



Alderley District Information Bulletin



December 2012

Alderley Goes to Great Warford

Many thanks to all of you who joined us on parade last Sunday afternoon. It was great to recognise the 60 year contribution of Harold Horry to the Scout Association. The sun shone and it was a great event. If want to read more and see the photos, go to the District Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/AlderleyScouts?ref=hl>).

Do you Tweet?

If so, why don't you follow us on Twitter @Edge_Scouting?

District Calendar for 2013

One of the requests raised at the last Forum was for an annual calendar and we will be publishing the first version in December. **If you are organising an event and you would like it included in the Calendar please send it to ME by Sunday 9th December 2012.**

Appointments

I am pleased to announce that Deb Robson has accepted the role of Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers. Deb is an experienced Beaver Leader with 1st Handforth and many of you will know her from this year's District Beaver camp.

Chief Scout Awards (CSA)

You will have had a request from your ADC for the names children in your Section who have achieved CSA in 2012. We need to maintain a list of our Award Holders as we are planning to hold a presentation event in 2013. Please help them by submitting your list now.

Stephen Buckley
District Commissioner



Appointments
Committee

Full Appointments

Mark Pepper	ABSL	6 th Wilmslow
Stu Bradshaw	BSCA	1 st Handforth
Christine Singer	CSPA	1 st Handforth
Jennifer Hurd	CSPA	1 st Handforth
Chris Deverall	CSPA	1 st Handforth
Bill Shepherd	ABSL	1 st Lindow

Rob Henstock
District Appointments Secretary

Attached to DIB is the programme of County-run courses planned for 2013. Several will be local to our District or not too far away. To book please use the attached booking form, and also let me know what you are booking. If you need advice on any aspect of your training please contact me.

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Scouts 5-a-side Winners

Congratulations to the squad from 1st Wilmslow who retained the Alderley District Scouts 5-a-side title at Knutsford Leisure Centre as part of the joint District tournament with our Knutsford friends.

This year, the two Districts were split into two groups with each of the 5 teams from each District playing each other in a round robin section. Alderley District was represented by teams from 1st Wilmslow, 6th Wilmslow, Goostrey (2 teams) and 1st Lindow. The group was so tight this year that it went down to the final match which 1st Wilmslow won to take the title from 1st Lindow in second place.



1st Wilmslow – Alderley District Winners

1st Wilmslow then represented the District in the tournament final against 5th Knutsford in a cracking finale. Knutsford took a 1-0 lead into the final minute and looked like they were going to sneak the win, but Wilmslow hit back with a late equaliser to take the final into extra time. Wilmslow continued to play the better football, but it was Knutsford who notched the decisive goal at the end of the first period of extra time to take the Tournament title.

Well done to all the Alderley teams who took part – all the matches were played in the right spirit and were a credit to the District.

Ian Wilkes (Tournament Co-organiser)





All the Explorers Units have been busy this month.

Several presentations for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions have been made including 8 members of Lindow Unit who completed their Gold Expedition in the Yorkshire Dales this summer.

Units have been involved in a range of activities including "Ready, Steady, Cook", Carting, "In the Spotlight" as well as taking part in Remembrance Parades around the district.

The Young Leaders starting this terms programmes with Safeguarding Training.

Karen Vercoe
Alderley DESC



Open Evening

As the District Scout Band our members should all come from the Groups within the District. Over the last 12 years we have had members from Alderley Edge Cubs and Scouts, Goostrey Cubs and Scouts, Handforth Scouts, Holmes Chapel Cubs and Scouts, 4th Wilmslow Cubs, Lindow Cubs and Scouts, Alderley Edge Explorer Unit, The Edge Explorer Unit and Viking Explorer Unit. Many of these members have successfully taken a full and active part in both band activities and their scouting activities with some achieving their Bronze and Silver D.O.E. We have several members who at present are working towards their Gold D.O.E. and Queen's Scout Award. With a bit of effort on all sides Banding and Scouting can work together to our mutual benefit.

On Wednesday 30th January 2013 the Band will be holding an open evening from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at 1st Wilmslow Scout HQ for any of your members who would be interested in finding out more about the band (see attached poster). Or alternatively you can arrange to bring your Section along to one of our band meetings in the New Year where all you have to do is turn up and we organise the rest. If you would like more details about our Open Evening or would like to arrange a visit please contact either Simon Taylor (Bandmaster) 07970 211470 or Emma Simpson (Asst. Bandmaster) 07525 634430.



The Band at Harold Horry Memorial Parade

Simon Taylor
Bandmaster



Goostrey goes with a BANG!

Goostrey Scouts held a spectacular Bonfire and Firework event on the 5th of November. This year's event was held at a new venue in the heart of the village and raised over £2200 for Scout funds. The new GSL David Giles said that *"this was a superb showcase of how the Scouts enrich village life in Goostrey"*. Half of the funds raised have been set aside so that next year's event will be even bigger and better.

Terrain Two Permit (T2)

Congratulations to James Upton (ABSL), Andy Tucker (ACSL), Colin Mottershead (AGSL), Paul Watson (ASL) and Neil Memmott (SL) who last weekend passed their Terrain Two Permit (T2). They spent all year training for this permit, dedicating weekends to walking in the Lake District and Peaks – Well done to all of them!

Remembrance Sunday Parade

There was a record turn-out at Goostrey's Remembrance Sunday parade with over 70 Scouts in full uniform attending the parade and service this year. Veteran Ted Partridge; who leads the parade on behalf of the Goostrey British Legion commented that *"although the numbers of veterans gets fewer each year, our hearts are lifted by seeing so many young people from the uniformed organisations attend the service"*.

