



Alderley District Information Bulletin

May 2013

District AGM

I am looking forward to seeing you at this year's District AGM. 8pm, Wednesday, 16th May 2013 at Chelford Scout Hq. It would be great if all Groups had at least one representative present.

St. Georges Day Parade

Thanks to all who attended the annual St George's Day Parade at Alderley Edge. Thanks in particular to the Active Support and the Band who both did a great job. It was great to be in the Methodist Church for a change and the Minister and the team made us feel very welcome. The collection raised £238.28 for Action for Children which is the Church's children's fund. We dedicated the new District Flag – what a great job by Jo Green!

Having thanked everybody, I am going to deliberately ask a provocative question! By holding our annual renewal of promise in a church as part of a Christian service are we excluding members who are not Christians? As you know the Movement has consulted on whether new members should make a promise to a higher being or whether that should be removed. If it is removed, which looks likely, does a church parade make sense?

Other Districts celebrate in other ways e.g hikes, activity days, family events, bbqs etc. They still retain the renewal of promises but without the religious component. We could still have a parade we just wouldn't go to church. I have my views but I would be interested to hear yours. What do you think?

Baden Powell House

Have you ever been to Baden Powell House in London? It is a hostel and used to be the Scout Association Hq before it moved to Gilwell Park. You can still stay there and it's a great place to base a group who are visiting London. In fact, I once slept in BP's bed – it's in one of the guest rooms and he had been dead 50 years!

<http://www.meininger-hotels.com/en/hotels/london/>

The building was funded by lots of different fund raising efforts in 1957/9 including donations from Scout Groups. I know this because Barbara Horry recently gave me two small plaques (like the one below) and a list of Founder Groups in Alderley Edge District, Cheshire East.



The list makes interesting reading:

Alderley Edge	1 st Chelford	David Lewis Colony
1 st Handforth	1 st Holmes Chapel	The Margaret Barclay School
1 st Wilmslow	3 rd Wilmslow	4 th Wilmslow

So who didn't get their plaque? From the note it looks like the defunct David Lewis Colony and Holmes Chapel. So I'll be passing one onto Holmes Chapel – I sure they will be able to find a corner in their Hq to display it.

Tidnock Wood

For many years, we have been fortunate to have the use of woods near Congleton as a back to basics campsite. The woods are owned by the Capesthorne Estate and last year we had a number of issues which we have been working to resolve over winter. Sir William Bromley-Davenport has agreed to allow us a five year lease on the woods which we are in the process of finalising. Will Burnham, the campsite manager, will announce when Tidnock is open again. We don't envisage any major changes to the arrangements around the site from a camping point of view.

Stephen Buckley
District Commissioner

St George's Day Parade & Service

A big thank you to all who supported the event

Our first time in that Church and I think we all coped very well

Sorry if you got wet making your way back to your cars.

If it is any consolation so did I

Hope to see you next year

Derek Wiles



Full Appointments

Andy Gilsenan	GSI	1 st Holmes Chapel
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Provisional Appointments

Diane Wheeler	CSL	1 st Lindow
Gill Slater	ABSL	1 st Holmes Chapel
Emma Morris	ABSL	1 st Holmes Chapel
Sally Jackson	ABSL	1 st Holmes Chapel
Alan Jackson	ACSL	1 st Holmes Chapel

David Jones
District Appointments Secretary

During April 3 more Leaders have completed their Wood Badge.

Congratulations and Well Done to

Richard Bullock SL 1st Wilmslow
Nicky Gilsenan CSL Holmes Chapel
Terence Rathbone ASL Goostrey

We are continuing with training clinics which are proving very useful. The next one is planned for 20th May. For more information and to book to attend please contact me.

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Beaver Scout gets a full sleeve

A Beaver Scout from 1st Holmes Chapel Scouts has been working hard over the last 3 years and has achieved all the badges that she can. Isobel Green has worked for twelve Activity Badges from “Adventure” to “Safety”, six Staged Activity Badges including 35 Hikes Away and all six Challenge Awards meaning that she now has her Chief Scout’s Bronze Award.

Isobel loves all her Beaver Scout activities especially cooking and camping. She is moving up to Cub Scouts this term and looking forward to a new set of challenges. One of the first will be the Cheshire Scouts Adventure Weekend when Chief Scout Bear Grylls will be flying in by helicopter to visit the Cubs at Tatton Park. Cubs will get the chance to learn new survival skills such as how to light and cook on a fire, build a shelter, collect water and signal for help. A treasure hunt, orienteering, the zip wire and climbing are also on offer.



Jo Green
1st Holmes Chapel



Cubs 5-a-side Football Outdoor Tournament

Following the success of the inaugural Cubs Outdoor 5-a-side tournament in 2012, I am pleased to announce that we will be running the tournament again in 2013 on Saturday 8th June. There is a **maximum of 12 teams** allowed for this tournament and Packs from Alderley and Macclesfield /Congleton Districts are invited to take part.

