



# Aldersley District Information Bulletin

November 2011

## What a beautiful day in Cheshire!

I have just returned back from visiting both County Campsites (Forest Camp and Tatton Park). When I got to Forest Camp, the annual Halloween Camp was in full flight. The Explorers were smashing pumpkins up and attempting to post the resulting mess thru a very small hole (competitive cleaning up, now that's smart thinking!). Graham Philips, the County Commissioner, had invited me to the opening of the new climbing wall. Very smart it is indeed. There was photo opportunity with the O'Brien sisters climbing and me, remaining securely placed on the ground. I must admit, I was a bit naughty in wondering out loud who would make it to the top first – not a good idea with sisters! Unfortunately, I can't report who was the quickest up the wall – well, they are twins! That's my story, and I am sticking to it.

Then it was off to Tatton Park for the opening of the new Zip Wire and Low Ropes activities. What a change to the World Scout Jamboree send off – just sunshine and no rain at all. The Zip Wire is great. Unfortunately the queue of Scouts was too long so I couldn't try it out personally. One of the other activities is an activity where you work together to lift weights up and move then to a landing zone. Lots of ropes but looked good fun. Dave, the Campsite Manager got all the VIPs holding ropes and announced (with a perfectly straight face) that "... this was an exercise in leadership and communications ....". Of course, they did a brilliant job! Seriously, the County has invested over £100k in the activities so please get your bookings in and let us all know how you get on.

## Cheshire Challenge

**Date for your Diary: Launch Meeting at 2pm, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Handforth Scout HQ**

After the successful launch of the Cheshire Challenge a couple of years ago, It's back for 2012. The Badge is made up of three parts; Bronze, Silver and Gold. We would expect that Groups would be able to award the Bronze section around Easter time, the Silver section before the summer break and the Gold section at Christmas.

The badge sections should be awarded to all those who actively took part in the Challenge in the section during the year. A record card is included to assist you.

**Position of the Badge:** The original proposal was that the badge would be worn on the right hand side of the shirt/jumper but that's being rethought as with the smaller members they would run out of space quite quickly. I will advise you once the decision has been made.

**Ordering the Badge:** The three badges come as a set and are ordered through the District. Your initial order needs to be in by Friday 18 November and they will be available for distribution in January. There will an opportunity to place a further order in May 2012 for distribution at the end of June.

**Awarding the Badges:** The bronze badge must not be worn before Friday 30 March 2012, the silver badge must not be worn before Friday 1 June 2012 and the gold badge must not be worn before Friday 23 November 2012. All the badges achieved can be worn until 31 December 2013. Badges should be presented as each individual achieves the required points for each award, please don't wait until all three have been achieved before presenting the badges.

**Moving Sections:** A key point of this initiative is to encourage “moving on’ between sections therefore if a Beaver gains the bronze award when they move into Cubs the silver and gold badges should go with them to Cubs where the expectation is that they will achieve the silver and gold award.

**Adults and Cheshire Challenge:** All adults are encouraged to participate in activities and events to gain the Cheshire Challenge badges.

**Alderley Launch:** Copies of the booklet will be distributed at the Launch Meeting at 2pm on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Handforth Scout HQ. If you don’t have yours, contact your Group (Groups can get copies from me). We are currently reviewing the Centenary Programme to align it with the Cheshire Challenge – at the launch we will have advice on how you can use the Centenary Activities as part of the Challenge.

One last thing, in Alderley we don’t generally like local rules but I am making one exception – the Band counts as a Section. If you do an activity with Simon, Emma and the team, they count as a Section!

### **Centenary Sunrise Camp**

If anyone has any good photos of the Sunrise camp, can you send me a copy please? Remember to give me the names.

If you haven’t ordered your Sunrise Aerial Photo, you need to get your order form and cash to me ASAP as I will be placing the order this week.

Steve Buckley



On 17<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow Beavers were very lucky to have a visit from our DC, Steve Buckley. This was a very special meeting for us as we had 53 badges to present, 2 investitures, 2 members moving onto Cubs, and 10 Chief Scout Bronze Awards being presented, and so we asked Steve along to help out.



Just two of the members being presented with their Bronze Chief Scout Award by Steve.

During the past term we have completed various activities, with members working towards sections of their Fitness, Global and Creative Challenges. For example, we have checked our heart rate before and after various activities, made fridge magnets and tested their strength, planted cress, talked about saving energy, and made our own wind farm!

