



# Alderley District Information Bulletin

June 2011

## County Scout Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Every year there is a major Parade in Chester, led by a great Scout Band. (yes, of course it's our Band!) this year I have invited all Silver and Gold Chief Scout's Award holders and Queen's Scout Award holders to have the honour of representing the District. Leaders who have earned the Woodbadge have also been invited. The District Exec supported my idea of having a District Contingent and so all who attend will be wearing the new District necker (unfortunately they will have to hand them back but hey, at least we will get a good photo!)

Group Scout Leaders have all the details and invitations have gone out to all the Award Holders. Please encourage your Cubs / Scouts / Explorers who have been invited to attend to let me know whether I need to order a second coach! ([stephen.p.buckley@cheshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:stephen.p.buckley@cheshirescouts.org.uk))

## Our Centenary is approaching.....

At the recent District Forum, I talked through some of the ideas we have for the Centenary Celebrations. I hope to finalise the calendar at the next GSLs Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June which is a joint session with the District Team. I am keen to have a memorable year *without* adding to the burden of the leaders. To give you a taster, here are some of the ideas:

- We will kickoff the Celebrations with a **Sunrise Event** in September. The idea is to camp somewhere then get up really early, see the sunrise, have a good breakfast and go home!
- **Themes** – each month we have suggested a decade that you can use to inspire your weekly programme. So, for example, February is the 1960's. A quick search provides this link with some good inspiration: <http://history1900s.about.com/od/timelines/tp/1960timeline.htm>
- In October, we will be walking the length of District. The initial idea was based on “**Beating the Bounds**” but it might turn into more of a relay. Think “Olympic Torch” but walking and with the District Flag and the Band will be involved somewhere
- In November and March we will be holding a “**Host another Unit**” Event. You will get to host another Unit and then visit another Unit. All Sections will take part and it will be quite competitive to see who holds the best night!
- In December, there will be “Christmas on the Edge”
- **Camps and Sleepovers.** We discussed having a District Camp but it is a lot of organisation for one weekend. The current proposal is as follows:
  - Beavers: Centenary Sleepover. We are investigating a number of options for location but any other ideas would be good
  - Cubs. An Activity Weekend at PGL: [www.pgl.co.uk/uniform](http://www.pgl.co.uk/uniform) *I am looking for a volunteer to visit and report back*

- Scouts and Explorers. The Big Camp: <http://www.thebigcamp.net/> A big camp hosted by West Yorkshire Scouts at the Great Yorkshire Showground near Harrogate
- Leaders: 2012 Gilwell Reunion. First Weekend in September at the home of Scouting, Gilwell Park.
- Leaders Events
  - **Chilli Bakeoff**: A family event to see who can cook the best chilli con carne. Open to leaders, parents, Scouts, Explorers and the DC. Independent judges will be found so that I can win fairly!
  - In February, there will be a **Dinner Dance** for Leaders, Parents and Supporters
- We will finish the Celebrations with a **Sunset Event** in September. Campfire, Food and Fireworks have been mentioned!
- One important aspect we have yet to work out is **Service**. We want to do something for other people. A number of ideas have been discussed such as equipping a Scout Group in Africa. Ideas welcome.
- **Golden Mile** – This is a scheme that encourages fitness and also provides an opportunity to fundraise with only little bit of effort from the leaders. More details at your next Group Leaders meeting
- We will have a **Centenary Badge** that all members will wear for the year and a Centenary T-shirt has been proposed.

It's looking like an exciting year but as with all things, it will only happen if everyone does a little bit to help.

Steve Buckley  
District Commissioner





In 2012 there is to be another Cheshire Challenge, with a difference this time the information will be sent out September 2011 and there will be a Bronze, Silver and Gold. These awards will be gained by doing activities with other members of your group to make points the more points the higher badge.

Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT) was cancelled this year but for future reference it happens the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. It has been going since 1997, started in Canada with 24,000 taking part in 17 Countries. It is the only annual event for every member of the Scouting family. [www.jott.org.uk](http://www.jott.org.uk) You can register any time, cost of badge is £1.20 and they have a new badge each year.

We again must thank Chelford for the use of the field and HQ, for the Beavers Water Fun Day, which had the theme of pirates and included an inflatable pirate ship. Some of the Beavers came in fancy dress. The weather was so good considering how bad it has been of late. We had hoopla frog, holey cups, catapulting tin cans, etc we stopped for a drink and a biscuit. We had a sing song while the scores were added up. Then as usual, the water pistol free for all, this year we had loaded the pistol ready for them to start. The Joint winners this year were Chelford and 6th Wilmslow who will each have the trophy for six months.

On a sadder note our ACC for Beavers, Claire Lofts, is finishing. This is the last time I will be writing this report as I have resigned as ADC (Beavers) and will be joining Bereton Scout Group as the Beaver Leader. On that note, I wish you all the best for the future, and may you enjoy the happiness that bringing enjoyment to others brings to you.

Julie Tulloch  
ADC Beavers



Well Done! to David Thirtle, SL at Holmes Chapel, on completing his Wood Badge.

Progress in training has continued across the District during May and there are several more Leaders well on their way to achieving their Wood Badge. If you need help or advice on your training please contact me.

#### SAFEGUARDING

All new Leaders and Assistants and also those whose appointments are being reviewed need to attend a Safeguarding workshop. Forthcoming Safeguarding workshops include

22<sup>nd</sup> June South-west Cheshire

7<sup>th</sup> July Alderley venue tba

#### FIRST AID

The next course planned is 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Holmes Chapel.

To book for Safeguarding or First Aid, please contact me.

For a full list of other courses in Cheshire please see the attachment to DIB.

