



# Aldersley District Information Bulletin

October 2010

Steve is away on holiday and hopes to see you all at your next leaders' meeting.

## Appointments Committee

### Full Appointments

Colin Mottershead	SL	1 <sup>st</sup> Goostry
Paul Windram	ACSL	Aldersley Edge
Chris Wright	ASL	6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
Emma Simpson	BSL	5 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
Graham Massey	ACSL	Aldersley Edge
Kris Swinnerton	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmes Chapel
Charles Bracegirdle	CSPA	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmes Chapel
Sarah Lawrence	BSCA	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmes Chapel
Julie Adshead	SA	1 <sup>st</sup> Chelford

### Provisional Appointments

Claire Scrafton	Inst	6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
Julie Miles	ACSL	6 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
Natalie Holt	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Lindow
Tom Ecclestone	ASL	4 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
Lorraine Jenkinson	ACSL	4 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
Victoria Howarth	BSCA	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmes Chapel
Michael Slack	AEL	District
Fred Wedin	ABSL	4 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow
Mark Mallender	ACSL	5 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow

Rob Henstock  
District Appointments Secretary



### Hobo Cooking Day



James from 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow cooks chicken on a spade under the guidance of Chris Wright, ASL

## Survival Skills

Scouts from Chelford, 5<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow and 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow joined Guides from 7<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow to experience the joys of building shelters and sleeping in them at Tidnock Wood.

Everyone survived, although some were a bit cold as the temperature dropped to about 3 degrees overnight.

In addition, the campers cooked without utensils (some tried fish in newspaper, mackerel on a plank—delicious!).

Cheshire East Ranger Dan Coates demonstrated how to find “food for free” and the campers foraged for possible free foods in the wood.

The campers found north using a moon compass (a full moon appeared at a helpful time) and played attack the line.

A big thank you goes to all the leaders who made the event happen.

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

PS Dan Coates is looking for groups who are interested in doing environmental projects in Cheshire East. Use [ian.iross@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com) as your first contact



Alderley Edge Explorers D of E Gold 2010 or Where there's a will there's a way

By Thomas Ecclestone

Having just recently become an assistant leader in the district, I must admit I was surprised to be asked to write an article for DIB so soon!

Our Expedition in August this year saw us trekking through the area around Edale, Ladybower Reservoir and Stannage Edge in the Dark Peak District. After an afternoon researching the local wildlife and history, we settled at base camp in Upper Booth ready for the next four days. Our aim was to investigate the diversity of flora and fauna around the various types of paths in the area, and see how the distance from the path affected this diversity. We took nearly 90 different samples at various heights and points along the route to obtain a general sample for the area. We had a mixture of weathers ranging from pouring rain to fog to full sunshine. The normal stuff.

However the background to our expedition was unusual, as we only thought about it when I returned from University in June so it was achieved in very short time. Our leaders and the new County DoE Advisor Carol Frain all encouraged us to give it a shot though many people told us it could not be done without a full year's planning. Through hard work we met all the deadlines for route and tracings submissions using every scrap of previous Bronze, Silver and Cheshire Hike experience. We completed our practice hike, still not having an assessor confirmed, but we kept going with our preparation anyway. A week before our actual hike, our assessor was confirmed – we had been sweating I can tell you!

We gained a lot of team working, communication, time management and organising things under time pressure experience. Even multi tasking! I fielded a phone call from the DoE assessor with route amendments at the same time as trying to cook a meal! And no it didn't get burnt.

I can't finish without saying a big thank you to the Alderley Edge Explorer team Karen, Peter and Judith and to Carol Frain. Without their guidance, encouragement and unwavering belief that we could do it, a bright idea by a few of us during a Scout Band practice would never have taken flight.



