



Alderley District Information Bulletin

June 2014

Moving into the Twenty First Century!

As you are probably aware, the Association is introducing a new membership system, known as Compass. It is designed to improve the administration of the Association bring some much needed automation and sharing of data. I fully expect the system to bring major improvements to some of the admin we all are involved in. If you are curious about the likely impact, go and ask your local Guide Leader about their system – ours will be similar but more suited to the needs of Scouting!

David Jones is our District Champion and he will be doing his best to minimise the effort required from you but as with anything new, there will be some changes to how we work. In the short term some of these may appear a step backwards but this normal. Trust me; I have been involved with big systems implementations for many years! I need two things from you:

- **Help** - David asks you to do something, it would be great if could help by doing it in a reasonably prompt way (We are all volunteers and I know time is tight but we can't do this without you)
- **Patience** - there will be some setbacks and problems on the way, please bear with us. Everyone will do their best to resolve the situation but please give the team some space to fix things.

You will get more details as and when we receive them. Thanks in anticipation of your help.

Lilian Cobb “Gone Home”

Later in this newsletter, Rob has written a nice tribute to Lilian who died recently. I just wanted to add my thanks and appreciation for her service to Scouting and to express our condolences to her family. Only last month she was joking with me about how I had mucked up the invitations for guests to our St George Day Parade – I suspect it wouldn't have happened in her day! We will miss you Lillian.

Long Service Awards

Five years

Joanna Green, ACSL, 1st Holmes Chapel
Alan Jackson, ASL, 1st Holmes Chapel
Sally Jackson, ASL, 1st Holmes Chapel
Pam Clements, AGSL, 1st Handforth
Colin Mottershead, AGSL, 1st Goostrey
Carolyn Wharfe, ACSL, 1st Goostrey

Fifteen Years

Stephen Hughes, ABSL, 1st Chelford

Twenty Five Years

Robert Henstock, SAS, District

Stephen P Buckley
District Commissioner

Appointments

Welcome to Iain Macintosh, who has recently gained a provisional appointment as Group Scout Leader at 1st Wilmslow

District Treasurer

Please be reminded that David Holland has retired as District Treasurer, and I have taken on this role.

Project Compass

The new HQ membership system will be introduced in two stages, adults and youngsters. All adult records for the whole country will be transferred to Compass at the end of July 2014. All youth members' details for Cheshire will be uploaded to Compass between 25th September and 16th October 2014. Detailed instructions for this will be sent to Group Scout Leaders very soon. Please note that it will be compulsory for all youth and adult members to be recorded in Compass, and POR has been amended in respect of this- see Chapter 14 Rule 11 (Data Protection) and Rule 12 (Compass)- [POR Chapter 14](#)

David Jones
District Appointments Secretary



Chief Scout's Gold Award Ceremony

This event is for all members of the Scout Section who will have gained their Chief Scout's Gold Award in 2013-14. Please remember to include any Scout that will have moved to Explorers, Scouts must be registered through their ADC Scouts, I would be grateful if you could let me have names of those that you wish to go forward by 12th July 2014. If you can email me at scoutleader.mt@gmail.com with group name, Scouts name (as they want it to appear on the certificate) full postal address and phone number. Invites will be posted out this year.

Location: Parr Hall, Warrington

Section: Scouts

Type: County/National Moving-In Moving-On

Start: 30 Nov 2014 14:00

End: 30 Nov 2014 16:30

Mark Toombs, ADC Scouts



Dear Leaders

We are planning a trip to Kandersteg, the World Scout Centre in the Swiss Alps in the summer of 2015.

This will be open to any Scout/ Explorer in the District who is or will be 12yrs old upwards on the 28th July 2015 and must have at least 15 nights away.

Though this is a year away, we have to confirm numbers by July 2014.

We will depart on 29th July and return on 7th August 2015. We are travelling by train to Switzerland. Kandersteg is a huge International Scout camp site. We will be in tents but with a full board option.

Activities will involve walking, climbing and abseiling in the Alps, international carnival as well as onsite activities to mention just a few! As it is an international centre all young people will have the opportunity and be encouraged to make friends with Scouts from around the World.

The total cost is £850.00 payable by 30th May 2015 (£100 deposit, £225 due 1st Oct 14, £225 due 31st Jan 14, balance £300 30th May) or £75 per month.

As this is a lot of money for most people we are hoping groups will be organising and attending various fundraising events (*bag packing and car washing for example*) as well as writing to charities. If you are interested in helping please let us know. All the money raised will bring the overall cost down.

We are happy to hold presentation evenings for parents/Scouts/Explorers to see a about the trip and ask/ answer questions about what we would get up to in Switzerland, and give you the opportunity to meet some of the leaders going.

