



Alderley District Information Bulletin

February 2012

Hot off the Press – Alderley's Got Talent!

If you weren't at the Festival Hall in Alderley Edge last Saturday night, you missed a treat. We held the first District Talent competition for a long time. In the first half, six teams battled to win a new District Trophy and in the second half we had more entertainment. Network provided three excellent judges (Robson, Chives and Laura) who did a great job. The winners were 6th Cubs with an excellent Shark song, second were 6th Scouts with a gruesome Doctors sketch and third were 5th Beavers with a cute Rollover song. Honourable mentions go to the Band, Lindow Scouts and Active Support.

In the second half, Bella French and Laura Toombs brought "culture" to the evening with some ballet. The tone was immediately lowered by Chris Wright and his shaving sketch (and yes I did get wet!) Tim Povall attempted to recreate the last night at the Proms and Ken Wallace got everyone singing some old favourites with his accordion. The evening finished off with the traditional "We're riding along on the Crest of a Wave". Did I mention, the whole evening was compared by Derek Wiles looking very smart in his dinner jacket?



The DC (on left) and Scout George Wells (6th Wilmslow) shown in part of the "Washing at Camp" sketch at Alderley's Got Talent show.

Everyone got a special badge and, more importantly, sixty points towards their Cheshire Challenge! Many thanks to Jackie Toombs and her extensive team for a super evening. Will there be a competition next yearlet's see!

Fact of the evening, Harold Horry our illustrious President confessed that he sang in the hall when he was at school in, I think he said, 1937!

Long Service Awards

I am pleased to announce the following awards:

30 Years : Lynne Cawley, CSL, 4th Wilmslow

20 Years: Gary Cawley, ACSL, 4th Wilmslow; Jenny Fielding, CSL, 1st Wilmslow

5 Years: Jenny Beeby, ACSL, 1st Chelford; Wolfgang Breitwieser, ASL, 5th Wilmslow; Richard Bullock, SL, 1st Wilmslow; Rupert Downes, ABSL, 1st Lindow; John Emsley, ASL, 5th Wilmslow; Aundray Petho, SL, 5th Wilmslow; Michael Wharton, OH, 6th Wilmslow

Wood Badges

I am also pleased to announce four new Wood Badge Holders,
Andy Mitchell, ACSL, 1st Holmes Chapel
Emma Simpson, BSL, 5th Wilmslow
Elaine Walker, ASL, 1st Lindow
Carolyn Wharfe, ACSL, 1st Goostrey

All the above awards plus the Chief Scouts Commendations for Good Service I announced in last month's DIB will be presented at the District Forum on Wednesday, 22nd February 2012, 8pm at the Methodist Church, Water Lane Wilmslow. All welcome!

Beating the Bounds

We are planning on walking the length of the District on Sunday 11th March. The idea is to start at Handforth / Holmes Chapel and walk the District Flags (Scout and Union Jack) into Alderley Edge. We will probably start at about 10am and finish at Alderley Edge at about 3pm. More info to follow, please put in your diary. Rob Henstock from Active Support has volunteered to co-ordinate.

The Big Camp

I must admit, I was disappointed with the level of response to the Big Camp. When I asked Groups why they weren't attending it was because their leaders didn't want to or couldn't attend. Well, the good news is that we have enough leaders to take 20 or so more Explorers or Scouts. So Leaders, please suggest it to your unit / troop... first come first served. (If you are interested, send me an email and I will forward the booking form).

Centenary Badges

We have just received a further supply of 100 Years Badges. If you have run out, please let me know and I will get more to you. Hopefully these new members will be reflected in this year's Annual Census!

Stephen Buckley,
DC



Full Appointments

Matthew Nelson	ABSL	1 st Goostrey
Mike Vercoe	ASL	1 st Holmes Chapel
Jayne Dickenson	ACSL	1 st Lindow
Sarah Bloor	ABSL	1 st Lindow
Lena Needham	GSAS Coordinator	1 st Holmes Chapel
Glyn Nicholls	GSAS Coordinator	1 st Holmes Chapel
Claire Cassidy	Explorer Administrator	District

Provisional Appointments

Will Burnham	AGSL	1 st Holmes Chapel
Nicola Gilsenan	AGSL	1 st Holmes Chapel

Rob Henstock
District Appointments Secretary



Chelford Cubs Storm To League Title

Under the guidance of James Gilmour, the Chelford Cubs football team completed a memorable 100% record in winning all 9 of their matches to win the Early Season League 2011 title just before Christmas. They scored a whopping 53 goals and had three of the top 4 goal scorers in the league – the top scorer was James Craft from 1st Wilmslow with 16 goals: well done James!

Great effort and Scouting spirit was displayed by all the players (and managers!) throughout the league and were a credit to the District. Well done to all the teams that took part in the league and congratulations to Chelford on a great season!



