



Aldersley District Information Bulletin



December 2010

Another year draws to the close!



As you get the glitter, tinsel and baubles out again, I just want to thank you all for all the time, commitment and support you have dedicated to Scouting this year. It is appreciated and you only have to look at the faces of the kids at your weekly section meeting to know that. Once again, thank you.

Remembrance Day Parades

I have received a number of compliments regarding the attendance and smart turnout at the various parades across the District. Well done everyone, I know the amount of effort it takes to get a good attendance so thank you.



Wilmslow Remembrance Parade



Aldersley Edge Remembrance Parade

I attended the parade in Holmes Chapel. It was well attended and the Group looked very smart. I thought I'd just mention a little drama that played out whilst the vicar was preaching the sermon. I was sat upstairs and the fantastic singing and organ playing had woken a very large and dozy insect. It flew absentmindedly around until it approached and then dropped into one of the floodlights. Immediately it caught fire and a good flume of smoke ensued. Was the light going to catch fire? Would we have to evacuate the church? How should I interrupt the vicar and get everyone out safely? Had Wendy covered this in her risk assessment? The smoke kept on coming. I was just about to spring to my feet when the light blinked out, phew! Another little drama avoided.



Approaching one hundred years.....

As we discovered earlier this year, the District was formed a hundred years ago next year. At the Forum meeting we decided we would celebrate in 2011. Since the meeting a number of you have approached me with concerns that you already have planned your year and how will this decision impact on your plans. I have been thinking about this and I am going to propose the following at the District Executive Meeting in December – *The District should celebrate its Centenary in the Academic Year 2011 – 2012*. This would mean that first activities would probably take place during the 2011 August Bank Holiday. I'd appreciate your thoughts and comments before the Exec Meeting on the 6th December.

They don't grow up – they just get bigger!

On the Friday, I visit Karen and the Cubs at Holmes Chapel – they finished the meeting off with an enthusiastic game of “Escape from Colditz” in the dark. On the following Thursday I visited the Explorers and guess what? Yes, they were playing “Escape from Colditz” ! ☺



DCs Diary

2nd Meeting Wilmslow / 3rd Meeting with Derek Wiles 4th Meeting re Network / 5th Axe and knife care @ The Edge / 10th Meeting with Ian Kennedy @ 5th 12th Wood Badge Presentation @ Holmes Chapel / 13th Swimming Gala / 14th Remembrance Parade / 15th Meeting with Wendy re Training. Meeting re Explorers / 16th DC Meeting / 19th Woodbadge Presentation @ Alderley Edge. CSA Gold @ Goostrey / 21st CSA Gold Presentation @ Nantwich

CSA Gold Presentation at Nantwich on Sunday 21st November

What a fantastic afternoon! 31 Scouts from Alderley were awarded their CSA Gold and most attended the event to have their certificate presented by the UK Chief Commissioner, Wayne Bulpitt. It was a great event and all the parents and leaders I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed it. Congratulations to:

- Jake Gaynon, Ralph Lea, Michael Leach and George Pickering from 1st Chelford
- Josh Elliott, Alex Flanders, Sean Memmott, Sam Mitchell, Oliver Nelson and Matthew Ottley from 1st Goostrey
- Daniel Hewson, Kenneth MacDonald, Sam Parks, Rhys Robinson and Tim Vercoe from 1st Holmes Chapel
- Callum Tipton, Tom Sleath, Christian Whitehead, Sam Wilkinson and Luc Wilkinson from 1st Lindow
- Hugh O'Shea from 4th Wilmslow
- Harry Perry and Josh Perry from 5th Wilmslow
- Ronan Brown, Edward Hare, Alex Hine, Hugh Richards and Elliott Rimmer from 6th Wilmslow
- Ben Clarkson, Gordon Redgrave-Scott and Patrick Booth from Alderley Edge (Margaret Woodall was very proud as she retires after Christmas!)