Leadership Team: Mark Toombs (Camp Leader), Joe Adshead (Travel Plans), Paul Windram (Health and Welfare), Pam Barber (Camp Bank), Jackie Toombs (First Aid), Stephen Buckley DC. (Himself), Helen Obrien GSL, (First Aid), Janet Williamson. (International Liaison Officer), Eileen Shelmerdine (Support).

Hopefully by having a Leadership team in place it will make it easier for all groups to join us, but please we understand that You have Family commitments so if leaders can't join us please send out the invite to your sections.

The following documents are attached:

- Booking Form
- Activity Planning Sheets 1 & 2
- Travel Information, Personal Kit List and Health Form

Mark Toombs ADCS.

LILIAN COBB, ex -Chairman of the ALDERLEY APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

It is with great regret that we announce that Lilian Cobb, ex Chairman of the Appointments Committee for 34 years, has died on 22nd May 2014.

Lilian started being involved in Scouting in 1974 as Assistant District Commissioner – Leader Training after previously being a Guide Commissioner. Her husband George was a Scout Leader both in Halifax and for 4th Wilmslow and was eventually Assistant County Commissioner for Cheshire. She served in many roles in the District and became Appointments Secretary in 1982 and then Chairman, and received the Medal of Merit in 1983.

She was involved in the appointments of all Leaders in Alderley and was the welcoming face to the District for many leaders - sometimes to several generations.

Since retiring in 2008 she always attended the St George's Day service and regularly came to the District Dinners.

The funeral was on held on Sat 31st May at the URC Wilmslow

Our condolences go to her sons Simon and Jonathan and their families.

Rob Henstock
Active Support Coordinator

County AGM 2014

Tuesday 24th June, 19:00 for 19:30 start, Tea/Coffee and cake on arrival

**Location – [AstraZeneca – Macclesfield, Cheshire](#),
Charter Way, Macclesfield, Cheshire East SK10 2NA**

Guest Speaker - [Matt Hyde, Chief Executive Scout Association](#)

Matt has proved to be a breath of fresh air in the organisation and he has some interesting observations on Scouting, not all of them are comfortable to hear. His youngest son has just joined Beavers and he has a Scout Group at the bottom of his garden.

Matt will speak on the community involvement/recognition part of 2018 vision and to provide an update on key projects being worked on by his HQ team. He will highlight some of the finding from this year's census at a national level and discuss his impressions of Scouting since he started working for the organisation.

CarFest North

We have again been invited to help at CarFest North, that's the good news. The challenge is that it takes place the first weekend of Chamboree. I have a management team in place including support from the RDS and the staff places will be offered around the region.

However I am aware that not everybody is coming to Chamboree and this event might be of interest to some people interested in cars/festivals etc. Therefore I would be grateful if you could circulate the enclosed information to Leaders. Any volunteers must be over 18 for this event. (See attached for registration form.)

Graham Phillips
County Commissioner, Cheshire

1st Chelford First Group Camp

Over the weekend of 16-19 May, 1st Chelford Scout Group enjoyed their first ever Group Camp (at least in the memory of the current leaders anyway) and what a fabulous weekend it was. Blessed with beautiful weather the Cubs and Scouts arrived on Friday evening and enjoyed wide games before (eventually) settling off to sleep. As usual, Saturday was an early wake up (I'm told 5.30am by the leaders who were there, but fortunately for me I was at home in bed and missed the fun) before the Beavers arrived at 8.30am. Saturday was action packed with activities including Archery, Shooting and woggle/key ring making, followed by the inevitable and always great fun water balloon catapults! The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were split up into mixed teams and it was great to see them all working together and helping each other.

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a traditional camp fire led by the inimitable Cormac with his songs, jokes and tall tales and when the Beavers and Cubs had departed to their tents, the Scouts finished off by toasting marshmallows over the fire.

With another hearty cooked breakfast on Sunday morning, it was off on the activities again – Canadian canoeing, climbing wall, low ropes and high ropes – whilst the leaders broke camp. After a good old bbq for Sunday lunch and a final site tidy, it was time for flag down and presentation of badges and woggles.

Overall, it was a superb camp – massive thanks to all the section leaders and helpers (especially Joe who pulled it all together), the District leaders and instructors, the Explorer leaders, Network members and our Young Leaders/Explorer Scouts who all made the weekend possible and mighty enjoyable for all!

Here are a few photos of some of the activities.



Ian Wilkes, GSL,
1st Chelford

Cat Protection

Cat Protection offers free talks to schools and youth groups – see attached poster.