Final details are to be confirmed depending on the number of teams entered, but in brief:

Group matches to kick off at c 9.45 am (so arrive for 9.30am) so that we can finish at a reasonable time i.e. no later than 2.30pm. Format will be Group round-robin matches followed by quarters/semis/final (number of teams will dictate whether we have quarter finals or go straight to semis). Squad size to be minimum of 6 (so always one substitute) and max of 8, and I expect team managers to rotate their players so that all the squad get a decent amount of time on the pitch.

Venue will be Lindow Primary School in Wilmslow. Entry price will be c £20-25 per team.

There will be team trophies for the winning and second placed teams, together with individual medals for the players, a Golden Boot (top scorer) award and Player of the Tournament award.

Full details will be sent out once team numbers are confirmed, but in the meantime if you would like to enter a team(s), **please email me at wilwilko@tiscali.co.uk with your Pack's interest as soon as possible but, in any event, no later than Sunday 12th May**. I will take the first 12 positive responses as a starter, with any over and above that placed on a reserve list in case a team drops out for any reason.

Ian Wilkes
Cubs Football League Secretary



Alderley District Young Leaders

On the weekend of 19th- 21st April we held a camp with a difference. Normally the Young Leader training is taught in sessions which can be very tedious and not really enjoyed by the Young Leaders.

This time we thought we would try a more hands-on approach, where we arranged for activity instructors to give the Young Leaders basic teaching instructions in order for them to achieve the learning outcomes. We then invited Cubs and Scouts from the District to come and visit us for the day on Saturday. The Young Leaders then taught the Cubs and Scouts how to do Pioneering, Archery and Shooting, giving them a more tactile experience.



The pioneering project built up over the sessions and turned into a large catapult, with which they tried very hard to get the leaders tents with a football :-)

On the Saturday we had 27 day visitors from Alderley Cubs, Chelford Scouts and 6th Wilmslow Scouts. We mixed them up so there was a nice mix of ages in each group to give each of the 15 Young Leaders a challenge, to which they rose to and worked very hard.

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Upon my return home I have received nothing but compliments from the Leaders who helped out, the Cubs and Scouts that attended for the day and the Explorers themselves. I think this has been a big hit and I feel we should work to the same principle for the next camp in September.

This camp wouldn't have been possible without the help I received, so thank you to everyone involved.

Jackie Toombs, ES YLL
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Knives and Axes

Knife and Axes!! Do you all know where you stand?

On checking Scouts.Org I found a fact sheet, Use of Axes and Saws © The Scout Association 2001 – *Item code: FS315070* sheet. This is 12yrs old and I am afraid out of date. So off I went trawling the internet to find the correct information.

The law in a nutshell

Buying/selling knives

- It is illegal for any shop to sell a knife of any kind(including cutlery, kitchen knives or Swiss army knives) to anyone under the age of 18 (in England, Northern Ireland and Wales) or under the age of 16 (Scotland).

Carrying knives

- In general, it is an offence to carry a knife in a public place without good reason or lawful authority (for example, a good reason is a chef on their way to work and carrying their own knives).
- However, it is not illegal for anyone to carry affordable, non-locking knife, such as a Swiss army knife, in a public place, as long as the blade is shorter than three inches (7.62cms).

Knives and Scouts

The Scout Association provides additional guidance:

- Knives should be carried to and from meetings by an adult
- Knives should be stowed in the middle of a bag/rucksack when transporting
- Knives are tools and should be treated as such: use the appropriate tool for the job (don't use a large fixed blade for carving or a penknife for clearing brush).
- Knives should be stored away until there is a need for them to be used.
- Campsites are considered public places (when used for a camp) and so knives are not to be carried.
- Except for reasons of religion, knives may not be worn with uniform.

I think it is probably safest to assume that knives of any sort should not be carried by anybody to a Scout meeting or camp, unless there is likely to be a specific need for one. In that case, they should be kept by the Scout Leaders and handed out as required. I would also suggest that proper training in the use and care of knives (and other tools) be taken, not only by the Scouts themselves but also by the leaders in charge.

Then the Golden Rule every Leader and Scout needs to know - You will cut yourself.

Mark Toombs, ADCS.

Staff Registration for Tatton Adventure 2013

A registration form for staff on the Cub and Scout event "Tatton Adventure" has now been created and can be accessed at the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/c43x9bx>

Please spread this far and wide to all leaders, helpers and adult members as any help we can get to run site services and activities over the weekend will be much appreciated. All the activity zones are on the Saturday daytime so if any Beaver leaders, Explorer leaders or network members are able to help they will still be able to attend their event. This registration will be used for the site security so it is important that all staff are registered, even if we have already asked you personally to run an event.

A taster of the jobs that require staff are:

- Cub Scavenger hunt
- Activity zones
- Welfare
- Security
- Registration
- Site pre and post event builds

Thank you for any help you can give, it will really go far to making this a brilliant event for all.

