



# Alderley District Information Bulletin

September 2012

## **Harold Horry, District President, Gone Home**

I am sad to announce the death on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012 of District President, and Silver Wolf holder, Harold Horry. There was a family funeral and burial at the Great Warford Baptist Chapel followed by a Service of Celebration at St John's Church Lindow on Wednesday, 22nd August. It was a lovely Service and was well attended by both friends and representatives from the Scout Family.

Derek Wiles paid tribute to Harold as follows:

I am here today representing The Scout Association, Cheshire County Scouts and Alderley District Scouts to pay tribute to Harold for his service to Scouting. He started as a boy in Cubs and apart from his time in the Forces remained involved in Scouting all his life. As an adult he was involved in various roles for nearly 65 years. Especially challenging would be the 20 years he was our District Commissioner. The patience and time you need to carry out this role is quite incredible, as I am sure DC's past and present would confirm. He then moved on to another role, that of County Secretary He carried out these duties for 8 years. Once again a challenging role which Harold accepted. His work has meant hundreds of young people have benefited from a strong Scouting network in Alderley District and Cheshire County. Additionally his experience and guidance have helped many a leader to resolve the challenges that we all face. His work has been recognised by the Association in 1987, when he was awarded the Silver Wolf Medal, our top award. Since 2004 he has been our District President, always supporting our District events. We were particularly pleased when he attended our Alderley's Got Talent Show in January this year and presented the prizes. No one can give so much time without the support of their partner and, in Barbara, Harold benefited from having a wife who not only supported him but became involved herself. They were a team.

On behalf of The Scout Association, Cheshire County Scouts and Alderley District Scouts we will greatly miss Harold's knowledge, memories and presence, thank you Harold for all your years of service to Scouting.

Harold made his Scout Promise as a boy and repeated it many times during his life.

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and to the Queen,  
To help other people  
And to keep the Scout Law

He did.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and family. The District will be holding a Service of Thanks sometime in October. I will make sure you are all informed as soon as we confirm the date.

## **Sunset Ceremony**

Plans are well advanced re the Ceremony to close our Centenary year. We are planning on a bonfire / campfire / fireworks at Chelford Scout HQ. Unfortunately we have just found out the village hall already has an event booked for the night we were targeting so we are in process of negotiating an alternative date. Once again we will send out the date as soon as it's confirmed.

## **District Forum**

One date that is confirmed is the next District Forum which is to be held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 8pm at Chelford Scout HQ. We have two attractions, the Assistant County Commissioners will be visiting and, we will be having a presentation from some of the group from 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow / Alderley Edge / The Edge ESU that went to the USA this summer. Why don't you come along?

## **DIB gets better!**

For many years we have produced our District newsletter, DIB. Judith does an excellent job in encouraging contributions and editing the submissions but it became increasingly evident that some people were not reading it. Before you start complaining – no, we are not scrapping DIB! But we are introducing a number of changes:

- DIB will still be published monthly but will focus on reporting events and happenings – we are aiming at three to four pages in length. The target audience is parents and supporters
- Announcements about events and other news that is of primary interest to leaders will be sent out every week. The target audience is Leaders and the District Team
- The District Website has been updated to be primarily our shop window for parents and volunteers. It hosts the District Calendar, so if you want to find out what is happening, when etc that is the place to go. It will also link people to our Facebook page and our Twitter account. If you have smart phone, then you can access it on the move
- We have set up a District page on Facebook and have started to build up an archive of events and camps etc. If you are on Facebook be sure to “like” our page (it's easy to do, just ask anyone under the age of 20!). We have limited who can post to a small number of individuals. If you want to add something, just send me a short write up and your best three photos. Ideally we want photos of kids enjoying themselves doing fun activities! We have some good ideas on how we can use Facebook to create a district archive - more news next time!
- The District is now on Twitter @edge\_scouting. We will tweet news on what is happening in the District and reminders about upcoming events. If you are on Twitter, please follow us.