We decided to finish off the half term by presenting badges and making sweets – a very messy activity, but one that was enjoyed by all. The members made Marzipan sweets, coloured with food colouring, and Chocolate Peanut Fudge, and each person took home a plate of sweets to share with their families.



We finished off the evening by presenting the badges to the members, and let Steve enjoy shaking hands with some very sticky Beavers!

Emma Simpson, BSL  
5<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow



### Alderley District Young Leaders

#### Planning for Alderley Young Leaders 2011/2012

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2011 Wednesday	Module A Child Protection	Holmes Chapel HQ (confirmed)	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2011 Saturday	First Aid (all day packed lunch needed)	Chelford HQ <b>(not confirmed)</b>	9.00 am – 5.00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup> January 2012 Saturday	Activity Ideas (skills)	Handforth HQ (confirmed)	1.00 pm – 3.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 Friday	Modules D and E	Alderley HQ (confirmed)	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	Module F and I	6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow <b>(not confirmed)</b>	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2012 Friday - Sunday	Spring Camp Modules B, C, D and E	Tatton Park Scout Campsite Tatton Park, Knutsford, WA16 6QN (o/s ref SJ 748827) (confirmed)	6.00 pm Friday evening to 3.00 pm Sunday
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 Sunday	First Aid (all day packed lunch needed)	1 <sup>st</sup> Wilmslow <b>(not confirmed)</b>	9.00 am – 5.00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2012 Wednesday	Modules G, H and J	Lindow (confirmed)	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2012 Tuesday	Module A Child Protection	4 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow (confirmed)	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 Wednesday	Modules D and E	Goostrey (confirmed)	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September Friday - Sunday	Summer Camp Modules F, G, H, I and J	Milldale Campsite, Mill Lane, Blakenhall, Nantwich, CW5 7NP (o/s ref SJ 712476) (confirmed)	6.00 pm Friday evening to 3.00 pm Sunday
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Modules B and C	5 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow <b>(not confirmed)</b>	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Where the w/c is I'm just waiting to hear from the group to see which night is best and whether it is ok to run training here, but in theory it will be sometime in that week.

The first aid courses in May and December are confirmed dates just waiting for confirmation of the venues.

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011, there will be a presentation for those wishing to go to Iceland. The presentation is at Alderley HQ at 7pm. Venture Abroad is coming down to do the presentation. This trip is open to all Alderley District Explorers, Young Leaders and Explorer Leaders.

We plan to go to Iceland on 2nd August and return on 9th August 2013. If you are interested then please come down to the presentation.

Jackie Toombs, ESYL  
[toombsjackie@googlemail.com](mailto:toombsjackie@googlemail.com)



During October 2 more Leaders have achieved their Wood Badge:

Well Done! to

Jo Green                   ACSL   Holmes Chapel  
Sue Mottershead   BSL    Goostrey

At the recent module weekend, 2 Alderley Leaders completed 5 modules and gained a lot of useful ideas by talking to others from around the County. Similar weekends are being planned for 2012 and dates will be advertised before the end of this year.

Below are details of courses planned locally during the remainder of 2011. To book, please contact me.

COURSE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Safeguarding	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	7.30-9pm	Goostrey Methodist Hall
First Aid	11th December	9am – 5pm	TBA

Wendy Macdonald, LTM  
01477 533718  
[wendy\\_s\\_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk)

### Canal Adventure Project

The Canal Boat Adventure Project is a registered charity and we hire out our canal boats to children + young people's organisations. Our boats are residential and have kitchens and showers. You can also book the boats for a day trip and we are able to supply a steerer.

If you would like to find out more, please contact us on:

[Boatproject.76@btinternet.com](mailto:Boatproject.76@btinternet.com) or 01928 718100 – also see attached flyer.

DISTRICT CENTENARY SWIMMING GALA  
2pm Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Macclesfield Leisure Centre

The theme will definitely be EDWARDIAN !! :- Breast Stroke with Beach Ball, Freestyle with a Kipling Stick!!

Instead of the usual parade of mascots – this year we will introduce a parade of swimmer/swimmers for each Group in Edwardian style (Costume / Hats /Moustaches??)

PRIZES WILL BE WON for the funniest / most original.

