



# Aldersley District Information Bulletin

February 2013

## **January.....sick and tired you've been hanging on me**

Yes I know it's a line from an old pop single but it somehow sums up the quiet and often miserable month after the excitement of Christmas and New Year. Now our thoughts turn to warmer weather and getting outside once again. Have you booked your holidays or, more to the point, your next trip away with your Section? It's not too late to start planning and organizing.

**Never taken kids away before?** There is training to support and help you. Talk to your Training Advisor or Wendy Macdonald, our Training Manger. Our Nights Away Advisor, Janet Williamson is another person who can help and advise you.

**Don't know where to go?** Well the good news is you don't need to go far – for Beavers, a sleep over in the Hq is often a big enough adventure. To find somewhere a bit further from home, have a look on Scoutbase on the [Campsite Directory](#)

Need some inspiration? Have a look on our [Facebook](#) page\*. Don't forget to "like" us.

So, that's my challenge to you this year – provide at least one overnight adventure for your kids this year .....go on, you never know, you might enjoy it!

*\*Don't see any photos of your Section on there? That's because you haven't sent me any.....*

Stephen Buckley  
District Commissioner

## **St George's Day Parade & Service**

**The Service will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

**We will start from St Philip's and Parade along London Road to  
the Aldersley Edge Methodist Church.**

**We are holding the Service there as part of their 150 Year Celebrations.**

**Aldersley Edge Group is leading the parade this year.**

**It will be very important that Readers and Flag Bearer's attend the rehearsal  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm.**

**As it is a new Church to us we need to all know what we are doing.**

Derek Wiles  
District Chairman

## District Forum

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00 to 9.30pm

Venue: 6th Wilmslow Scout HQ

Dean Row Village Hall, Browns Lane, Wilmslow SK9 2BR.

Parking is all on street and very limited. Please try to walk to the Hall or share lifts.

Only park on the west side of the road (i.e. the same side as the Hall itself).

Note that Browns Lane is blocked off at the northern end, where it meets Pinewood Road.



### Full Appointments

David Giles	GSL	1st Goostrey
Terence Rathbone	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Goostrey
Nicola Goode	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmes Chapel
Ara Couligan	BSL	4 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
David Coyle	ACSL	5 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow

Dawn Nesbit  
District Appointments Secretary



Well Done! to those who have recently completed their Wood Badge:

Joe Gaffney	ASL	Handforth
David Giles	GSL	Goostrey
Andy Tucker	ACSL	Goostrey

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.

Wendy Macdonald, LTM  
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[wendy\\_s\\_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk)

## Swimmer Badge Testing

Wilmslow Leisure Centre.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

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

Spaces are very limited. The session starting at 7pm has the most spaces.

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

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

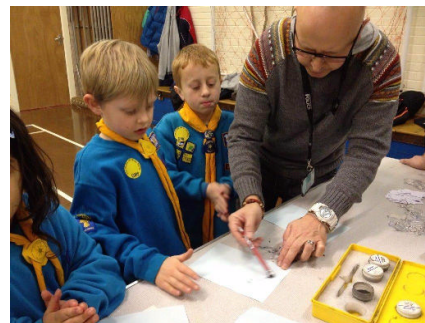
Contact Ian Ross at [ian.iross@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com) or 01625 525884 to check availability.



Monday 28th January

1st Handforth Beavers had a visit from a Fingerprint Officer.

He sent them on a Fingerprint Hunt matching the prints given, they had their Thumb Prints taken and put onto a special key ring complete with a certificate and a hand print.



It was a great evening thanks to Phil from Greater Manchester Police

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## Alderley District Young Leaders

The following appeared on [alderleyedge.com](http://www.alderleyedge.com) it can also be seen at

<http://www.alderleyedge.com/news/article/7752/cracking-idea-to-help-fund-scout-expedition#.UObzig7ryMA.email>

*A group of Explorer Scouts have come up with a new idea to raise funds towards a trip of a lifetime.*

*The Alderley District Young Leaders, aged from 14 to 18 years old, are doing service in scouting for their Duke of Edinburgh award.*

*Leader Jackie Toombs explained "As a group we like to do international trips to give the Explorers an experience of a lifetime, with the condition that they fundraise to enable as many members of the group to go on an equal footing.*

*"The group of 13 are going to Iceland glazier hiking on the 2nd August 2013.*

*"Each member of the group has a target of £1,000 to raise for the trip, our fundraising so far has consisted of car washes, bag packing, entertainment evenings, running refreshment stalls at Triathlons, marshalling marathons and helping the Round Table at a number of events."*

*Their latest venture to raise funds towards next year's expedition involves cutting down unusable pallets, bagging them into carrot nets and selling them as kindling bags.*

*The Young Leaders are selling the 10kg bags for £2 each or £3 including delivering in the Wilmslow and Alderley Edge area.*

