



Aldersley District Information Bulletin

May 2010

Announcing the First Annual Aldersley Scout Leaders Moot

One of my priorities as DC is to develop a District Plan to focus our efforts. Our first plan will be for a year and it will spell out how we are going to “re-establish” Aldersley Scout District. I have identified four ambitions:

- To provide a safe environment for our youth members
- To recruit new leaders and support both our new and existing leaders
- To provide opportunities and events for our youth members that would not otherwise be available
- To build relationships across the District by working together and having fun.

Are they the right ambitions?

Are they too ambitious?

How can we achieve them?

I am sure you will have many more suggestions, challenges and questions to add to the debate which is why we will be having the first Aldersley Scout Leaders Moot to which you will all be invited.

Sounds a bit boring, well relax it won't be!

I have in mind, a Sunday afternoon in June or July. You will be able to bring your kids and significant other. We'll have games and other stuff for the kids and we leaders will have a dedicated hour or so on our plan. You will get chance to provide input and challenges and later I will lock the District Team in a room to produce a One Page Plan. Then, off outside for a bbq and some fun. So all being well, we get our plan, we have a laugh, you don't have to cook dinner because the kids will be stuffed from the bbq and, as they ran round like idiots, they'll fall asleep as soon as you get home! It'll be fun, I promise you!

DCs Diary

April was a busy month. It started off with the Cheshire Hike, Saturday on a checkpoint, Sunday presenting the District Trophies.

13th I handed over my Duke of Edinburgh Award responsibilities to the new County Advisor, Carol Frain (she'll be great!).

15th to Lymme for my first DC meeting (we have a bit to catch up, people!).

17th Whilst Mrs B was away in London, I had reviews with the remaining GSLs (all new DCs have to review their team within the first six months!).

19th I went to my first Leaders meeting at Goostrey (thanks for the shortbread Sue!). Great bunch, really keen and planning their Group Camp at Sandiway.

20th I had my second DC induction session with Peter from HQ (Very useful but SO much to think about!).

22nd I had my annual review with Graham Phillips, our County Commissioner, where we discussed plans and priorities for the coming year.

23rd I went to Chelford Scouts to award a couple of Chief Scouts Awards. As you know Chelford wear green and red neckers, as did my troop when I was a boy (30th Bradford East*) so I really felt at home. Then onto Alderley Wizards Explorers to help Karen and Peter with the DoE. Whilst I was there, Nigel asked me to invest Chloe the new Beaver leader in front of all the Cubs. Naturally I made a really “Peter Duncan”** of the promise!

25th was St Georges Day Parade and on the 30th I will be attending my first Band Committee meeting.

**Want to see me when I was Scout? Yes, the photos are in colour!*

<http://picasaweb.google.com/zzbuckley/Scouts30thBradfordEastNorth#>

***Peter made a mess of leading the Promise at Brownsea Island at the sunrise ceremony during the Centenary Celebrations*

It’s not “Badge Work”, its Scouting!

At our St Georges Day Parade, I rambled on about “Recognising Achievement” and I am serious. We will be holding a recognition ceremony every year and the first one will be in January 2011. We haven’t worked out the details yet but it’ll be a big party that no one will want to miss. I want every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer to have the chance to be there and collect the relevant Chief Scouts Award. And that’s where I want to hear from you. What does the District need to do to help you help **every member of your section** achieve their Chief Scouts Award? Please email me @ stephen.p.buckley@cheshirescouts.org.uk and let me know your thoughts – good, bad and ugly! I know some of you have been successful – what approaches have worked for you? Please tell me and we will share them.

Thanks everybody for your feedback and encouragement. I hope to see many of you at your Group and the District AGMs in May. We have lots to do but we have the benefit of a really good bunch of dedicated leaders – you! Thank you all. And as we say, “Alderley First!”

Steve “The DC” Buckley



Karen Woodall, ADC Scouts, Frank Woodall, District Scout Active Support Manager
Steve Buckley, DC, Harold Horry, District President at St George’s Day Parade

Appointments Committee

Full Appointments

Ian Moffitt	ASL	1 st Lindow
Jo Green	ACSL	1 st Holmes Chapel

Rob Henstock
District Appointments Secretary

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR CRB/AA /OH FORMS (New Scout Adult Members)

You may have heard that from 1st July 2010 , it will be a requirement for new volunteers to be registered by law on the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS)

To ensure that the registration is as efficient and timely as possible, the Scout Association will be moving to an electronic application process for CRB checking (eCRB) on this date.