This year the mighty EDGE EXPLORERS will be taking part – so we hope to have other EXPLORER Units to challenge them for the Explorer trophy– (only needs 3 to make a team!!)

The Application Forms must be returned by Mon 14<sup>th</sup> November

Rob Henstock  
Scout Active Support

**Swimmer Badge testing at Wilmslow Leisure Centre  
Saturday 3 March 2012.**

There will be three sessions starting at 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 7pm.

Swimmers aiming for Swimmer Badge Stages 4 or 5 need to be in one of the two earlier sessions.

Cost £4 per swimmer, including one Swimmer Badge.

There is a limit on the number of swimmers we can manage, but it would be great to be able to award 100 badges in our Centenary Year.

Please send in your entries before 15 February.

Adult help at front of house or at poolside will be welcome.

Please contact Ian Ross on [ian.iross@bfineternet.com](mailto:ian.iross@bfineternet.com) for more information or to make a booking.

Telephone 01625 525884

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

**Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society**

**Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**

**4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**See attached flyer for more details.**

**Calling all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012, we are holding an event called Alderley's Got Talent. At the beginning of the evening each group will show us their talent. After the interval we will be having a small Gang Show based on the 1950's theme, this will consist of some songs and small sketches.

We need your help, not just on the stage but behind the scenes too. If you can offer any sort of help then please come along to Chelford HQ on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 2pm till 4pm. (TBC)

What are we looking for?

Singers, dancers, actors, people to help with the costumes and people to help make the scenes/props.

We also need people who will help them get organized on the evening, as in costume changes, make up. Organizing which act is going on next.

If you are able to help in anyway shape or form then please come down, we will then take your name, details and what you'd like to do.

### **Time slots for each group for the Alderley's got Talent**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Time Slot</b>
Alderley	6:30pm
Active support	6:35pm
Band	6:40pm
Chelford	6:45pm
District Executive	6:50pm
District Explorers	6:55pm
Goostrey	7:00pm
Handforth	7:05pm
Holmes Chapel	7:10pm
Terra Nova	7:15pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Wilmslow	7:20pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow	7:25pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow	7:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow	7:35pm

After the talent show we will have a break.

At 8pm we will have a small gang show. If you would like to be a part of the gang show then please come down to Chelford HQ on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 2-4 and have a look at some of the sketches we plan to do and decide which part you'd like. We can then talk about rehearsals etc.

This is a celebration of Alderley District's Centenary, we are going to put on an evening of entertainment, and we will be able to display our talents.

This is supposed to be fun if you wish to put on a comedy act, then please do, all I ask is that you stick to the theme which is 1950's. Work with your group involving everyone in each section who wishes to take part.

We will have a panel of judges and the Group that impresses the judges will win a prize.

This event will take place at the Festival Hall in Alderley Edge on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and we do have a licensed bar for the evening. We also plan to sell tickets, so if family and friends wish to come and watch they will be more than welcome. The tickets will be priced at £3 per adult and £1 per child. Cheques are to be made payable to Alderley District Scout Council and sent to Jackie Toombs, 27 Hollybank Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 4DR and tickets will be sent out to each Group.

Jackie Toombs, ESYL  
[toombsjackie@googlemail.com](mailto:toombsjackie@googlemail.com)



# Frosties 2012

11<sup>th</sup> February 2012

To construct a gate way into your camp.

## The challenge

To constructed using pioneering techniques only.

A working Ballista

This is to Fire Balls of Flame as far away as possible

Poles (of any size and description), ropes, blocks, pulleys can be used in the construction.

Try and build as much before the camp.

Spend the Night in your very own Bivi

Food provided (Army Ration Packs)

Centenary Frosties Woggle

Cost is £16.00 each.

Camp site arrival Saturday between  
12pm and 2pm.

Sunday closing ceremony 11am.

Contact [mark.toombs@talk21.com](mailto:mark.toombs@talk21.com) cheques to  
6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow Scouts.

