



Alderley District Information Bulletin

May 2012

Alderley Grows Yet Again

The Annual Census figures are in and Scouting both locally and nationally has continued to grow. Locally we increased membership by 4.8% and we now have 922 members. A fantastic achievement! Well done everyone. The County puts a significant effort in to publicise our results and here is a recent article on AlderleyEdge.com

<http://www.alderleyedge.com/news/article/6140/scouting-numbers-continue-to-rise-alderley-district>

District AGM

This year the District AGM will be held at 8pm, on Thursday, 17th May 2012 at Holmes Chapel Scout Groups' new headquarters in the middle of the village – find the Co-op and follow the crowds! It would be great to see you there. We promise to keep it short and there will be tea and maybe even cake. You even get the chance to have a nosey around the building. Seriously, I think it is important that we get at least one representative attending from each Group.

St. Georges Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parade. It didn't rain but the going was definitely wet! It was great to hear from our representatives from Lindow ESU who attended the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. It was also great to be able to give our best wishes to...

- Our Queen Scouts - Alistair Ramsay and Jonathan Stanley,
- Our Band Members - Emily, Kenneth, Stephen and Jake,

who are all representing the District at the Annual Queen Scouts Parade at Windsor.

Next year, we will be helping Alderley Edge Methodist Church celebrate their 150 years so there may be a change to our Parade / Service.

Chief Scout Awards

An important part of Scouting is the Award Scheme. Through it we encourage our members to get the experience and skills we believe will help them throughout their lives. Going forward, the District intends to keep a central record of members achieving their Chief Scout Awards for two reasons:

- Public recognition of their achievement
- Ease of inviting members and their families to Award Presentations.

Each year, Scouts and Explorers are invited to two County organised Presentation Events where they are presented with their Chief Scout Award. In 2013, Alderley District will be organising a District Presentation for Beavers and Cubs who have earned their Chief Scout Awards. Before we can do that, we need to establish a reliable method of collecting who has been awarded what.

Action Needed from You

Notify the District of all the Chief Scout Awards, Duke of Edinburgh or Queen Scout Awards earned in your Section since 1st September 2011.

Two options:

1. Fill in the form on the District website
2. If you have a number of awards to notify, it might be easier to download the spreadsheet at the bottom of the page on the web site and send it to Dorothy Harding (The District Badge Secretary, dorothy.harding@talktalk.net)

In future, every time one of your members earns an Award, you should notify the District using the method above. The District will then send you the appropriate badge (if required). *(From talking to the GSLs, it would appear that some of you have a stockpile of badges which will last for at least the next twenty years!)*

Incidentally, if you want Derek or I to come down to your Section Meeting to present CSA badges, just give us plenty of notice and we will do our best.

Survey – Have your say!

At a recent GSLs meeting, the GSLs suggested we ask you for your input on the future of the annual Swimming Gala and how we should conclude our Centenary Celebrations. If you want to have your say, the survey is on the District Website:

<http://www.alderleyscouts.org.uk/>

Wood Badges

I am pleased to announce that following leaders have earned their Wood Badge:

Chloe Ryan, BSL, Alderley Edge

Chris Povall, ABSL, Alderley Edge

Stephen Hughes, ABSL, 1st Chelford

Cheshire Challenge

Just a brief reminder that the Challenge Badges are now available from your GSL.

Cheshire Hike

We had another great event with good attendance. Here are the District Winners:

Section	Juniors	Inters	Seniors	Senior Plus
Team No	154	309	587	731
Name	Eddie Raven	Sam Thirtle	Charlie Yewer	Beckie French
Name	Tom Sillince	George Nightingale	Oliver John	Becca Jackson
Troop	1st Goostrey	1st Holmes Chapel	Viking ESU	Vikings ESU

Congratulations to all who took part – hopefully you have all recovered and are looking forward to next year’s event!

Born Survivor – 22nd September 2012

I have had a request for more information on what Born Survivor will involve so, without giving away too much, I hope this helps!

The main theme of the day is a survival and "back to basics" experience. The cubs/scout mixed teams will complete bases of their choice, learning skills that will aid them through there scouting life such as fire lighting, cooking etc. There will also be a selection of activities available using both facilities at forest and equipment brought onto site including climbing and raft building.

The full list of bases is extensive, and will provide an excellent experience the all the Scouts and Cubs. I hope this teaser explains it better.