From 1st July the Criminal Records Bureau will require a different set of data to ensure that adults can be registered on the VBS. From this date a new version of the Adult Application Form (AA) and Occasional Helper Form (OH) **must be used** which will contain all the new data required (NB CRB Forms will be discontinued).

All old CRB, AA , OH Forms can be destroyed – as they cannot be used after this date

The new forms will be initially sent to the District Appointments Secretary who will then arrange for copies to be distributed to GSLs.

This data will be input directly to the Scouts Database locally.

Rob Henstock
District Appointments Secretary



5th Wilmslow Beavers

5th Wilmslow Beavers have now been meeting for over a term, and currently have 9 members. Last term all the boys worked hard and achieved their Fitness Challenge and their Health & Fitness Activity Badge. I think their favourite activity however was an Easter Egg hunt around the building the week before Easter, not really fitting with the healthy theme, but a lot of fun. This term we are looking forward to a visit from a Hearing Aid Audiologist and an evening based on disability awareness, plus activities based around the Safety Activity Badge and the Outdoor Challenge.



5th Wilmslow Beavers at St George's Day Parade

Five of the members also took part in their first St George's Day Parade on Sunday. They all enjoyed themselves marching through Alderley Edge and stopping the traffic, feeling very proud of themselves in their smart uniforms, especially as they got to sit right at the front of the church.

I am very lucky to have the support of Pam Wiles, Chloe Ryan, who is going to be the new Beaver Leader at Alderley Edge, and my young leader, Shereena Hewitt, in running the meetings. I could not run my meetings without them, and their help is very much appreciated. I am especially grateful to Pam and Chloe for looking after the members on St George's Day, whilst Shereena and I marched with the band.

Emma Simpson, BSL
5th Wilmslow

Camelot

4th Wilmslow Beavers enjoyed a fun filled day at Camelot on Saturday 17th April. They took part in a variety of rides. I think the Log Flume was the favourite as all 13 Beavers wanted to go on this ride.



Jackie at Camelot with her Beavers

Jackie Toombs, BSL
4th Wilmslow



During one weekend in April, 40 Leaders from across Cheshire completed 5 of the training modules at a course in Warrington. Very positive feedback was received, with Leaders commenting that they had enjoyed the course and felt that this was a good way to achieve a lot in just one weekend. Most have booked to complete a further group of modules in a weekend later in the year.

This opportunity is being offered in Alderley District, with modules 5-9 available over the weekend of 2nd/3rd October. If you would be interested in this please let me know. A full list of planned courses is attached.

I'd be pleased to hear from anyone needing to discuss their training.

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Unusual
Investitures



This picture shows Issy, one of three Scouts invested as a full member of 6th Wilmslow on the climbing wall at Handforth.

Ian Ross, SL
6th Wilmslow

It worked for me

I have taken part in the Giant Sleepover for the last couple of years and found it a brilliant resource with brilliant ideas to use through the sleepover. I have been asked by a few people for more information so here is the web site link <http://www.giantsleepover.com/2010/content/news.asp>

Jackie Toombs
District Beaver Scout Leader

Cheshire Hike 2010 - Results

Congratulations to all the Scouts and Explorers taking part in the Cheshire Hike. It was a gloriously sunny weekend and was well organised as always. Thank you to all the leaders who gave up some (or all) of their weekend to help run the event (Yes, you did spot Nigel "lollipop" Hines at the traffic lights in Holmes Chapel!). Thank you also to the leaders and parents who trained the teams in the weeks running up to the event - it required lots of enthusiasm and even more patience!

Twenty teams were entered from the District and seventeen completed the hike. In the Juniors, Sam Mottershead and Matthew Watson from Goostrey won the District Trophy with a very commendable 4th place out of 120 teams in their section. In the intermediates Ronan Brown and Matthew Ottley from 6th Wilmslow won the District Trophy with another strong performance coming 6th overall. In the Seniors, Max Chesterton and Joe Gardener of 1st Wilmslow won the District Trophy whilst in Senior Plus Alistair John and Oliver Giles were the winners. Well done everybody!

Steve Buckley

St George's Day Parade

What a great turnout for our annual St. Georges Day Parade at Alderley Edge. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you to 5th Wilmslow who provided the Colour Party and the readers and thank you to the Scout Fellowship who under the direction of our District Chairman, Derek, organised the parade and service. And the Band, as always, were great! It was good to meet many of you after the Service and thank you for your words of welcome and it didn't rain!