Well done everybody! If you want to see what went out, click on this link:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiuQ1I9xV_4

District Photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cheshirescouts/>



Steve Buckley
District Commissioner



Have you seen the national badge to celebrate 25 years of Beavers next year?

You can see the badge at: <http://www.scoutshops.com/acatalog/scouting-fun-badges.html> and http://www.scoutshops.com/acatalog/1028654_pu.jpg



County Swimming Gala

Cubs from Holmes Chapel Croco and Dane Pack represented Alderley in the County Swimming Gala on Saturday 27th November at Woolston Leisure Centre, Warrington.

12 Cubs competed with Cubs from 7 other Districts to come 5th overall. The competition was really strong with other districts selecting their best swimmers, however out of the 11 events, 7 cubs were placed in the top 3 in their heat to go through to the finals.

The team spirit was fantastic and a great time was had by all!

Karen Vercoe, CSL
1st Holmes Chapel



Five-a-side Football

I am in the process of organising a scout section five-a-side football competition for early next year but currently only have one referee (At least two needed in total.) If any leaders feel suitably experienced to offer their services to referee in the competition or are willing to liaise with any parents who they feel have the right skills can they email me adc_scouts@sky.com we can then go ahead and make the necessary arrangements for the competition?

Karen Woodall
ADC Scouts

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Also massive congratulations to all the 31 Scouts who recently received their Chief Scout's Gold Award. I, along with the District and all the leaders are tremendously proud of their achievements and it is proof of the quality, exciting and adventurous scouting going on across our District. If you would like to see our Scouts at their presentation afternoon their video is available to view on 'you tube' search for Cheshire Scouts Chief Scout's Gold Award 2010.

Well done
Karen Woodall



It worked for me

6th Wilmslow Scouts tried the newly-created Entrepreneur Badge.

Ian Ross has a couple of ideas that he is willing to share.

They are business games that require no complex equipment, but do encourage Scouts to think creatively and in teams.

Contact him at ian.iross@btinternet.com



"I contacted Wendy for advice on how to complete the remaining modules, most of which I'd done some work for already. I was encouraged to get through the various modules. The workbooks are very easy to follow, and most of it is just common sense."

Lorna Ford, CSL Handforth, on completing Wood Badge training

"I feel a great sense of relief now that I have completed the Wood Badge training. On reflection I am glad to have persevered as I feel as a relative newbie I am now far better equipped to running a scout troop. Thanks to help and support from Wendy Macdonald and Shirley Baston. The new format of crashing through modules with validation over a weekend is a great approach for making progress quickly but also an excellent opportunity to meet and share experience with other leaders across the county."

Neil Memmott, SL Goostrey, on completing Wood Badge training

Well done to both Neil and Lorna.

If you'd like to discuss how to progress your training please contact me and I'd be very pleased to help.

Please see the attached list of courses planned. There are still some places available on the 4th December course covering modules 5,6,7,8,9. To book please contact me asap.

Wendy Macdonald LTM
Tel: 01477 533718
wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk

Wood Badge Presentations

It has been a struggle but we are starting to see progress on Leader Training. Wendy and the training advisers are doing all the hard work and I get to do the nice bit - presenting the awards. I surprised Karen Vercoe at Holmes Chapel and ambushed Geoff and Jeni Beeby at Alderley Edge (yes they are from Chelford). See the photos below.



Steve Buckley & Karen Vercoe with Holmes Chapel Cubs



Geoff Beeby & Steve Buckley



Steve Buckley with Geoff & Jenni Beeby and Chelford Cubs

At the time of writing I am planning to present Nicky Gilsenan with her award at Holmes Chapel and Jackie Toombs with her second Woodbadge at 4th. Photos in the next DIB.

Wouldn't it be nice to see your photo here with your smiling Colony / Pack / Troop / Unit?! Well, it's easier than you think, just talk to Wendy or your Training Adviser, they are there to help you.

Steve Buckley
District Commissioner



Alison Wright from Holmes Chapel receiving her 5 Year Service Award

Looking for a different place to camp in 2011?

