



Alderley District Information Bulletin (DIB)

April 2018

Welcome to this months DIB.

2018 Annual Membership Census

Every year, at the end of January, the Scout Association conducts its' Annual Membership Survey. This year membership across District has stayed level. However, a detailed analysis shows some interesting trends - Explorers have seen a decrease of seventeen members whereas Beavers have increased by twenty eight, Scouts by eight which almost balances the decrease of seven in Cubs. We now have three groups with membership of over one hundred - Goostrey, Holmes Chapel and 6th. The District Executive and Team will be reviewing the survey results in detail to see what actions are required.

St Georges Day Renewal of Promises

As you all know, this year we are visiting the National Memorial Arboretum to celebrate St Georges Day and Renew our Promises. We have ordered good weather and arrangements for the trip are being finalised. If you are joining us, Ian Ross has provided all the logistics later in the newsletter. **Please make sure you read it and share it with your members.**

Yours in Scouting

[Steve \(DC\)](#)



105 beavers will be visiting Jodrell Bank on Saturday 21st April, to renew their Promise and do exciting activities to earn the Space Badge.

Beaver leaders meeting is Wednesday 6th June 7.30pm at Goostrey Scout Hut. **Please** can each group send a representative (It doesn't have to be a Leader)

District Camp is booked for Saturday 29 to Sunday 30 September 2018 (Leaders from Friday night the 27th if they can).

On Saturday afternoon I am hoping to organize Leaders Camp Equipment Training for anyone who would like to pop along.

Please will those wanting to come to RAF Cosford let me know which day they prefer Saturday 20th or Sunday 21st October 2018.

[Vicky Groves](#) (ADC Beavers)



County Handicraft Competition at Chester

Following their win at the Alderley Cub Handicraft competition earlier in the year, the team from 1st Holmes Chapel Dane Cubs headed off to Chester to represent Alderley at the County competition.

The task was to create a pirate ship made from craft material, re-cycled cardboard tubes and cereal boxes.



Points were awarded for creativity and team work. 1st Holmes Chapel scored an amazing 90 out of 100 points, making them runners up to the team from Macclesfield and Congleton who came first.

Congratulations and Well Done from the District

Paw Trax Radio

1st Holmes Chapel Cubs, Ben and Joe have now presented their very first show - Paw Trax Radio - on Dane Sound Community Radio. The show was broadcast via the internet on Good Friday and the radio station were so pleased with the number of listeners the show attracted, it was broadcast again on Easter Sunday.

From the name, to the format of the show, to the interviews, competitions, fun Scouting facts, jingles, ideas and links, Ben (aged 9) and Joe (aged 10) have created it all themselves. They have already lined up interviews with local businesses, Queen's Scouts, a children's author and a heart transplant surgeon.

Please do listen in, and encourage your young people to listen too - every Friday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 on Dane Sound Radio. <http://danesound.com/live>.



A great example of YouShape Scouting in action.

Great work Ben & Joe

You should be very proud of yourselves

[Nicky Gilsean](#) (ADC Cub Scouts)

SWIMMER BADGE

After an interruption from fire alarms, the badge testing was completed in early March. In total, 133 badges were awarded.

Thanks go to the small army of leaders and parents who were on the front desk and poolside.

Hold the Date!

On Sunday, 10th June 2018, the **Annual County Scout Sunday Parade** will be held in Chester. If you haven't been, it is a chance to parade through the City Centre and participate in a service in the Cathedral. Of course our Band are stalwarts of the parade but all are invited. If you want to know more, talk to Janet Williamson. More details in next months DIB.

St George's Day

Visit to National Memorial Arboretum Sunday 22nd April

The coaches are booked and plans are nearly complete. About 140 Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Leaders and adults are registered to go.

Some actions are needed:

- **Leaders** - Please tell Ian Ross of the names and contact details of all the people in your party, unless you have already done so. (*Ian will remind those who still need to send him information*)
- **Leaders** - Please remind all your party what they need to bring:
 - Full uniform and neckerchief
 - Waterproofs, extra layers, sunscreen depending on the weather
 - Boots or other comfortable footwear
 - Small rucksack with a packed lunch and soft drink
 - Label on the rucksack to say who is the young person and which Group they come from
 - One clipboard for every five young people (to be used for the quizzes and to hold site maps) and a pen
 - Your section flag if you want to parade with it (You need to nominate someone to take the flags to a sensible place after the Promise Renewals)

Three coaches have been booked.

Coach 1 - Will depart from the car park by Lidl, Dean Row Road, Wilmslow, SK9 2TA at 8.30am. Please assemble at 8.15am so that names can be checked. **Passengers:** District Band. This coach will then go to Holmes Chapel to pick up Holmes Chapel passengers, who should meet outside the Library on The Precinct, at 8.45am for departure approx. 9.00am. Coach monitor will be Alison Wright.

Coaches 2 and 3 will leave Lidl at 8.45am. Please assemble at 08.30am. Coach 2 (coach monitor is Charly O'Brien) includes 6th Alderley. Coach 3 (coach monitor is TO BE AGREED---any volunteers?) will include everyone else (5th Wilmslow, 1st Wilmslow, 1st Lindow Cubs and Scouts, District, SAS)

The coach monitors will have a sign showing their coach number, to help assembly)

Please be on time....the coaches will not be able to wait if you're late. *There may be some late changes to who is on which coach. This will be sorted on the day.*

Estimated time of return:

Holmes Chapel approx 4.30pm, Wilmslow (Lidl) approx 5pm.

Let's hope for a fine day!

[Ian Ross](#)

Did you know ?

Why do Scouts shake with their left hands?

According to the Ashanti warrior version of the story, Colonel Baden-Powell saluted them with his right *hand*, but the Ashanti chiefs offered their *left hands* and said, "In our land only the bravest of the brave *shake hands* with the *left hand*, because to do so we must drop our shields and our protection."



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