The Late Season League 2012 gets underway on 21 January and we are pleased to welcome Goostrey Cubs into the Cubs Football Fold. This brings us back to five teams in the league. If any other Packs are interested in getting involved in Cubs Football, it's not too late so please contact me for further information.

Ian Wilkes
Alderely and Macclesfield/Congleton Cubs Football League Secretary
wilwilko@tiscali.co.uk



Well Done! to Grattan Glendining, BSL at Holmes Chapel, on completing his Wood Badge.

Please find attached to DIB details of courses planned throughout Cheshire during 2012. To book a place on any of these please complete and return the booking form to the address on the form.

The next courses planned locally are:

First Aid	3 rd March	9am – 5pm	venue tbc
Safeguarding	20 th March	7.30 – 9pm	“

To book for either of these please contact me asap.

Wendy Macdonald, LTM
01477 533718
wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk

The Cheshire programme of Adult Training Modules has now been published on the web site and will be followed soon by a hard copy calendar, which will be distributed widely. Please note that bookings must be made for all Modules on the County web site: www.cheshirescouts.org.uk/adult-training.aspx

David Bull

Practical Skills Day and Permit Training Day

Booking is now open for the Practical Skills Day and Permit Training Day.

Practical Skills Day (Module 18)

Saturday 28th April 2012, Forest Camp, Sandiway (Birchwood Site)

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 a 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. Each skills base will run 45 minute sessions throughout the day and will be timed as below:

Morning

08.50, Arrival, Registration & Coffee

09.30 –10.15, Session 1

10.30 –11.15, Session 2

11.15 –11.30, Coffee/Tea break

11.30 –12.15, Session 3

12.30 –13.15, Session 4

Afternoon

13.15 – 14.00, Lunch (Provided)

14.00 – 14.45, Session 5

15.00 – 15.45, Session 6

15.45 – 16.00, Coffee break

16.00 – 16.45, Session 7

16.45, Closing & thanks

Please complete the Practical skills day booking form:-

https://docs.google.com/a/cheshirescouts.org.uk/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dDJiLTBCUHFzKxIUVP4bExUVC1Lb2c6MQ#gid=0

The course fee is £12 (including lunch and refreshments throughout the day); if you wish to camp over and take part in the Permit Training Day the next day the cost is £22. After booking please send your cheque for the relevant amount to Pam Owen, 23 Yew Tree Drive, Barnton, Northwich CW8 4NH (Ensure to include your full name as a booking reference). A receipt will be sent to you as confirmation of your booking. No uniform is required and refreshments and lunch are provided. Please dress appropriate for activities and weather.

Places are limited to 150, so book early.

There is the opportunity of staying over in the Begg Building (sleeps 24) or bring a tent and camp and you can take part in Permit Training for the Climbing Wall and Rafting on Sunday, 29th April. Please complete separate booking form below.

Permit Training Day (**NEW** for 2012)

Sunday 29th April 2012, Forest Camp, Sandiway (Birchwood Site), 9.30 am to 3.00 pm

This is a chance for all leaders interested in gaining either a Permit in Rafting or the Climbing Wall.

Please complete the Permit training day booking form:-

<https://docs.google.com/a/cheshirescouts.org.uk/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGJ4aXBBWGpCNmFBeDFONEQ3NHU4Ymc6MQ>

If you plan to attend the Practical Skills Training day on 28th April, stay overnight and do Permit training on the Sunday, then the total cost of the weekend, including lunch and evening meal on Saturday and breakfast/lunch on Sunday will be £22. If you plan to attend just for the Permit day, then the fee will be £5 which includes lunch and refreshments. After booking please send your cheque for the relevant amount to Pam Owen, 23 Yew Tree Drive, Barnton, Northwich CW8 4NH (Ensure to include your full name as a booking reference).

Places are limited so please book early!

Dave Hopley
Deputy County Commissioner

County Appointments

I am pleased to announce two new County Appointments.

ACC Scouts - Luke Morby

Luke will take up his appointment in April; in the meantime Dave Hopley will continue to cover this role. Luke is a Scout Leader in Mersey Weaver District and was one of the Cheshire Jamboree Leaders last year.

County Active Support Co-ordinator (Event Support) - Nick Hirst

Nick will be responsible for offering an opportunity to those who reach the age of 25 in Scout Network, without another Scout Appointment, to continue to support Scouting. A number of these people already support events such as Tattonbury and Chamboree therefore this is seen as an opportunity to provide a more structured approach to engaging with this age group.

I'm sure you join me in wishing them well in their new roles.

Graham Phillips
County Commissioner, Cheshire

Swimmer Badge testing at Wilmslow Leisure Centre Saturday 3rd March 2012.