These changes will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

## **Awards**

I am pleased to announce the following awards:

Ed Walker, GSL, 1<sup>st</sup> Lindow – Bar to the Medal of Merit

Elaine Walker, ESL, Lindow ESU – Medal of Merit

## **Five Years Service Award**

Neil Memmott, SL, 1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey

Mark Hamilton, District Appointments Committee

Iain Macintosh, Occasional Helper, 1<sup>st</sup> Wilmslow

Graham Naismith, Group Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> Wilmslow

Pat Weeks, ABSL, 1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey

## **Ten Years Service Award**

Heather Martin, Skills Instructor, 1<sup>st</sup> Lindow

Steve Buckley

District Commissioner



## Full Appointments

Vicky Groves	BSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmes Chapel
Andrew Tucker	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Goostrey
Helen John	District Skills Instructor	Alderley District

Rob Henstock  
District Appointments Secretary



Well Done! to EXL Chris Wright on completing his Wood Badge.

We have the following courses planned locally:

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	am	Modules 1, 2 and 3	Holmes Chapel new HQ
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	7.30 – 9pm	Safeguarding	Holmes Chapel new HQ

To book for either of these please contact me.

For other courses within Cheshire please see details on the Cheshire Scouts website.

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### **ALDERLEY DISTRICT CENTENARY DINNER**

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Styal Golf Club

Cost £25 per head

Reception 7.00 pm ( with Bucks Fizz) for 7.45 pm Meal

3 Course Meal

WARM DUCK SALAD WITH GINGER AND HOI SIN DRESSING  
BREAST OF CHICKEN ON A BED OF ROASTED MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLES WITH  
A TOMATO AND BASIL SAUCE  
BRANDY SNAP BASKET FILLED WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM AND RASPBERRY  
COMPOTE  
COFFEE

( Vegetarian option Available)

Dress: Uniform for Scouters

(Please make cheques payable to Alderley District Scout Council  
and send to Rob Henstock , 90 Moor Lane, Wilmslow SK9 6BR  
– and include names and Group /or Role )

As there are limits on numbers – please book early to avoid disappointment.

## SUMMER CAMP 2012—USA

We have experienced the trip of a lifetime and the best Scouting experience *so far*.

After two years of hard fundraising and planning, the “friendliest invasion of America since The Beatles” saw 25 adults, Explorers and Scouts from The Edge, Alderley Edge Scouts and 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow Scouts visit Washington, DC, and Lewisburg, West Virginia.

It all started in 2006, three weeks before Chamboree, when the then County Commissioner, Eddie Johnson, asked 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow to look after a Troop of American Scouts coming to the camp. We pulled out all the stops, supplied tents and other equipment, supported them through the camp and offered Home Hospitality (HoHo) after the event.

Four years later, the leader, Cliff Baker, brought two senior Scouts, Brandon and Travis, to Chamboree 2010 and they joined our camp.

The friendships just grew and grew, resulting in an invitation to come to the USA.

Sixth Wilmslow rarely refuses offers like this, so the planning began.

Our adventure began at Manchester Airport with a final check of passports and check in. On the journey, we were too excited to sleep so watched movies using the panel in the seat in front of us. Some of the party were seasoned travellers while, for others, it was their first flight.

Despite warnings of severe delays at Immigration, we were whisked through the whole process in about 45 minutes. Everyone wearing Scout polo shirts and neckers must have helped.

Transport from Washington Dulles Airport to the youth hostel in central Washington was by minibus. We quickly checked in to the hostel and climbed the 6 or 8 floors to our room. (Some waited for the lift, but it only carried four people at a time).

Our three days in Washington were filled with visits to the White House Visitor Centre, open-topped bus tours, the CSI Experience, walk round historic Georgetown, visits to Smithsonian Museums (including Air and Space, Natural History, American History, Botanical Gardens), tour of the Pentagon, watching a movie in the open air at the “Screen on the Green” and going to a baseball match.



The group in front of the White House



Austin gets to grips with an American burger

We even saw a convoy of vehicles whisking the President and aides into the White House. (We were held up in a traffic jam while the road was cleared).

In between, we managed to find time to eat and tried out lots of different eating places. We also met the National Commissioner for Scouts in Zambia.

We travelled from Washington to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, by AMTRAK train. This was another unique American Experience as passenger trains wait for freight trains. As a result, it took us longer to travel the 250 miles by train than it did to travel the 3500 miles by air from Manchester to Washington.