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## **Training Modules in Chester**

Also attached please find list of training modules in Chester for the remainder of 2011.

## **Tatton Park Scout Campsite**

New for 2011 at Tatton we now have the following activities:

- **Unicycles**
- **Go Karts**
- **Zip Wire (due mid May)**
- **Low Ropes style course (due mid May)**

If you would like any more information on booking, prices etc please let me know!

We look forward to being able to share these activities with you.

Tatton Bookings Manager  
Tatton Park Scout Campsite  
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## **Theme Park Tickets**

Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire Scout Counties run a Theme Park ticket agency to raise money for Scouting and to offer Theme Park Tickets to Scouting & Guiding members at a cheaper rate.

FOR DISCOUNTED PRICES FOR ALTON TOWERS, THORPE PARK, LEGOLAND WINDSOR, CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES, WARWICK CASTLE, SEA LIFE CENTRES, MADAME TUSSAUDS AND MORE VISIT [www.youthfundays.co.uk](http://www.youthfundays.co.uk) or tel: 0115 9523617

Jayne Burton-Naylor  
County Secretary  
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## **Cheshire Hike 2012**

The Cheshire Hike will take place on the weekend of the 31st March - 1st April 2012.

## **Bear Grylls – Message to Parents**

<http://t.co/haY2JDS>

*From Chester District Newsletter*

## Diary Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> June Wednesday		<b>Appointments Meeting</b> URC, Wilmslow	
7 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday		<b>County AGM</b> Chester Town Hall	
8 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday		<b>GSL / District Team Meeting</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday	7.00 pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lindow AGM</b> Annexe behind Church Rooms, St John's	
10 <sup>th</sup> June Friday	6.30 pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Holmes Chapel AGM</b> (with BBQ) Hermitage School Field	
12 <sup>th</sup> June Sunday		<b>County Scout Sunday</b> Chester Cathedral	
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> June Tuesday/Wednesday		<b>Cheshire Show, Tabley</b> Email: <a href="mailto:admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk">admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June Wednesday		<b>Safeguarding Workshop</b> South West Cheshire	
24 <sup>th</sup> June Friday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Young Leader Training – Module C</b> URC, Wilmslow Contact: <a href="mailto:toombsjackie@googlemail.com">toombsjackie@googlemail.com</a>	
1 <sup>st</sup> July Friday	6.30 pm	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow AGM</b> United reform Church	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July Saturday		<b>Beaver Scout Birthday Party</b> The Heath, Runcorn Email: <a href="mailto:clare.lofts@cheshirescouts.org.uk">clare.lofts@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	
6 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday	7.00 pm	<b>Chelford AGM</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	<b>Safeguarding Workshop</b> Alderley tba.	
10 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday		<b>Wilmslow Show</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> July Monday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Young Leader Training – Module D</b> URC, Wilmslow Contact: <a href="mailto:toombsjackie@googlemail.com">toombsjackie@googlemail.com</a>	
16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> July Saturday / Sunday	10.00am Saturday to 12.00 pm Sunday	<b>Tattonbury</b> Tatton Park Email: <a href="mailto:hannah.lapworth@cheshirescouts.org.uk">hannah.lapworth@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	
17 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday		<b>Cheshire Contingent to WSJ leaving ceremony</b> Tatton Park By invitation, book with <a href="mailto:admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk">admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	
20 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday		<b>District Team Meeting</b>	
27th July to 7th August		<b>22nd World Scout Jamboree</b> Kristianstad, Sweden	
4 <sup>th</sup> September Sunday		<b>Platinum &amp; Diamond Chief Scout Awards plus Queen Scout Awards and DofE Gold Award Evening</b> Grange Theatre, Northwich (?tbc) Email: <a href="mailto:hannah.lapworth@cheshirescouts.org.uk">hannah.lapworth@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a> Or <a href="mailto:adam.forshaw@cheshirescouts.org.uk">adam.forshaw@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	 

7 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday		<b>GSL Meeting</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday		<b>District Forum on Tour</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> September Wednesday		<b>Appointments Meeting</b> URC, Wilmslow	
2 <sup>nd</sup> October Sunday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	<b>First Aid – Module 10</b> Holmes Chapel Contact: <a href="mailto:wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk">wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk</a>	
5 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday		<b>District Team Meeting</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday	10.00 am – 1.00 pm	<b>Beaver Scout Faith Activity Badge</b> Booking from 1.7.11	
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October Friday – Sunday		<b>Halloween Camp – Scout Network/Explorer Scouts</b> Forest Camp Email: <a href="mailto:activities@cheshirescouts.org.uk">activities@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> November Wednesday		<b>GSL Meeting</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> November Sunday	2.00pm	<b>Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation</b> Warrington Email: <a href="mailto:dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk">dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	
10 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday		<b>District Forum on Tour</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday	4.30 pm – 8.30 pm	<b>County Swimming Gala – Cubs &amp; Scouts</b> Warrington, Woolston Neighbourhood Hub WA1 4PN Email: <a href="mailto:dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk">dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a> Or <a href="mailto:cathy.bland@cheshirescouts.org.uk">cathy.bland@cheshirescouts.org.uk</a>	
23 <sup>rd</sup> November Wednesday		<b>Appointments Meeting</b> URC, Wilmslow	
26 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	<b>Centenary Swimming Gala</b> Macclesfield Leisure Centre Edwardian Theme – moustaches/hats?	
7 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday		<b>District Team Meeting</b>	
<b>2012</b>			
11 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday		<b>Beaver County Challenge</b> Place and time TBA	
31 <sup>st</sup> March /1 <sup>st</sup> April Saturday/Sunday		<b>Cheshire Hike</b>	