Since the beginning of September, band members have worked extremely hard preparing for two important competitions. On 12<sup>th</sup> September, the band members competed in the newly re-established Queen of the Moorlands Competition in Leek. Competing against 2 other bands, band members performed extremely well managing to come second, and awarded first place in Display. We were also awarded first place in Tuned Percussion, receiving a score of 96/100. Although the results were good, band members knew that a lot had to be improved upon before the next competition.

Exactly one week later, band members took part in Rubery Youth Marching Band Competition, competing against four other bands. After being awarded first place in both Wind and Display, as well as in Turnout and Tuned Percussion, the band managed once again to achieve Second Place. Although we received the same points finish as the previous week, the level of performance was hugely improved, and a credit to the quantity and quality of the work put in by band members during the previous week. The high point was when it was announced that we had the won the trophy for the 'Most Entertaining Band' out of the 10 bands taking part.



The Band at Rubery

Currently the band is second in the league, having achieved a first and two second place finishes, and is in a great position to improve further. On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October the band is taking part in our "local" competition at Davyhulme in Manchester (George H Carnall Leisure Centre). We would welcome anyone who is in that area on the day to come and support us. Entry is free to spectators, and it does make a huge difference to have an audience cheering in your favour whilst you are competing.

Emma Simpson  
Asst Bandmaster



During September 4 Alderley District Leaders completed their Wood Badge training. Well Done!

Geoff Beeby     CSL Chelford  
Jenny Beeby    ACSL Chelford  
Karen Vercoe    CSL Holmes Chapel  
Nicky Gilsenan   BSL Holmes Chapel

Unfortunately the module training weekend planned for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> October has been cancelled due to illness.

Other courses planned are shown on the attached list.

The Safeguarding workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> November is a compulsory part of module 1 for all new adult members and is also a requirement for an appointment renewal. If you'd like to book for this or any other course please let me know.

I regularly meet Leaders who have completed training for some modules but this has never been validated. If you are in this situation please contact me to discuss how the module(s) can be validated.

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### **Night's Away**

Firstly, I must congratulate those of you who have gained a Permit over the last few months - WELL DONE

Permit numbers are slowly rising, which is great news.

For those of you who weren't at the forum, I would like to make the following points:

I need a Night's Away Notification from anyone who is planning a night away/sleep-over, even if it is in your own Scout Hall.

If you would like to gain a Permit, please get in touch with me [janet.williamson@gmail.com](mailto:janet.williamson@gmail.com), so that we can have a chat and assess what sort of permit you are aiming for and how much experience you already have. It is advisable for you to attend the Night's Away Course (essential if you are new to Scouting) which is held once a year within the County. The dates for next year will be coming out shortly and places do get filled very quickly, so please apply as soon as the dates are available. Also, you need to get as much camping and sleep-over experience as possible.

If you do attend a course, please let Wendy MacDonald and I know, as we aren't always informed who attends.

Once you have attended a course and I am satisfied you have had enough practical experience, you then need to plan a camp/sleep-over, so that I can come and assess your capabilities. Afterwards, a short meeting to discuss the camp and then hopefully I can recommend you are issued with a Permit.

Please be aware that rules are there for a reason and although they sometimes seem to be a hindrance, they are there for a reason.

If you have any questions or need any help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

I look forward to hearing from and working with many of you during the next 12 months.

Janet Williamson  
District Nights Away Adviser  
[janet.williamson@gmail.com](mailto:janet.williamson@gmail.com)

### **5<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Swimmer Badge testing session for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.  
Each of the five stages will be tested.

Swimming sessions will start at 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 7pm.  
Swimmers going for level 5 must swim in one of the first two sessions.

Cost £4 per swimmer, including one badge. Pay on the day.  
Book your session with me before finally committing to the swimmers. We have a limitation on the number of swimmers allowed in the water at any one time.

Please send applications to [ian.iross@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com) by 28 February 2011.  
Late applications cause Ian to lose his hair, so please prevent further hair loss.

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

### **Wilmslow Show 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The Show is in its 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2011.