There will be three sessions starting at 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 7pm.
Swimmers aiming for Swimmer Badge Stages 4 or 5 need to be in one of the two earlier sessions.
Cost £4 per swimmer, including one Swimmer Badge.

There is a limit on the number of swimmers we can manage, but it would be great to be able to award 100 badges in our Centenary Year.

Please send in your entries before 15 February.

Adult help at front of house or at poolside will be welcome. The cafe has agreed to stay open during the swimmer badge testing, so there will be somewhere more comfortable to sit.

Please contact Ian Ross on ian.iross@btinternet.com for more information or to make a booking.
Telephone 01625 525884

Ian Ross, SL
6th Wilmslow

Bear Grylls' Survival Camp.

In August I was lucky enough to be chosen to be part of the Chief Scout's 24 hour survival camp.

It was a truly fantastic experience and one which I will always remember.

The night before the camp I met the seven other participants and leaders so that we could get to know each other and sort out our kit ready for the camp.

The following morning we travelled to Pwllheli Harbour in anticipation of meeting Bear Grylls. Bear was waiting for us and we loaded all the kit onto his rib boat. We then sped across the waves to St Tudwal's Island West.

Having unloaded all our kit we set up camp. It was now nearly lunchtime, but Bear took our food and went hiding on the island with his son. We then had to find them and Bear was surprised that our team took just five minutes. The other team took about half an hour!

By now it had started to rain and our next activity was abseiling. In line with survival theme we had to catch our dinner, in the shape of dead rabbits placed on a ledge about 10 ft below the top of the cliff, collecting them on the way down.

This was followed by rock climbing, but by this time the rain had soaked the moss covered stone, making it very slippery so an improvised rope ladder was set up to help pull ourselves up.

Back at camp we were taught new firelighting skills to light the camp fire, such as how to make and use charcloth and fire pistons. It was then time to prepare the rabbits for the pot, skinning and gutting them before cooking on the fire.

After dinner we spent the time chatting and telling jokes, and all too soon it was time to go to sleep.

The next morning Bear greeted us and declared that we would be doing a Physical Training session. After a warm up, we paired up and did 30 second rounds of press-ups, sit ups and other torturous activity, after which we had to run to the bottom of the island and back again. Next it was time for a swim, jumping into the sea from the jetty. It was freezing but refreshing and enjoyable after the initial shock.

Back at camp we found a delicious breakfast awaiting us. Sadly, after breakfast, it was time to leave and we headed down to the jetty, where we took some group pictures and presented Bear with a mess tin that we all had signed as a small gesture of thanks for a great time.

Once the boat was loaded with our kit we were whisked back to Pwllheli Harbour at the end of a wonderful 24 hour camp.

From chatting to Bear my outlook on things has been changed. He showed me that people, no matter how successful, can get scared. but it is how you deal with that fear which makes you the person you are.

Jonathan Wilson
Scout Network

Cheshire Hike

Just to let you know that the Intermediate Section of the Cheshire Hike is now **full**.

A reminder that the latest date for entries is 3rd March, or 100 entries per age group, please encourage Junior, Senior and Senior Plus entrants to book early to avoid disappointment.

Dave Hopley
Deputy County Commissioner

Cub and Beaver Faith Badges

If anyone is interested, please see the two attachments – Cubs “My Faith Badge” morning at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 23rd June, Beavers “Faith Activity Badge” morning at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 20th October.

Cathy Bland

Get Wet @ Tatton

The first of our GET WET @ TATTON events will take place on 14 April.

This event will be for ADULTS ONLY (Leaders, Managers, Supporters, Network, Scout Active Support and any other adult in Scouting who wants to get a taste of water activities). There will be further events later in the year for young people, with the overall aim of getting more people involved in water activities, regardless of whether or not someone in their Group holds a permit.

The full programme, logistics, costs etc. for the event on 14 April have yet to be finalised, but we hope to run as many water activities as possible. However, we need people to register their interest ASAP.

The event is open to ADCs too, so lead the way and sign yourself up at <http://goo.gl/W9sjE>

Plus - follow @ScoutActivities on Twitter for the latest updates and information. <http://twitter.com/ScoutActivities>

Graham Shaw,
ACC (Activities) Cheshire

Knutsford Gang Show

It's here again and not to be missed!

The fabulous **Knutsford Gang Show** returns this year from 13th - 18th February with a matinee performance on Saturday 18th. The show is being staged for the second year at the Victory Hall, Mobberley.

If you have never been to a Gang Show before it really is a fantastic experience and one which all the family, young and old, will enjoy.

Last year, every evening was a sell out so this year we have put on an additional performance on Monday evening to meet demand.

So to avoid disappointment, please make your bookings now.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Show.

Thank you for your support.