6th Wilmslow have visited the Venture Centre on the Isle of Man twice and had a great time. Activities can include kayak, archery, mountain bike, sailing, raft building, hiking, climbing, assault course and more.

Cost is under £50 per person per night and a leader goes free with every 8 paying guests. That cost includes all on-island transport.

We managed to completed several badges, as the centre's staff were able to modify the programme to cover badge requirements.

Contact details:

www.adventure-centre.co.uk

(E) contact@adventure-centre.co.uk

(T) 01624 824240

Scout Jamboree – Sweden 2011 – Alderley Contingent

Over the past few months we have taken part in a number of fundraising activities; consisting of; a car wash, a bypass walk, cleaning up the Carnival Field and manning a water station at the Wilmslow Half Marathon. For me, the highlight of our fundraising ventures so far has to have been the car wash, where everybody got involved and did a great job, it really put the 'fun' in 'fundraising'!



Many people have supported us but Peter Stanley stands out in particular. Despite being aged 80, Peter jumped out of a plane for the Jamboree effort, raising around £250 worth of sponsorship whilst doing it. Each boy has been raising some money individually, through various chores and events. Darryl Stocker ran a barbecue, doing all the preparation, cooking and washing up himself, whilst all the boys have been doing various household jobs, cutting grass, collecting leaves and washing cars. Despite all our efforts so far, we still have quite a way to go. We have a few more events planned, including a bag packing session, and, due to the success of the last one, another car wash. *Yours Callum.*



I started off by becoming a slave for the night! My mum and dad's friends had a BBQ for the first England game in the World Cup. My job was to pour drinks, serve food and clear up. It was a really fun night and I even learned how to make a Black Velvet! I raised over £100 at this event.

I've done loads of babysitting and even mowed the lawn for mum and dad.

I ran the A34 bypass and raised £100! I ran it in under 36 minutes and beat my dad!

I have been really lucky because relations have heard about the trip and sent me money too.

We also asked Waitrose if we could become part of their green token scheme. They said yes and we raised almost £500.

We wrote to the Scout Fellowship and the Lindow Trust and both of them were really generous.

I am really excited and very nervous about the trip too. I know it will be an experience that I will never forget and it is a great thing to look forward to after the GCSE's. *Yours Darryl.*

We've done so many things this year it's been hard to remember everything. At the selection meeting I was very nervous and also excited. When my letter came through about being selected I was really happy.

I liked our unit's away days but especially the Dragon boating. We sat in the boat and someone banged a drum as we rowed. The Jamboree leaders are really good and they feed us some great camp dinners, including a roast dinner and a Christmas dinner with crackers, despite the -8°C temperatures.

I have done lots of fundraising including baking cakes, jobs and my school organised a dress down day for me. We also had a tea and coffee staff on the Alderley bypass open day and we were really busy and even met someone who had been to Korea in the 90's. He told us what a great time he had. *Yours Barney.*

**46th ANNUAL DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA
13th November 2010**

12 teams took part in the 46th Annual District Swimming Gala at Macclesfield Leisure Centre on Saturday afternoon 13th November.

Unfortunately the revival of the Explorer trophy was not to be, due to a late withdrawal – surely at least 2 Explorer teams can be found in the District for next year’s Alderley Centenary (only needs 3 people to make a team!!).

A lively vocal afternoon was had by all those who attended including a very closely fought Fun Relay with a Scout and Cub on a mat being pushed by a Leader - just won by Holmes Chapel, and also the heroic team of 2 cubs from 5th Wilmslow that managed 4 points for their efforts. We also had 3 brothers swimming in a Scout Relay from 1st Wilmslow – surely a first. We had the parade of mascots - won by a St Bernard (I think) with 1st Wilmslow Necker.

A lot of fun was had by the competitors, the organisers, and the many parents and supporters. Thanks to the Scout Active Support who organised the event and the willing District Helpers.

The trophies were presented by the DC Steve Buckley.