We offer free sessions primarily targeted at the Cub's Animal Carer Activity Badge / Beaver's Animal Friend Activity Badge, but are more than willing to tailor the sessions to suit any particular local need – e.g. feral cats, behaviour modification, care of kittens and so on. We also have sessions suitable for adults which are likewise customised to meet specific needs.

If anyone is even slightly interested, please ask them to get in touch and we'll see if we can help. They can either contact us or our regional manager, Kirsty-Lou, on the 0113 224 9727.



At one of our free talks.

Mike North
01625 575555
cats@lowernab.co.uk
www.cats.org.uk

Undated Permit Assessment Dates

Attached are the Updated Permit Assessment Dates along with booking information etc.

ICELANDIC TENTS

While at Forest Camp, I came across a leader who has just changed his troop's tents.

He has some Icelandics available at low or no cost:

The Scouter lives in Runcorn.

If interested, please contact him direct.

Gwatkins2000@yahoo.co.uk

Ian Ross, SL
6th Wilmslow

Diary Dates

2nd – 8th June
Monday - Sunday

Scout Community Week

4th June
Wednesday

8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

District Executive Meeting
tba

9th June
Monday

Training Clinic
tba

10th June
Tuesday

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

County Sectional Meeting (ADCs)



















15th June
Sunday



















1.00 pm – 5.00 pm

County Scout Sunday
Chester



adult training

16 th June Monday		Getting Started Workshop tba	
17 th – 18 th June Tuesday - Wednesday		Cheshire Show Cheshire Showground, Tabley	
18 th June Wednesday	7.30 pm – 8.30 pm	District Forum tba	
20 th – 22 nd June Friday - Sunday		Residential Exp. (Cub, Scout, Explorer Ldrs) Queen Charlottes Wood Campsite, Frodsham	
20 th – 22 nd June Friday - Sunday		Narrow Boating Training and Assessment pam@pam-jones.co.uk	
21 st June Saturday	1.15 pm – 3.30 pm	Marple Carnival	
21 st – 22 nd June Saturday - Sunday		District Beaver Camp Linnet Clough	
24 th June Tuesday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Cheshire Scouts AGM AstraZeneca, Macclesfield	
28 th June Saturday	12.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Goostrey Rose Festival	
29 th June Sunday		Rafting – Forset Camp Training and Assessment http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/daragh-omalley-6370303147	
1 st July Tuesday		Training Clinic tba	
2 nd July Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Meeting tba	
4 th – 6 th July Friday - Sunday		District Explorer Camp tba	
5 th July Saturday	1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Seashell Trust Summer Fair	
14 th July Monday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Training - Safeguarding Holmes Chapel	
1 st – 9 th August		Chamboree Cheshire Showground, Tabley	
15 th – 17 th August Friday - Sunday		Narrow Boating Training and Assessment pam@pam-jones.co.uk	
3 rd September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Meeting tba	
5 th – 7 th September Friday- Sunday		Gilwell Reunion	
7 th September Sunday		Queen of the Moorlands Competition	
10 th September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Executive Meeting tba	
13 th September Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Mobberley Scouts Jumble Sale	

15 th September Monday		Training Clinic tba	
19 th – 21 st September Friday – Sunday		District Young Leaders Camp Tatton	
20 th – 21 st September Saturday – Sunday		Residential Exp. (Beaver Leaders)	
20 th September Saturday		Rafting – Forset Camp Training and Assessment http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/daragh-omalley-6370303147	
27 th September Saturday		Getting Started Workshop tba	
1 st October Wednesday	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm	County Sectional Meeting (ADCs)	
8 th October Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum tba	
11 th / 12 th October Saturday / Sunday		Training Weekend – Modules 5 – 9 Warrington	
11 th October Saturday	7.00 pm – 10.00 pm	District Recognition Dinner tba	
12 th October Sunday		Greater Manchester Marching Band Championships	
14 th October Tuesday		Training Clinic tba	
17 th – 19 th October Friday - Sunday		Narrow Boating Training and Assessment pam@pam-jones.co.uk JOTA / JOTI	
18 th / 19 th October Saturday / Sunday		TYMBA National Championships	
26 th October Sunday		Training Clinic tba	
3 rd November Monday		Remembrance Parade	
9 th November Sunday		Training - Safeguarding tba	
12 th November Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	District Team Meeting tba	
15 th – 16 th November Saturday / Sunday		Training Weekend – Modules 11-15, 19 Macclesfield & Congleton	
29 th November Saturday		District Dinner tba	
30 th November Sunday	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm	CSA Gold Award Ceremony Parr Hall, Warrington	
3 rd December Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Exec & District Team tba	