Ticket Line 01565 818088

Martin Relton, DC
Knutsford

Chester Gang Show

It is that time of year when Chester and District are in the final stages of rehearsal for their Gang show to be held between 14th-18th February. The link for the booking form is <http://www.chestergangshow.net/2012.php>

Many thanks for your support,

Bev Hall
Chester and District Scouts

		Diary Dates	
3 rd – 5 th February		Winter Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2	
Friday - Sunday		Assessment and training (will also need evening in Dec) Nethy Bridge, Cairngorms	
4 th February	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Beaver District Challenge	
Saturday		1 st Handforth Scout HQ	
9 th February	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	GSL Meeting	
Thursday		Wilmslow Methodist Church	
11 th / 12 th February		Frosties Camp	
Saturday / Sunday		Urmston Scout Camp Site Contact Mark Toombs; mark.toombs@talk21.com	
17 th February	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Modules D and E	
Friday		Alderley HQ	
18 th February		Dinner Dance	
Saturday		tbd	
22 nd February	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum	
Wednesday		Wilmslow Methodist Church	
29 th February	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Big Camp Planning Meeting	
Wednesday		Venue: tbc	
3 rd March	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	First Aid	
Saturday		Venue: tbc	
3 rd March	5.40pm/6.20pm/7.00pm	Swimmer Badge Testing	
Saturday		Wilmslow Leisure Centre	
7 th March	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Meeting	
Wednesday		Wilmslow Methodist Church	
10 th March	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	5-a-side Football Tournament	
Saturday		Macclesfield Leisure Centre Contact: Colin Hepting clehepting@hotmail.co.uk	
10 th March	All day	Beaver County Challenge	
Saturday		Runcorn	
10 th March	All day	County Cub Handicraft Competition	
Saturday		Warrington	
11 th March	10.00 am – 3.00 pm	Beat the Bounds	
Sunday		Handforth / Holmes Chapel to Alderley Edge	
w/c 12 th March		Host / Visit Another Section	
15 th March	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm	Module F and I	
Thursday		6 th Wilmslow	

16 th – 18 th March Friday - Sunday		Summer Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2 Assessment and training Yr Hafod, Snowdonia	
17 th March Saturday	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	Adult Recruitment Made Easy Workshop Marthall Hall, Ollerton, Nr Knutsford	
20 th March Tuesday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Safeguarding Venue: tbc	
31 st March / 1 st April Saturday/Sunday		Cheshire Hike	
4 th April Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm	GSL Meeting Wilmslow Methodist Church	
14 th / 15 th April Saturday / Sunday		Edge Overnighter Alderley Edge	
19 th April Thursday	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	St George's Day Parade Rehearsal St Philip's Church, Alderley Edge	
20 th – 22 nd April Friday – Sunday	6.00 pm Friday to 3.00 pm Sunday	Spring Camp Tatton Park Campsite, Tatton Park	
22 nd April Sunday	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	St George's Day Parade St Philip's Church, Alderley Edge	
28 th / 29 th April Saturday / Sunday		County Skills Training Days Forest Camp, Sandiway	
2 nd May Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Meeting Wilmslow Methodist Church	
4 th – 7 th May Friday - Monday		The Big Camp Harrogate	
12 th May Saturday	All day	Jamboree on the Trail	
12 th – 20 th May Monday - Sunday		Scout Community Week	
27 th May Sunday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	First Aid 1 st Wilmslow - TBC	
10 th June Sunday		County Scout Sunday Chester	
20 th June Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Modules G, H and I Lindow	
23 rd June Saturday	10.00 am – 1.30 pm	'My Faith Badge' Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: www.chestercathedral.com or 01244 500959 from 1 st May	
23 rd – 24 th June Saturday - Sunday		Centenary Beaver Sleepover / Camp Linnet Clough Contact: Deborah Robson deb.robson@ntlworld.com	
14 th /15 th July Saturday/Sunday		'OLYMPUSS' Beaver / Cub Fun Day Forest Camp	 
17 th July Tuesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Module A – Child Protection 4 th Wilmslow	
5 th September Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Modules D and E Goostrey	

15th September
Saturday

Centenary Celebrations - Sunset Ceremony
Alderley Edge



22nd/23rd September
Saturday/Sunday

'Born Survivor' Cub /Scout Fun Day
Forest Camp



21st – 23rd September
Friday - Sunday

6.00 pm Friday to
3.00 pm Sunday

Summer Camp – Modules F, G, H, I and J
Milldale Campsite, Nantwich



15th October
Monday

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Module B and C
5th Wilmslow



20th October
Saturday

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

'Faith Activity Badge' Morning
Chester Cathedral
Bookings: www.chestercathedral.com
or 01244 500959 from 1st September



17th November
Saturday

9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Adult Recruitment Made Easy Workshop
The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn

2013

2nd – 9th August

Trip to Iceland