Thanks Judith for this great photo. It shows the Beavers from 5th Wilmslow which only reopened in January. As you can see Pam Wiles kindly offered to look after the Beavers on the day. The others in the photo include Shereena Hewitt, YL / band member, Emma Simpson, BSL 5th / Asst. Bandmaster and Chloe Ryan the new BSL for Alderley Edge who has been helping at 5th.



The collection this year was for the Scottish Mountain Rescue Team, in memory of Stephen Young, the Scout killed walking in the Highlands recently and totalled £371.40.

Steve Buckley

Cheshire Water Activities Team Forthcoming Events 2010

Scouts Sailing At Tatton

Come sailing on Saturdays in the lovely surroundings of Tatton Park near Knutsford Adjacent to the Tatton Park Scout campsite, the large lake offers exciting sailing opportunities

Tuition will be given to all, especially beginners with no previous experience.

Numbers will be limited so don't miss this opportunity and learn new skills for a summer activity not usually considered by Scouts

Contact Steve Kelham for more information about taking your Scouts Sailing at Tatton Park
steve.kelham@rya-online.net or phone 01925 267301

Narrow Boats

A number of Narrow Boat helm courses are on offer for this surprisingly well supported activity where more and more leaders are taking their Scouts for an enjoyable day or two on the canals in a Narrow Boat.

A permit is needed to do this activity so the team are offering training on the following dates

May 14/16

June 25/27

Sept 10/12

e-mail Trevor Jones pam@pam-jones.co.uk for information



BELL BOAT HELM TRAINING

BELL BOAT HELM TRAINING & ASSESSMENT SATURDAY 15TH AND SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2010

Winsford Marina Station Road Winsford

Cost £50 Per head (£20 Discount for Scout Association leaders)

For those wanting the BCU helm qualification a BCU registration fee £17.50 for non-BCU members is payable.

Training and assessment to BCU Helm qualification and Scout Association permit scheme.

PRE-REQUISITES : Full Details of the Syllabus and Pre requisites are available at
<http://www.canoe-england.org.uk/media/pdf/bellboat%20syllabus.pdf>

Further information and Booking details from Alan Reay

e-mail Alan Reay chilealan@btinternet.com Telephone 07810303490

Wilmslow Show

The 99th Wilmslow Show will be held on Sunday 11th July at the High School, starting at 11 am. There are lots of events in the main arena, classic cars, flower and photo competitions (free to enter this year), band performances and lots more. Details are on the website www.wilmslowshow.com

The car park will be managed by 6th Wilmslow Scouts.

Why not bring the family or organise a stall and raise some money or recruit some adult helpers?

Ian Ross, SL
6th Wilmslow

Judo / Fencing Education

We have been in operation for over 10 years. We have 6 judo coaches and 1 fencing coach who work full time in schools through the North West. We supply all the equipment and coaching for groups of children from the age range of 5 up to adults. All our coaches are vastly experienced, CRB cleared, qualified and insured. We also run coaching sessions in the evenings and weekends.

If you would like further information on what we do you can visit our website www.judoeducation.co.uk or contact the office direct (01744 731747).

Carl Finney
Double Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist

Mountain Biking

The Association is looking at the possibility of introducing a permit for mountain biking in 'Terrain 0 Technical'. As part of the consultation on this we would like to hear the views of members currently involved in mountain biking within Scouting, so please let us know your views by going to:

<http://q.scouts.org.uk/s/lnPoMqBwKv6Lbra>

New Books

There is a series of new games books for Beaver, Cub and Scout Leaders.

Packed with games specifically for each Section and split into chapters of different game types, each one is a handy and colourful guide.

The games books are part of a range of new resources; Nights Away and Colony, Pack, Troop and Unit Programme Plus: volume 2 available to order now.

Go to <http://www.scoutshops.com/acatalog/books.htm> for more information.

Bear Grylls

Go to <http://www.scouts.org.uk/bearpride> for a message from the Chief Scout about the growth in the Movement's membership.

Diary Dates

7 th May Friday		Alderley Edge Beaver Colony Re-opening
11 th May Tuesday	7.45 pm	1 st Lindow Scout Group AGM St John's Church Rooms Annex
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
2 nd June Wednesday	7.30 pm	District Appointments Meeting URC Church
8 th June Tuesday		Holmes Chapel Scout Group AGM
13 th June Sunday		County Scout Sunday Chester
15 th June Tuesday		County AGM Wilmslow High School
7 th July Wednesday	7.00 pm	1 st Chelford Scout Group AGM
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
20 th November Saturday	9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Taking the Lead – PLs Forum The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn
21 st November Sunday		Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentations
December		Beaver Christmas Extravaganza Tatton – details tbc
2011 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