*To order some kindling or for further information [email Jackie Toombs](mailto:toombsjackie@googlemail.com) or call her on 01625 540290.*

Jackie Toombs  
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*It worked for me*

6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow Scouts tried an event titled "chocoholics". It was well received by the Scouts. If any leader would like a blueprint of the event, send Ian an e-mail [ian.iross@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com)

Ian Ross, SL  
6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow

## Goostrey Scouts

### Fiona Bruce MP Visits the Scouts

Goostrey Scout troop hosted their MP on the 11<sup>th</sup> January; she came to tell the children about the role of the local MP and also to discuss with the leaders their quest to find a Scout Hut for the group. The Scouts asked Fiona some excellent questions including; why she became an MP? They discovered that Fiona has two children, and is a great supporter of the Scout and Guide movements. Fiona has invited the troop to visit her at the Houses of Parliament in October.



### Burn's Night

On 19<sup>th</sup> January, Goostrey Scouts ran a family Burns Night supper and dance to raise money for funds. The night was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. The traditional Address to the Haggis was given by Neil King (former Scout leader of Goostrey Scouts) and Rabbie Burns' poems were read by Neil King – Scout Leader. Fortunately there are no photographs of Dave Giles – GSL, who was wearing a kilt!

David Giles, GSL  
Goostrey

### County Scout Awards Dinner

Dear All - I would be grateful if you could circulate the attached information regarding the County Scout Dinner to be held on Saturday 13th April. Because we have such wonderful support from SOG, Runcorn Heath, we have agreed to hold the event in their restaurant this year - will endeavour to move to the other side of the county in 2014.

I realise that Award recipients will not have received notification from Scout HQ but please encourage attendance from your district at this very pleasant event - it really is good to hear the citations of the Award winners - even if they are not from your district. (See attached for menu and booking form.)

Thanks  
**Val Thomason**  
Deputy County Commissioner

## Woodland Park Camping Huts

We were in contact a few months ago and you kindly circulated our details throughout Cheshire Scouts. After an excellent launch this summer, we have now completed the final 2 huts and have managed to increase the capacity. The site can now sleep 28 campers with floor space for several more if required:-

- Fox, Stoat and Rabbit Huts – all sleep 4 in 2 sets of bunk beds
- Badger Hut – sleeps 7 in 2 sets of bunk beds on the ground floor with steps up to a loft area with 3 single beds
- Squirrel Hut – sleeps 9 in 2 sets of bunk beds on the ground floor with steps up to a loft area with 2 double and 1 single beds.

We are offering a special group discount for bookings of the whole site to include all 5 camping huts plus exclusive use of the toilet/ shower block and washing up facilities. The price is £200 per night for the whole site during summer months and £250 per night for the whole site in winter months which includes a heater in each hut.






Along with plenty of woodland walks in the immediate vicinity, we can also help arrange local watersports and activities in the nearby meres or lakes and offer open ground ideal for ball games and sports.

If you would like to come and have a look around the site we would be delighted to show you what we can offer, or please just call if you have any questions. (See information attached.)

Jo Evans  
 Site Manager  
 Woodland Park Lodges & Camping Huts  
 Tel: 01691 611 015  
[www.woodlandparklodges.co.uk](http://www.woodlandparklodges.co.uk)

### Diary Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> February Friday - Sunday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm	<b>Winter Hillwalking Course</b> Cairngorms	
2 <sup>nd</sup> February Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>Beaver District Challenge</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Handforth Scout HQ	
4 <sup>th</sup> February Monday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Module D and E</b> Wilmslow Methodist Church	
6 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>GSL Meeting</b> tba	
7 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Sectional Support &amp; Development Meeting</b> The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> February Saturday / Sunday		<b>Frosties Camp</b> Urmston Scout Camp Site Contact Mark Toombs; <a href="mailto:scoutleader.mt@gmail.com">scoutleader.mt@gmail.com</a>	
13 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Forum</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow Scout HQ Brown's Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 2BR	
17 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm	<b>CSA Award Ceremony</b> Terra Nova School	
27 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> tba	