Here are the results:-

CUBS

1st	Holmes Chapel	49	2nd	1 st Wilmslow	41	3rd	Goostrey	29
4th	Chelford	21	5th	4 th Wilmslow	18	6th	Lindow	10
7th	5 th Wilmslow	4						

SCOUTS

1st	6 th Wilmslow	32	2nd=	Holmes Chapel	30	2nd=	Goostrey	30
4th	5 th Wilmslow	15	5th	1 st Wilmslow	14			

GROUP TROPHY

1st	Holmes Chapel	79	2 nd	Goostrey	59	3rd	1 st Wilmslow	55
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MASCOT WINNERS

1st Wilmslow

Rob Henstock
Scout Active Support



Swimming Badge Testing – 5th March 2011

Swimmer Badge testing session for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.
Each of the five stages will be tested.

Swimming sessions will start at 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 7pm.
Swimmers going for level 5 must swim in one of the first two sessions.

Cost £4 per swimmer, including one badge. Pay on the day.
Book your session with me before finally committing to the swimmers. We have a limitation on the number of swimmers allowed in the water at any one time.

Please send applications to ian.iross@btinternet.com by 28 February 2011.
Late applications cause Ian to lose his hair, so please prevent further hair loss.

Ian Ross, SL
6th Wilmslow



Diary Dates

1 st December Wednesday	7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Band Open Evening 1 st Wilmslow Scout Hut Contact: Emma Simpson els20_02@hotmail.com	
4 th December Saturday	9.30 am - 4.00 pm	Modules 5,6,7,8,9 Holmes Chapel Scout HQ Contact: Wendy Macdonald wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk	
6 th December Monday	7.30 pm	District Executive Meeting	
2011			
22 nd /23 rd January Saturday/Sunday		Frosties Camp Urmston Scout Camp Site Contact Mark Toombs: mark.toombs@talk21.com	
29 th /30 th January Saturday/Sunday	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	Modules 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 Tbc – Alderley District	
5 th February Saturday		Group Scout Leaders and District Commissioners Forum	
10 th February Thursday		8 - 25 Programme Meeting The Heath, Runcorn	
11 th February Friday	7.00pm	District Quiz Night Alderley Edge Scout Hut Contact: Paul Windram aescoutgroup@aol.com	
12 th February Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	District Beaver Challenge URC Church	
27 th February Sunday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	First Aid Holmes Chapel	
5 th March Saturday	5.40pm 6.20pm 7.00pm	Swimming Badge Testing Wilmslow Leisure Centre Contact: ian.iross@btinternet.com	
12 th March Saturday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	First Aid Venue tbc	

12 th March Saturday		County Cub Handicraft Competition	
14 th March Monday	7.30 pm	District Executive Meeting	
30 th March Wednesday	7.30 pm	Safeguarding Venue tbc	
9 th April Saturday	10.00 am – 2.30 pm	Easter Craft Place tba	
9 th /10 th April Saturday/Sunday		Cheshire Hike	
14 th April Thursday		St George's Day Rehearsal St Philip's Church, Alderley Edge	
17 th April Sunday		St George's Day Parade St Philip's Church, Alderley Edge	
7 th May Saturday		County Challenge	
9 th May Monday	7.30 pm	District Executive Meeting	
14 th May Saturday		JOTT Jamboree on the Trail Place and time tba	
18 th May Wednesday		District AGM	
21 st May Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Beaver Water Fun Day Chelford	
25 th May Wednesday		8 - 25 Programme Meeting The Heath, Runcorn	
7 th June Tuesday		County AGM Chester Town Hall	
12 th June Sunday		County Scout Sunday Chester	
2 nd / 3 rd July Saturday/Sunday		County Beaver 25 th Birthday Event Forest Camp	
10 th July Sunday		Wilmslow Show	
16 th / 17 th July Saturday / Sunday		"Tattonbury" Tatton Scout Campsite	
27th July to 7th August		22nd World Scout Jamboree Kristianstad, Sweden	
11 th October Tuesday		8 - 25 Programme Meeting The Heath, Runcorn	

