



# Alderley District Information Bulletin

October 2014

## It's all hot air!

Well, for once this will really be true - we are having a virtual balloon race! We will be explaining the details of this event at the next District Forum which is being held at 8pm, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the United Reform Church in Wilmslow. It will be important that all groups have at least one representative at the meeting to find out all about this major fundraising event and pick up the tickets. The County Team have organised the event and this will be a really good opportunity to raise a significant amount for your group – it also promises to be quite good fun. Can't imagine how a virtual balloon can possibly work? Come along and find out more, all welcome.

In addition to the balloon race we will also have sectional breakout sessions and details of the Development Day the County are organising for Groups at the Heath, Runcorn, on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014.

Stephen P Buckley  
District Commissioner

## ALDERLEY DISTRICT SCOUT DINNER

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Coach and Four Inn, Wilmslow

7.00 for 7.30pm

All Scout leaders + partners in the District are welcome

Christmas Fayre – 2 courses £19.95 , 3 courses £24.95 + coffees

Ask for Menu and reserve your place :-

Rob Henstock  
Email [Rhenstock@supanet.com](mailto:Rhenstock@supanet.com)  
01625 531228



Two Years in the making.....

In 2012, 8 good friends from Viking Explorers had the idea that they would complete their Gold DofE Expedition on the water – fed up with the effort of hiking, what could be difficult about letting the river take the strain?!

Then in August 2014 they finally landed on the banks of the River Wye in Monmouth.

So what did it take?

**Organisation:** getting together proved challenging, even when there was a bacon butty involved; letting parents know they needed transport; completing all the relevant paperwork; remembering every item of kit and food.

**Skill:** Foundation and Safety and Rescue Training; 2 star BCU; Personal Permits; First Aid knowledge.

**Practice:** pool sessions; river sessions; lake sessions; camps. 2 days on the Dee, 3 days on the Severn, 4 days on the Wye.

**Preparation:** planning; communication; commitment.

**Friendship:** Stronger than before and for life; Fun and laughter; teamwork

So after pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and realising it certainly was not a soft option, the assessor comments were “ fantastic few days – best group I’ve seen in a while”

And finally after an inspirational presentation in front of 53 other Explorers and local dignitaries (including Pam and Derek) the mission was complete.



Karen Vercoe  
DESC

### Young Leaders

A reminder that all groups need communicate with Jackie Toombs about Young Leaders - places available as well as young people helping out in sections including those from other organisations on [alderley.youngleaders@gmail.com](mailto:alderley.youngleaders@gmail.com)

## **Holmes Chapel Explorers Entertain**

8 members of the Explorer Unit gave a detailed and often amusing presentation describing their 3 Day Canoeing trip to qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award to an audience of the rest of the Explorers, Leaders and Family.

The 8 showed a remarkable confidence and well planned presentation accompanied by slides. They even managed to amuse.

Holmes Chapel Explorers now have 60 Members and this reflects great credit on the Group of Leaders

It was my wife's and I first visit for some time and we were made very welcome. I hope we will be asked back.

To other Groups in the District if you are having a event at your Group we will always be pleased to attend if we can

Derek & Pam Wiles



### **Looking for Indoor Activities in Winter?**

Ian Ross has developed two interactive business games that are suitable for indoor use and lead to the Entrepreneur Badge.

They have been extensively field-tested at 1<sup>st</sup> Lindow and 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow.

The resources are ideal for the Scout section and can be run on two successive meeting nights.

Ian can attend to supervise and coordinate, with other leaders and Young Leaders running the event.

If interested, drop Ian a line at [ian.iross@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com)

### **Cheshire East Giveback (Your Money Fund)**

I would like to encourage groups to apply for one-off funding which will most probably not be available again. It is a fairly simple form to complete, which is attached along with guidance notes. Further information is also available on our website.

[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/community/community\\_funds\\_and\\_grants/your\\_money\\_fund.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/community/community_funds_and_grants/your_money_fund.aspx)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss project ideas do please get in touch.

Tina Jones, Partnership Support Manager

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[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)

## Swimmer Badge Testing

Back by popular demand is the Swimmer Badge testing session in Wilmslow Leisure Centre. Please reserve the date now....Saturday, 28 February, 2015.

Usual arrangements with three sessions:

A –in the water at 1740 hours

B – in the water at 1820 hours

C – in the water at 1900 hours.

Any of the five Swimmer Badge stages can be attempted, but levels 4 and 5 can only be booked for sessions A or B.

Please encourage your Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorers to take part and leaders/parents to help on the front desk or poolside.

No previous experience necessary, but a little knowledge can be helpful.

Please let me know the numbers and levels of the young people wanting to take part.

Closing date is 14 February, 2015.

Cost per swimmer, including one badge, is £4. Pay on the day—it's helpful if leaders collect all the money in advance and pay in one go.

Confirmation will appear in the next DIB.

Ian Ross

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

## Cooking Workshops

My name is Sarah Pendle, and I run healthy, natural cooking workshops - please see my website [www.seasoningworks.co.uk](http://www.seasoningworks.co.uk)

I wondered if you may be interested in me coming to a scout session to do a hands-on seasoning workshop with your group.