**Closing Date for**  
**Booking is the 16th December 2011**

## Diary Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Wednesday

**GSL Meeting**



6<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday

2.00pm

**Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation**  
Warrington



Email: [dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday

**District Forum on Tour**



13<sup>th</sup> November

**Remembrance Parade**

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Host / Visit Another Section**



16<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

**Module A – Child Protection**

Holmes Chapel HQ



19<sup>th</sup> November  
Saturday

2.00 pm to 4.00pm

**Alderley's Got Talent – Gang Show Planning Meeting**  
Chelford HQ

19<sup>th</sup> November  
Saturday

4.30 pm – 8.30 pm

**County Swimming Gala – Cubs & Scouts**

Warrington, Woolston Neighbourhood Hub WA1 4PN

Email: [dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:dave.hopley@cheshirescouts.org.uk)

Or [cathy.bland@cheshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:cathy.bland@cheshirescouts.org.uk)



20<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday

**Chilli Bakeoff / Cheshire Challenge Launch**

Venue tba



22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Tuesday

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

**Safeguarding**

Goostrey Methodist Hall

Contact: [wendy\\_s\\_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk)



23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Wednesday

7.30 pm

**Appointments Meeting**

URC, Wilmslow



26<sup>th</sup> November  
Saturday

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

**Centenary Swimming Gala**

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Edwardian Theme – moustaches/hats?



29<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday

**Presentation Evening on Iceland**

Alderley Edge Scout Hut



7<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday

**District Team Meeting**



9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday - Sunday

**Mountain Rescue Camp**

The Welsh Scout Council Hut, North Wales

Contact: [toombsjackie@googlemail.com](mailto:toombsjackie@googlemail.com)



10<sup>th</sup> December  
Saturday

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

**First Aid**

Chelford – TBC



11<sup>th</sup> December  
Sunday

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

**First Aid – Module 10**

Venue TBA

Contact: [wendy\\_s\\_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk)



## 2012

21<sup>st</sup> January  
Saturday

1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Activity Ideas (skills)**

Handforth HQ



28<sup>th</sup> January  
Saturday

6.30 pm

**Alderley's Got Talent**

Festival Hall, Alderley Edge





3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> February Friday - Sunday		<b>Winter Hillwalking Terrain 1 &amp; 2</b> Assessment and training (will also need evening in Dec) Nethy Bridge, Cairngorms	
4 <sup>th</sup> February Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>Beaver District Challenge</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Handforth Scout HQ	
11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> February Saturday / Sunday		<b>Frosties Camp</b> Urmston Scout Camp Site Contact Mark Toombs; <a href="mailto:mark.toombs@talk21.com">mark.toombs@talk21.com</a>	 
17 <sup>th</sup> February Friday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Modules D and E</b> Alderley HQ	
18 <sup>th</sup> February Saturday		<b>Dinner Dance</b> tbd	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March Saturday	5.40pm/6.20pm/7.00pm	<b>Swimmer Badge Testing</b> Wilmslow Leisure Centre	
11 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday		<b>Beaver County Challenge</b> Place and time TBA	
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>Host / Visit Another Section</b>	
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Module F and I</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow – TBC	
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> March Friday - Sunday		<b>Summer Hillwalking Terrain 1 &amp; 2</b> Assessment and training Yr Hafod, Snowdonia	
31 <sup>st</sup> March / 1 <sup>st</sup> April Saturday/Sunday		<b>Cheshire Hike</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday / Sunday		<b>Edge Overnighter</b> Alderley Edge	
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April Friday – Sunday	6.00 pm Friday to 3.00 pm Sunday	<b>Spring Camp</b> Tatton Park Campsite, Tatton Park	
22 <sup>nd</sup> April Sunday		<b>St George's Day Parade</b> Alderley Edge	
28 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday		<b>Skills Day</b> Forest Camp	
4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> May Friday - Monday		<b>The Big Camp</b> Harrogate	
27 <sup>th</sup> May Sunday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	<b>First Aid</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Wilmslow - TBC	
20 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Modules G, H and I</b> Lindow	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> June Friday - Sunday		<b>Centenary Beaver Sleepover / Camp</b> Linnet Clough Contact: Deborah Robson <a href="mailto:deb.robson@ntlworld.com">deb.robson@ntlworld.com</a>	
17 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Module A – Child Protection</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow	
5 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Modules D and E</b> Goostrey	

15<sup>th</sup> September  
Saturday

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Friday - Sunday

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> October

### 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August

6.00 pm Friday to  
3.00 pm Sunday

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

**Centenary Celebrations - Sunset Ceremony**  
Alderley Edge

**Summer Camp – Modules F, G, H, I and J**  
Milldale Campsite, Nantwich

**Module B and C**  
5<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow – TBC

**Trip to Iceland**  
Alderley Edge Scout Hut