Luke Morby, ACC (Scouts)

Steve Buckley

District Commissioner



Full Appointments

Paul Watson	ASL	1 st Goostrey
Mandy Padley	ACSL	1 st Goostrey
Jessica Toombs	ASL	1 st Handforth

Provisional Appointments

Chris Morris	ACSL	1 st Handforth
Chris Deverell	CSPA	1 st Handforth
Christine Singer	CSPA	1 st Handforth
Jenny Hurd	CSPA	1 st Handforth
Mike Shaw	ASL	1 st Lindow

Rob Henstock
District Appointments Secretary

St George's Day Parade & Service 2012

Despite inclement weather Alderley District Scouts once again filled St Phillip's & St James's Church in Alderley Edge to the brim.

The Parade lead by Alderley's Explorer Units attracted great attention as they passed through London Road. Eight Groups were on Parade as well as the Explorers making over 300 Leaders & Members in total.

The Service was lead by the Rev. Jane Parry, supported by the Rev Ben Clowes from Alderley Methodist Church.

A Group of Explorers from the Lindow Unit gave a presentation about their experiences at the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011.

Mrs. Janet Franks was presented with an Award for Merit in recognition of her services to Scouting.

A lively and interesting service, included everyone singing Row Row Row the Boat, was enjoyed by all as well as being thought provoking.

The District Commissioner, Steve Buckley, led the Members in the renewal of the Promise and each Member of the congregation was presented with a wooden coin. This is to be placed in their right hand pocket at the beginning of the day and transferred to the left when they have done their good deed as per the promise.

A good afternoon, well received by all.

Thanks go to all those who quietly worked in the background to ensure all went smoothly

Derek Wiles
District Chairman

Badges

New Leaders may not be aware that badges can be ordered from the District Badge Secretary:

Dorothy Harding,
1 Poplar Avenue, Wilmslow,
tel. 01625 520649,
email: dorothy.harding@talktalk.net

They can be sent by post, or you can pick them up if you prefer. I try to keep a good stock, but if I run out I can usually get them in a week. Please note that badges are expensive, so only order what you need - it is wasteful to keep lots of spares which may never be used.

Dorothy Harding
District Badge Secretary



Well Done! to the following Leaders who have recently completed their Wood Badge.

Joe Adshead	SL	Chelford
Sarah Lumb	ASL	Chelford
Chris Nightingale	ASL	Holmes Chapel
Paul Watson	ASL	Goostrey

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 course planned locally is:

Safeguarding	5 th July	7.30 – 9pm	venue tba
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To book please contact me.

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

Axe Saw Knife / Trangia Training Resources

Mike Brown and the team in Macc and Cong have prepared some resources regarding axe and knives. These are the resources that were presented at the Skills Camp. There is also a "permit card" and, although these are not compulsory, provide a good reward to a Scout who has become proficient, and can be easily retracted if there is an issue.

Luke Morby,
ACC (Scouts)

(These resources have now been added to the Downloads Section on the District website - <http://www.alderleyscouts.org.uk/401/login.php?redirect=/download.html>)



Alderley District Young Leaders

We had our first camp of the season the weekend of the 20th – 22nd April. We did modules B, C, D and E. They all did very well right down to inventing their own games and adapting them to include those with disabilities. On the Sunday morning they went out on the water with Adam Robson to do some canoeing, and then it was a quick lunch, shower and straight to St George's Day Parade. We were late but managed to make the service. I have to admit it was a little like a carry on film trying to get everyone organised for parade and getting them there.



Five Young Leaders will be helping Deborah Robson on the District Beaver Camp. Three of them will be doing none cook cooking with them, and so took the opportunity to practise with the rest of the Young Leaders on the recent camp. They will earn their District Mission Stripe. I am very pleased to say one of these Young Leaders, Michael Leech, will be the first in the District to earn his Young Leader Belt. He has already earned his first 2 mission stripes. Mission 1 is to run 3 indoor meetings, plan them risk asses them and evaluate them. Mission 2 is the same but to run 3 outdoor meetings. For mission 3 they have to run an activity which involves all three sections in the group. Michael has organised to do a sponsored penalty shoot out, the money he raises is going to be split between the school that are letting him use their football pitch and Chelford Scout Group, where he is a young leader. Michael has worked very hard to earn his stripes and I'm really looking forward to the day he is presented with his Young Leader Belt.

Car Wash

As most of you are aware some of the Young Leaders are going to Iceland in August 2013 and we are presently very heavily involved with fundraising for the event. On Saturday 26th May we will be holding a car wash at Chelford Scout Hut as one of our fundraising events. Inside we will be selling tea, coffee, juices, cakes and soup and a roll. There will also be a Table Top Sale. Please come along and show your support.

Tattonbury

Although the time has passed for the reduced rate of the T-shirt, you can still send me your permission slip and cheque if you would like to go. As I have to have them all booked in on line by 16th June, I need them before then. Please remember they have lowered the age range to accommodate the older scouts as part of the Cheshire Challenge, so any Scouts who will be 13 years old before the 14th July will be able to go. Please send all permission forms and cheques to me: Jackie Toombs 27, Hollybank Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4DR.