Scouts from Troop 70 were waiting for us at the station and whisked us and our kit to Lewisburg. A meal was quickly prepared and we started to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

After that, we benefited from American hospitality and explored the Wild and Wonderful state of West Virginia including:

- Being given the key to the City of Lewisburg by the Mayor
- Exploring the Cranberry wetland habitat
- Playing Frisbee golf
- Exploring Lewisburg, the Literary Festival and “First Friday” arts productions (readings of Edgar Allen Poe by candlelight in the cemetery—not as spooky as it sounds)
- Exploring limestone caves with massive stalactites and stalagmites
- Canoeing and kayaking on Lake Sherwood
- Backpacking in the wilderness for three days under “leave-no-trace” guidelines
- Travelled on a steam train on the Cass logging railway, with its unique propulsion system
- Had an all-American breakfast buffet at Rudy’s diner
- Kayaked down the rapids on New River (believed to be the second oldest river in the world)
- Tried out different rifles and hand guns at a shooting range



The full crew outside our home in Lewisburg, West Virginia



Explorer Scout Max Devonald and Scout Jason Brown receive the keys to the City of Lewisburg from the Mayor, John Manchester

Perhaps the highlight of the adventure was an English tea party (tea from England, homemade cakes and scones, and rain) followed by introductions to our American host families for two days of HoHo.

Everyone had a different experience but several went to the Greenbrier Hotel (four stars and with a secret nuclear fallout shelter built underneath it so that the American Senate and Congress could continue to function in the event of a threat to Washington) and to the State Fair ( a larger version of the Cheshire Show). We finished with a BBQ for about 80 people in a local park.

Sadly, the adventure had to come to an end and there were a few tears shed when we said “au revoir”. The good news is that many participants are in touch with their new friends by text, e-mail and Facebook. We have also extended an invitation to Troop 70 to come to Chamboree in 2014.

If you missed the blog of our activities, try <http://www.6wilmslow.org>

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

## Do you ever consider the potential of your Scouts?

This summer we took a group over to West Virginia.

Part of the trip was a 3 day 50 mile hike. This took place in the Cranberry wilderness 921,150 acre of the Monongahela National Forest - climbs of 2400 to 4309 feet, trails that crossed rivers. Trails that were not marked at all. Along cliff edges. We had to carry all our kit. We dodged Black Bears, poisonous snakes, wolves and skunks.

So apart from the above what made this different and showed the potential of any Scout / Explorer was that this hike was lead and run very successfully by a 17 year old Scout (America doesn't have Explorers yet).



So never under estimate your Troop, give them the chance to show you what they can do. You may well be surprised.

Mark Toombs, SL  
Alderley Edge

### Did it Our way.

July 2006 I was invested into 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow Scout Troop at their Family BBQ. This was a proud day making my Promise in front of friends and family. So what can top that, well 2012 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow Family BBQ once again a 'new member' was invested. He's the latest Assistant Beaver Leader for the group, and I got to him invest him. So why is it so important to a proud Father? Well his name is Andrew Toombs, my son. So welcome to Scouting. And in case you wonder who got me into Scouting well he did when he was a Cub.



Andrew Toombs being invested by Mark Toombs

Mark Toombs, SL  
Alderley Edge

### Lost Property

A large silver ring, a bit like a woggle, was found in the church following Harold Horry's Memorial Service. All enquiries to Ed Walker [ed@walker.com](mailto:ed@walker.com)

## 1st Handforth Scouts

**JOTA JOTI Sat 20<sup>th</sup> October 13:00 to  
16:00**

**Handforth Scout Hut, Old Road, Handforth  
SK9 3AZ**



**Cost £2.00 (bring money on the day).**

**Open to those groups in Alderley District not organizing their own event on the weekend. Confirm your place with Andy Clements SL at [clements@metronet.co.uk](mailto:clements@metronet.co.uk) . There are only 20 places available, so book early. Places will be confirmed by email.**

### **Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)**

**The JOTA and JOTI are real jamborees during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas shared. They happen over the third weekend in October each year and are worldwide events.**

Here are some details of the 2012 events.

#### **Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) - 20-21 October 2012**

The Jamboree on the Air is an annual event in which half a million Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world.