Luke Morby
Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts), Cheshire

Awesome Walls Climbing Centre – Discounts for Scout Groups

As an ex-Scout and Scout Leader I thought that I might be able to help your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. I am the manager at Awesome Walls Climbing Centre in Liverpool and have put together some deals to save money on our rock climbing sessions. We can offer children aged age six upwards an alternative activity they will want to return to again and again. Whether you want to provide opportunities for personal development, teach climbing skills or just have some fun we offer sessions to suit your needs. We can deliver one off sessions or blocks over several days/weeks. If you have specific needs or desired learning outcomes then why not contact us and we can develop a programme to cater for you. Regular groups can even work towards NICAS awards, which are recognized by the national governing body of mountain sports. They will learn new team working skills and boost their confidence!

I have attached a flyer if you think this is of benefit to your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers. If you would like to know anything else please feel free to contact me.

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Diary Dates

1 st May Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Meeting Tba	
10 th – 12 th May Friday - Sunday		Chief Scouts Visit – Bear in the Air	
16 th May Thursday	8.00 pm – 9.30pm	District AGM Chelford Scout HQ	
20 th May Monday	7.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Training Clinic Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
20 th May Monday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Module G,H and J 6 th Wilmslow	
25 th May Saturday		'Faith Activity Badge' Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: www.chestercathedral.com nearer the time	
3 rd – 9 th June Monday - Sunday		Scout Community Week	
5 th June Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Module A (Child Protection) 1 st Goostrey	
5 th June Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	GSL Meeting tba	
8 th June Saturday	9.30 am – 2.30 pm	Cubs 5-a-side Football Outdoor Tournament Lindow Primary School	
8 th June Saturday		Training – Module 7 tba	
9 th June Sunday		District Master Of Arms Badge tba	
9 th June Sunday	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Residential Exp. Preparation Warrington	
11 th June Tuesday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	Sectional Support & Development Meeting The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
15 th June Saturday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Module D and E Chelford Scout HQ	
18 th – 19 th June Tuesday - Wednesday		Cheshire Show Cheshire Showground, Tabley	
20 th June Thursday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum tba	
21 st – 23 rd June Friday - Sunday		Residential Exp. (Cub, Scout, Explorer Ldrs) Modules 16,17,18 and 38 Queen Charlottes Wood Campsite, Frodsham	
25 th June Tuesday		Cheshire Scouts AGM Knutsford	
26 th June Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Training Clinic tba	
29 th /30 th June Saturday/Sunday		District Ultimate Explorer Event tba	
2 nd July Tuesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Training - Safeguarding tba	

3 rd July Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Meeting tba	
10 th July Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Exec Meeting tba	
14 th July Sunday		Training – Module 13 tba	
20 th – 21 st July Saturday - Sunday		Tattonbury Tatton Park Scout Campsite	
29 th July Monday	7.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Training Clinic Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
2 nd – 9 th August		Trip to Iceland	
4 th September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Joint GSL and District Team Meeting tba	
15 th September Saturday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	Young Leaders First Aid Holmes Chapel	
20 th – 22 nd September Friday - Sunday		Residential Exp. (Beaver Leaders) Modules 12,16,17,18,19 Queen Charlottes Wood Campsite, Frodsham	
21 st September Saturday	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Getting Started – Modules 1,2,3 tba	
21 st September Saturday		County Skills Day tba	
22 nd September Sunday		County Permit Day tba	
25 th September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Exec Meeting tba	
25 th September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Training Clinic tba	
27 th – 29 th September Friday – Sunday	7.00 pm Friday to 2.00 pm Sunday	Young Leaders Summer Camp Modules F,G,H,I and J Tatton Park Scout Campsite,, Tatton Park	
3 rd October Thursday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	Sectional Support & Development Meeting The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
6 th October Sunday		Training – Modules 14 tba	
9 th October Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum tba	
18 th – 20 th October Friday - Sunday	9.30 am Friday to 10.30 am Sunday	JOTA / JOTI	
19 th October Saturday		‘My Faith Badge ‘ Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: www.chestercathedral.com nearer the time	
21 st October Monday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Module B and C 1 st Lindow	
28 th October Monday	7.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Training Clinic Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	

6th November
Wednesday
8.00 pm – 9.30 pm
16th November
Saturday
4.30 pm – 7.30 pm

District Team Meeting
tba
County Cub and Scout Swimming Gala
Woolston Leisure Centre, Warrington



23rd November
Saturday

District Annual Dinner
tba



24th November
Sunday

CSA Gold Award Ceremony
Parr Hall, Warrington

27th November
Wednesday
8.00 pm – 9.30 pm

Training Clinic
tba



28th November
Thursday
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Training - Safeguarding
tba



5th December
Wednesday
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District Exec & District Team Xmas
tba



1st – 9th August

Chamboree
Cheshire Showground, Tabley