David Giles, GSL
Goostrey

Swimmer Badge Testing

Wilmslow Leisure Centre has been booked for another Swimmer Badge testing session.

Please reserve the date of Saturday, 2nd March 2013 for this event.

There will be three sessions as usual, starting at 5.40pm, 6.20pm or 7pm.

Swimmers aiming at Swimmer Badge levels 4 and 5 should attend one of the two earlier sessions.

Plenty of adult support is needed to count laps. No previous experience required!

Cost, including one Swimmer Badge, is £4 per swimmer.

The cafe at Wilmslow Leisure Centre will be open while the Swimmer Badge testing session is on.

Book your time with Ian Ross (E) ian.iross@btinternet.com



Cheshire County Gala Went Swimmingly for Holmes Chapel Cubs and Scouts

1st Holmes Chapel Cubs and Scouts were once again fortunate enough to represent Alderley District at the Cheshire Joint Scout/Cub Swimming Gala held in Warrington on Saturday 17th November.

As always, our enthusiasm and support for our team members far outshone that of any other District taking part with all of our swimmers being cheered throughout every heat, relay and final – and me with no voice the next day!

Despite entering a very small Scout team this year, the Scouts were able to enter more than one individual event. Each event consisted of a heat and then a final, and there were a number of relay races too and we were able to have a Cub or Scout participate in every event and because of their success in the heats, we then had a swimmer in almost every final. I was quite surprised to see our four Scouts walking out of the Leisure Centre after swimming so many races; I would have been on my knees.

Unfortunately when faced with very tough opposition in the finals, we didn't manage to secure a first place medal, but every member of our team swam as best they could. We also came third in the leaders and adults race, thanks to Eileen and Bob.

At the end of the races, everyone was able to have a fun swim. My thanks go to every single team member, to Eileen and Bob and to the parents who brought their youngsters to take part and to the County Scout team for their excellent organisation which made this an event enjoyed by so many yet again.

I was incredibly proud of the attitude and sportsmanship of all our team, and especially Harry Buglass, you were all winners as far as I am concerned AND you all have a certificate for representing Alderley District at County level.



The Cub Swimming Team

Alison Wright
Assistant Group Scout Leader
Holmes Chapel Scout Group.

Beauty and the Beast

In brief the Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society will be performing Beauty & the Beast at The Woodford Centre from 8th - 12th January 2013. Discounts apply on group bookings for Wednesday and Thursday nights performance. The production is always of a very high quality & well worth supporting, please call the CHYPS Ticket Line on **07535 674222**.



ACC International

My name is Philip Cusick, I have been appointed as Assistant County Commissioner International and would like to introduce myself.

I am a Group Scout leader and Nights Away Advisor in the Macclesfield and Congleton District and have led Units to Eurojam, Serbian National Jamboree 2005, and World Scout Jamboree 2007.

I have supported District Explorer summer camps to Rotterdam in Holland in 2010 and trips to the Denmark National Jamboree in 2012 for 1st Sutton and 1st Congleton Scouts and Macclesfield and Congleton District Explorers.

In this role I would like to work with you to inspire more Leaders to give their young people International experiences. This may be done in a variety of ways, through the Global award badges, International themed events or contacting Groups abroad, as well as travelling to new and exciting countries. Explorers and Network can be supported to take on an Explorer Belt Challenge or to attend a Rover Way event.

I know that many Districts have experienced Leaders who take Scouts away abroad. I would like to talk to these people to share knowledge and put together an information pack that would be really useful to first time travellers. If you know of any such person please let me have contact details so I can get in touch.

I consider my new role as one of encouragement and particularly reassurance, that taking the step of organising an International event at home or abroad does not need to be daunting. Careful planning of these experiences will be challenging but great fun, giving lifelong memories for all involved!

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you in the future,






Phil Cusick.

Assistant County Commissioner (International)

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Diary Dates

1 st December Saturday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	First Aid level 1 Venue: Holmes Chapel new HQ Contact: wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk	
2 nd December Sunday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm	First Aid level 2 Venue: Holmes Chapel new HQ Contact: wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk	
4 th December Tuesday		Winter Hillwalking Course Evening in Winsford	
5 th December Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Wilmslow Methodist Church	
12 th December Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm	ADSE Meeting	

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1 st – 3 rd February Friday - Sunday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm	Winter Hillwalking Course Cairngorms	
2 nd February Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Beaver District Challenge 1 st Handforth Scout HQ	
7 th February Thursday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	Sectional Support & Development Meeting The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
9 th / 10 th February Saturday / Sunday		Frosties Camp Urmston Scout Camp Site Contact Mark Toombs; scoutleader.mt@gmail.com	
13 th February Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum tba	
2 nd March Saturday	5.40pm/6.20pm/7.00pm	Swimmer Badge Testing Wilmslow Leisure Centre Contact: ian.iross@btinternet.com	
6-7 th April Saturday - Sunday		Cheshire Hike	
13 th April Saturday		County Dinner	
25 th May Saturday		‘Faith Activity Badge’ Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: www.chestercathedral.com nearer the time	
11 th June Tuesday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	Sectional Support & Development Meeting The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
18 th – 19 th June Tuesday - Wednesday		Cheshire Show Cheshire Showground, Tabley	
20 th June Thursday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum tbd	
25 th June Tuesday		Cheshire Scouts AGM Knutsford	
20 th – 21 st July Saturday - Sunday		Tattonbury Tatton Park Scout Campsite	
2 nd – 9 th August		Trip to Iceland	
3 rd October Thursday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	Sectional Support & Development Meeting The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
9 th October Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum tbd	
19 th October Saturday		‘My Faith Badge’ Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: www.chestercathedral.com nearer the time	

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1 st – 9 th August		Chamboree Cheshire Showground, Tabley	
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