2nd March Saturday	5.40pm/6.20pm/7.00pm	<b>Swimmer Badge Testing</b> Wilmslow Leisure Centre Contact: <a href="mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com">ian.iross@btinternet.com</a>	
6 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Team Meeting</b> tba	
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March Friday - Sunday		<b>Summer Hillwalking Course</b> Snowdonia	
20 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training - Safeguarding</b> tba	
25 <sup>th</sup> March Monday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
6-7 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday - Sunday		<b>Cheshire Hike</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Forum – Bear in the Air</b> tba	
13 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday	7.00pm – 11.30pm	<b>County Dinner</b> Restaurant of the Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn Heath	
14 <sup>th</sup> April Sunday		<b>District Skills Day</b> Chelford Scout HQ	
15 <sup>th</sup> April Monday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Getting Started – Modules 1,2,3</b> tba	
18 <sup>th</sup> April Thursday	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	<b>St George's Day Parade Rehearsal</b> Alderley Edge Methodist Church	
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April Friday – Sunday	7.00 pm Friday to 2.00 pm Sunday	<b>Young Leaders Spring Camp</b> Modules B,C,D and E Milldale Campsite, Nantwich	
21 <sup>st</sup> April Sunday		<b>St George's Day Parade</b> Alderley Edge Methodist Church	
24 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Exec Meeting</b> tba	
24 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> tba	
27 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday		<b>Training – Modules 12/19</b> tba	
1 <sup>st</sup> May Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Team Meeting</b> tba	
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May Friday - Sunday		<b>Chief Scouts Visit – Bear in the Air</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday	8.00 pm – 9.30pm	<b>District AGM</b> Chelford Scout HQ	
20 <sup>th</sup> May Monday	7.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
20 <sup>th</sup> May Monday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Module G,H and J</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow	
25 <sup>th</sup> May Saturday		'Faith Activity Badge' Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: <a href="http://www.chestercathedral.com">www.chestercathedral.com</a> nearer the time	



3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> June Monday - Sunday		<b>Scout Community Week</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Module A (Child Protection)</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Goostrey	
5 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>GSL Meeting</b> tba	
8 <sup>th</sup> June Saturday		<b>Training – Modules 7</b> tba	
9 <sup>th</sup> June Sunday		<b>District Master Of Arms Badge</b> tba	
9 <sup>th</sup> June Sunday	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	<b>Residential Exp. Preparation</b> Warrington	
11 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Sectional Support &amp; Development Meeting</b> The Heath Conference Centre, Runcom	
15 <sup>th</sup> June Saturday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Module D and E</b> Chelford Scout HQ	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday - Wednesday		<b>Cheshire Show</b> Cheshire Showground, Tabley	
20 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Forum</b> tba	
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June Friday - Sunday		<b>Residential Exp. (Cub, Scout, Explorer Ldrs)</b> Modules 16,17,18 and 38 Queen Charlottes Wood Campsite, Frodsham	
25 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday		<b>Cheshire Scouts AGM</b> Knutsford	
26 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> tba	
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> June Saturday/Sunday		<b>District Ultimate Explorer Event</b> tba	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July Tuesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training - Safeguarding</b> tba	
3 <sup>rd</sup> July Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Team Meeting</b> tba	
10 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Exec Meeting</b> tba	
20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July Saturday - Sunday		<b>Tattonbury</b> Tatton Park Scout Campsite	
29 <sup>th</sup> July Monday	7.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> August		<b>Trip to Iceland</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Joint GSL and District Team Meeting</b> tba	
15 <sup>th</sup> September Saturday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	<b>Young Leaders First Aid</b> Holmes Chapel	



20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Friday - Sunday		<b>Residential Exp. (Beaver Leaders)</b> Modules 12,16,17,18,19 Queen Charlottes Wood Campsite, Frodsham	
21 <sup>st</sup> September Saturday	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	<b>Getting Started – Modules 1,2,3</b> tba	
21 <sup>st</sup> September Saturday		<b>County Skills Day</b> tba	
22 <sup>nd</sup> September Sunday		<b>County Permit Day</b> tba	
25 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Exec Meeting</b> tba	
25 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> tba	
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> September Friday – Sunday	7.00 pm Friday to 2.00 pm Sunday	<b>Young Leaders Summer Camp</b> Modules F,G,H,I and J Tatton Park Scout Campsite,, Tatton Park	
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Thursday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Sectional Support &amp; Development Meeting</b> The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
6 <sup>th</sup> October Sunday		<b>Training – Modules 14</b> tba	
9 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Forum</b> tba	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October Friday - Sunday	9.30 am Friday to 10.30 am Sunday	<b>JOTA / JOTI</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday		‘My Faith Badge ‘ Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: <a href="http://www.chestercathedral.com">www.chestercathedral.com</a> nearer the time	
28 <sup>th</sup> October Monday	7.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
6 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>District Team Meeting</b> tba	
16 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	<b>County Cub and Scout Swimming Gala</b> Woolston Leisure Centre, Warrington	
23 <sup>rd</sup> November Saturday		<b>District Annual Dinner</b> tba	
24 <sup>th</sup> November Sunday		<b>CSA Gold Award Ceremony</b> Parr Hall, Warrington	
27 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training Clinic</b> tba	
28 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Training - Safeguarding</b> tba	
5 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm	<b>District Exec &amp; District Team Xmas</b> tba	
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1 <sup>st</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> August		<b>Chamboree</b> Cheshire Showground, Tabley	