I have a particular passion for encouraging young people to learn about natural ingredients and how to make the most of cooking using seasonal herbs and inexpensive spices.

My workshops are always fun and active - I am also a qualified teacher as well as a seasoning expert.

I can tailor my workshop to a particular group, a particular theme, and / or a particular season. I also have a lot of 'plot to plate' expertise, with a large, herb-filled allotment and I volunteer with the charity Incredible Edible, helping the Wilmslow branch to delivery cookery workshops.

Please let me know if you'd like any further information about my workshops and what I may be able to offer.

Thanks very much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sarah Pendle

07947 358580

[sarah@seasoningworks.co.uk](mailto:sarah@seasoningworks.co.uk)

## **Camping Equipment – To A Good Home**

The Scout Fellowship has surplus equipment, which are available to any Group in the District.

12 Railway Iron Pins ( 3 foot iron stakes – very useful for marking out camp sites with tape, etc)

1 Plastic shelter 2 meters square – useful for bivouac and backwoods shelter

Ring

Rob Henstock 01625 531228 ( [Rhenstock@supanet.com](mailto:Rhenstock@supanet.com) )

## **Programme Online**

Craig Turpie who is the UK Commissioner for Programme (Volunteer Role) has reported on an audit that has just been completed in relation to the programme online (POL) facility. You might be interested to learn that Craig's wife brought some Scouts from Scotland to Chamboree – they had a fantastic time!

I thought I would share some of the information with you so that you can share it with Leaders in your District. This continues to a valuable resource in supporting delivery of the balanced programme.

POL has now been refined to over 3300 ideas.

**Activities and Individual Sections** Below, these are the number of activities on the system for each individual Section:

- Beavers (536)
- Cubs (389)
- Scouts (297)
- Explorers (207)
- Network (54)

Beavers have the highest number of activities for its Section alone, most comprising of creative activities. Cubs also have many creative activities and healthy lifestyle activities. Many of these activities are fillers and games to be played within a weekly meeting.

**Most of the activities are cross Sectional** meaning an activity can be used for across the 6-15 age range with minor adaptation.

- Beavers (899)
- Cubs (905)
- Scouts (738)
- Explorers (508)
- Network (80)

**Graham Phillips**

County Commissioner, Cheshire

## Diary Dates

|   |                      |  |   |
|---|----------------------|--|---|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Wednesday                              | 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm    | <b>District Forum</b><br>United Reform Church  |    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Saturday / Sunday  |                      | <b>Training Weekend – Modules 5 – 9</b><br>Warrington  |    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Saturday                              | 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm   | <b>District Recognition Dinner</b><br>tba  |    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Sunday                                |                      | <b>Greater Manchester Marching Band Championships</b><br>The George Carnell Sports Centre, Davyhulme                                       |    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Tuesday                               |                      | <b>Training Clinic</b><br>tba  |    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Friday - Sunday    |                      | <b>Narrow Boating</b><br>Training and Assessment<br><a href="mailto:pam@pam-jones.co.uk">pam@pam-jones.co.uk</a><br><b>JOTA / JOTI</b>     |    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Saturday / Sunday  |                      |  |   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Friday - Sunday    |                      | <b>Summer Hillwalking Course</b><br>Yr Hafod, Snowdonia  |    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Sunday                                |                      | <b>TYMBA National Championships</b><br>Fenton Manor Sports Complex, City Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent                                      |   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November<br>Monday                                |                      | <b>Training Clinic</b><br>tba  |    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Sunday                                |                      | <b>Remembrance Parade</b>  |   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Monday                               |                      | <b>Training - Safeguarding</b><br>tba  |  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Wednesday                            | 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm    | <b>District Team Meeting</b><br>Alderley Edge Scout HQ   |  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Saturday / Sunday |                      | <b>Training Weekend – Modules 11-15, 19</b><br>Macclesfield & Congleton  |  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> November<br>Saturday                             |                      | <b>Development Day</b><br>The Heath, Runcorn   |   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Saturday                             | 7.00 for 7.30 pm     | <b>District Dinner</b><br>Coach & Four, Wilmslow   |  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Sunday                               | 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm    | <b>CSA Gold Award Ceremony</b><br>Parr Hall, Warrington  |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December<br>Wednesday                             | 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm    | <b>District Exec &amp; District Team</b><br>tba  |  |
| <b>2015</b>   |                      |  |   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Friday - Sunday     |                      | <b>Winter Hillwalking Course</b><br>Nethy Bridge, Cairngorms   |  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> February<br>Saturday                             |                      | <b>District Beaver Challenge</b><br>Handforth Scout Hut  |  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Saturday                             | 5.40pm/6.20pm/7.00pm | <b>Swimmer Badge Testing</b><br>Wilmslow Leisure Centre<br>Contact: <a href="mailto:ian.iross@btinternet.com">ian.iross@btinternet.com</a> |  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Saturday                                |                      | <b>County Beaver Challenge</b><br>Handforth Scout Hut  |  |