Jackie Toombs
ES YLL



Queen's Scout Parade, Windsor

HOT OFF THE PRESS... back from Windsor!

Four members of the band have just returned from taking part in the Queen's Scout Parade at Windsor, forming part of the Commonwealth Corps of Drums. It began with a 6 o'clock start on Saturday morning to make it down to Windsor in time for a full day's rehearsal. This was the first full rehearsal for the Corps, as it included two members who came over especially from Gibraltar. Another early start was needed on the day of the parade in order to help teach the Queen's Scouts how to march.



The Commonwealth Drum Corp



Helping to teach the Queen's Scouts to march

For the first time in the history of the parade the "Wet Weather Contingency Plan" was put into action due to the awful weather. This unfortunately meant that not only did we have to wear bright blue ponchos, the usual review of the bands and the Queen's Scouts was cancelled. HRH the Queen still attended the march past, then the parade went into the Chapel for a special service. The parade then formed up outside the Chapel where all the members were addressed by the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, see below. We then paraded back the Mews where the parade was dismissed.



Bear Grylls outside the Chapel



Jake, Steven, Kenneth and Emily in their blue ponchos

Congratulations to Emily, Jake, Kenneth and Stephen for taking part in the parade, and being a credit to both the band, and the District as a whole. There are plans for the Commonwealth Corps of Drums to perform at other events.

Simon Taylor
Bandmaster

It worked for me

Online Scout Manager

www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk

I have been using this web site/program/ iPhone app for over two months now. What a Scout Changer and Time Saver. As with every other Leader, I would go home after each meeting and write up my notes, check who has gained what badge, then go through the paper records and mark them off. Then search through and make sure that I have enough badges to hand out. Then cross check against Challenge Awards and Chief Scout Gold and so on... I can hear you saying "been there done it". Well after seeing the article in Scout Magazine I thought I would give it a whirl, after all three months free – what is there to lose.

I spent 20 minutes inputting all the Scouts details: name, address, email, date of birth, parents' contacts. I then clicked onto badges to see the whole lot in front of me. Click/tick the parts that have been done and it says when to award badge, it is that easy. So I then spent a couple of hours updating the badges. Then I went onto Nights' Away and other Staged Badges and ticked which bits had been done. Then on the dash board a list pops up with badges and dates to be given out. Some I had already done, others I had missed. Then I clicked onto Awards only to find it populated with ticks that linked into Badges. To my surprise a big chunk of the work had already been done. Then I clicked on to the Gold and yep the same and I have a couple who have finished.

Well can it get better you ask – well it does. You can add subs list, attendance register and the one thing a GSL dreads – a page where you can input your receipts and it then produces a pdf bill to hand to them.

Is there anything else this 'all singing' site does? Well the list goes on.

You can set up your term, then you can do your weekly programme which you are not surprised to hear has the resource for your meeting and links into badges. So when you carry out your meeting, go into your register click who was there then it tells you to award the badges. Well just when I have run out of surprises...you can click onto Scout record and it then prints out what they did and when. Once you get to Gold level, a mere £20, you can then send the details to the next section for them to drop into their version and it's updated. It even has a stock control for badges to tell you when you need to order.

Then to add the finishing touch you can buy the app for £1.50 and the details are there on your phone and a simple click on register which updates the main site for you. Plus you have all the details of this meeting and the next.

So try it and be amazed!!

Contact me if you need help.

Mark Toombs, SL, TA
Alderley Edge
mark.toombs@talk21.com

Cheshire Hike Badges and Woggles

I have enough woggles for those who have asked with a further 15 woggles now available for anyone else who may have missed out. There are plenty of badges also available.

Eddie Johnson
 Tel: 01925 763927
 Email: eddiejohnson@ukgateway.net

Diary Dates

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	
17 th May Thursday	8.00 pm	District AGM Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
23 rd May Wednesday	7.30 pm	Appointments Committee tbd	
26 th May Saturday	10.00am – 4.00 pm	Car Wash Chelford Scout Hut	
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	
5 th July Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Safeguarding Venue tba Contact: wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk	
14 th /15 th July Saturday/Sunday		'OLYMPUSS' Beaver / Cub Fun Day Forest Camp	
14 th /15 th July Saturday/Sunday		Tattonbury 2012 Tatton Park www.tattonbury.co.uk	  
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 September
Saturday

'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



26th September
Wednesday

7.30 pm

Appointments Committee
tbd



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



14th November
Wednesday

7.30 pm

Appointments Committee
tbd



17th November
Saturday
2013

9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Adult Recruitment Made Easy Workshop
The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn

2nd – 9th August

Trip to Iceland