It provides an excellent opportunity to present Scouting in a positive light, and is a chance to recruit new adult members and young people.

Activities have not been finalised yet, but please reserve the date.

I expect there will be a repeat of the successful “dress a scarecrow” competition, and there may be opportunities for young people to enter an exhibit along the lines of “Centenary in a Pot” using cactus and/or other plants.

I will send out more details when available.

Ian Ross  
[ian.iross@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com)



# 1<sup>st</sup> GOOSTREY SCOUTS

Invite you to their

## Bonfire & Fireworks

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Swanwick Hall

by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Liptrott

Fire lit at 6.30pm

Fireworks at 7.30pm



Adults £6 (inc a glass of mulled wine)

Kids £4 (inc hot dog)

Food available inc. Jackets with fillings

Tickets available from:

Carolyn Wharfe – 01477 549849

Tony Taylor – 01477 533927

Linda Elliott – 01477 544634



## Diary Dates

9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday/Sunday		Modules 20 – 25 Manager Modules Holmes Chapel	
10 <sup>th</sup> October Sunday	10.00 am – 3.00 pm	Beaverree Barnswood	
10 <sup>th</sup> October Sunday		Greater Manchester Marching Band Championships Urmston	
23 <sup>rd</sup> October Saturday		‘Make a difference day’, Community Service Register now at <a href="mailto:difference@csv.org.uk">difference@csv.org.uk</a> or phone 0800 284 533	
27 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday	7.30 pm	Appointments Meeting URC	
29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October Friday – Sunday		Hill Walking Course Yr Hafod, Snowdonia	
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday/Sunday	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Modules 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 Widnes	
7 <sup>th</sup> November Sunday		‘Make a difference day’, Community Service Register now at <a href="mailto:difference@csv.org.uk">difference@csv.org.uk</a> or phone 0800 284 533	
11 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday		County Faith Badge Chester Cathedral	
13 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday	2.00 pm – 5.00pm	District Swimming Competition	
14 <sup>th</sup> November Sunday	9.30 am – 11.30 am	Remembrance Parade Wilmslow	
17 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday	7.15 pm	Safeguarding Workshop URC, Wilmslow	
18 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday	6.15 pm – 7.15 pm	Alderley Edge Lights	
20 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday		Trip to RAF Cosford Museum	
20 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday	9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Taking the Lead – PLs Forum The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
20 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday		First Aid Venue tbc	
21 <sup>st</sup> November Sunday	2.00 pm	Chief Scout’s Gold Award Presentations Brine Leas High School, Audlem Road, Nantwich	
21 <sup>st</sup> November Sunday		TYMBA National Youth Marching Bands Championships Cannock	
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> December Thur, Fri, Sat.		County Xmas Extravaganza Tatton – one hour slots	
6 <sup>th</sup> December Monday	7.30 pm	District Executive Meeting	
<b>2011</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> January Saturday/Sunday	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Modules 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 Tbc – Alderley District	
5 <sup>th</sup> February Saturday		Group Scout Leaders and District Commissioners Forum	
12 <sup>th</sup> February Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	District Beaver Challenge URC Church	
27 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday		First Aid Venue tbc	

5 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday	5.40pm 6.20pm 7.00pm	Swimming Badge Testing Wilmslow Leisure Centre Contact: <a href="mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com">ian.iross@btinternet.com</a>	
14 <sup>th</sup> March Monday	7.30 pm	District Executive Meeting	
9 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday	10.00 am – 2.30 pm	Easter Craft Place tba	
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday/Sunday		Cheshire Hike	
9 <sup>th</sup> May Monday	7.30 pm	District Executive Meeting	
14 <sup>th</sup> May Saturday		JOTT Jamboree on the Trail Place and time tba	
18 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday		District AGM	
21 <sup>st</sup> May Saturday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Beaver Water Fun Day Chelford	
10 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday		Wilmslow Show	
27th July to 7th August		22nd World Scout Jamboree Kristianstad, Sweden	