow	n	n	n
Chelford	y	y	y
4th Wilmslow	y	n	y**
5th Wilmslow	n	n	n
6th Wilmslow	y	y	y**
Alderley Edge	n/a	?	y*
1st Wilmslow	y	?	y*
Handforth	y	y	y*

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Swimmer Badge Testing

About 86 swimmers from all over the District descended on Wilmslow Leisure Centre.

They were greeted by a small army of adult volunteer helpers from several Groups who counted laps, dropped bricks and timed the H.E.L.P. position for two hours.

So popular were some of the stages that we needed extra badges.

Thanks to everyone who helped on the reception desk and at poolside to make the evening safe, fun and rewarding.

Ian Ross, SL
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Tidnock

Tidnock is now open for the season.

Volunteers are required to set up an orienteering course.

To volunteer or to book your camp or outdoor activity at Tidnock
contact Will Burnham – tel. no. 01477 532758

Cheshire Show Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd June

The time has come round again to search for willing helpers at this year's Cheshire Show.

Please circulate the leaflet sent with DIB far and wide so that everyone in Scouting is aware of this opportunity. Any help you are able to muster will be greatly appreciated.

Cathy Bland
P.A. to County Commissioner
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Diary Dates

10 th /11 th April Saturday/Sunday		Cheshire Hike
17 th April Saturday	9.00 am – 6.00 pm	Camelot – Beavers & Cubs
18 th April Sunday		First Aid Training Alderley Edge Contact: Wendy MacDonald wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk St George's Day Parade
25 th April Sunday		
12 th May Wednesday	7.30 pm	Band AGM
14 th – 16 th May Friday – Sunday		Nights Away Training Tatton Park Scout Campsite
15 th May Saturday	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Beaver Water Fun Day Chelford Scout Hut
18 th May Tuesday	6.45 pm	6 th Wilmslow Scout Group AGM
19 th May Wednesday		District AGM
25 th May Tuesday		Holmes Chapel Scout Group AGM
13 th June Sunday		County Scout Sunday Chester
15 th June Tuesday		County AGM Wilmslow High School
31 st July to 7 th August		Chamboree Tabley, Knutsford
2 nd August Sunday	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	Chamboree – Beaver visit
18 th /19 th September Saturday/Sunday		Nights Away Training (Indoors) Beeston Outdoor Centre
25 th September Saturday		Practical Skills Day Tatton Park Scout Campsite
25 th /26 th September Saturday/Sunday		Survival Skills Badge Tidnock Wood Coordinator: Ian Ross ian.iross@btinternet.com
26 th September Sunday	9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Pioneering Skills Training Day Tatton Park Scout Campsite
10 th October Sunday	10.00 am – 3.00 pm	Beaveree Barnswood
21 st November Sunday		Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentations
December		Beaver Christmas Extravaganza Tatton – details tbc
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12 th February Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	District Beaver Challenge URC Church
27 th July to 7 th August		22 nd World Scout Jamboree Kristianstad, Sweden