The use of amateur radio means that many Scouts get the opportunity to discover the skills of wireless radio techniques and electronics. JOTA is also the only event that offers each individual Scout the opportunity to speak to other Scouts across the world.

#### **Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) - 20-21 October 2012**

Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the world in a similar way to JOTA, but using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity.

You can also get more information about JOTA and JOTI by liking the [JOTA-JOTI UK Facebook Page](#).

#### **Tattonbury 2012 – Official Video**

The link to the official video of this year's successful Tattonbury Festival 2012 is <http://vimeo.com/46772890>

## Sailing Trip

I'd like to say thank you to all those that made it possible for me to attend the 5 day residential sailing trip on the sailing boat James Cook as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Award, with an even bigger thank you to Stephen Buckley (DC), and Mike Walker (ESL from Runcorn). I found the sailing trip a great experience and I learnt a lot of new skills. I also made a lot of new friends, and I still keep in contact with them.

At first I wasn't looking forward to the trip, because I've never been on a boat before and didn't know many of the people on the trip and so this made me feel pretty scared but once I got on the boat all my worries were washed away. I felt the whole experience was very exciting and fun but very tiring. I would recommend this trip to any one who has the opportunity to go because I would certainly go again if I had the opportunity.



Laura Toombs, Explorer  
The Edge ESU

## Camping Huts in Shropshire

I would like to introduce you to our new Woodland Park Camping Huts. Located in Ellesmere, Shropshire, our site offers an alternative way of camping, one which can provide the Scout Association ideal accommodation for nights away and weekend trips. We have 5 Camping Huts grouped around a pond, deep in the woods of our dairy farm just a few miles from the town centre. The huts offer basic accommodation for campers with wooden bunk beds and a table and bench inside. Campers bring their own bedding and equipment; we just provide an alternative to tents - sturdy huts with lockable doors and electricity.

At the moment, we have 3 of the 5 huts finished which sleep a total of 15 people. The Fox & Stoat Huts have 4 bunk beds each and the Badger Hut has 4 bunk beds at ground level and a ladder up to a loft space with a further 3 beds. There is a new toilet and shower block and token operated hot showers are available. The remaining 2 huts are currently being finished and they will sleep a further 10 people in a 4 berth and 6 berth hut. All of the huts can be hired at a competitive rate on a nightly basis.

As you can imagine, the woods surrounding the huts are a haven for wildlife so make it ideal for nature lovers. We have tracks throughout the woods on the estate which are perfect for orienteering and we are only a few miles from the mere with its opportunities for sailing and canoeing. There are many cycle routes around the area as well, making Woodland Park Lodges a great place for an activity packed break.

I would be grateful if you could pass this information to the leaders of the Scout groups in your district and would welcome an opportunity to show you around the huts. We very much hope to work with you and provide accommodation for some groups in the future. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me. (See attached for map and brochure.)

Jo Evans, Marketing & Site Manager  
Woodland Park Lodges & Camping Huts  
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## Diary Dates

5 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Modules D and E</b> Goostrey	
12 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday	8.00 pm	<b>GSL Meeting</b> Wilmslow Methodist Church	
20 <sup>th</sup> September Thursday	8.00 pm	<b>District Forum on Tour</b> Chelford Scout Hq	
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September Friday – Sunday	6.00 pm Friday to 3.00 pm Sunday	<b>Summer Camp – Modules F, G, H, I and J</b> Milldale Campsite, Nantwich	
22 <sup>nd</sup> September Saturday		<b>‘Born Survivor’ Cub /Scout Fun Day</b> Forest Camp	
22 <sup>nd</sup> September Saturday	am	<b>Modules 1, 2 and 3</b> Venue: Holmes Chapel new HQ Contact: <a href="mailto:wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk">wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk</a>	
26 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday	7.30 pm	<b>Appointments Committee</b> Wilmslow URC	
10 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday	8.00 pm	<b>District Team</b> Wilmslow Methodist Church	
15 <sup>th</sup> October Monday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Module B and C</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Wilmslow	
20 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday	1.00 pm to 4.00 pm	<b>JOTA / JOTI</b> Handforth Scout Hut Contact: <a href="mailto:clements@metronet.co.uk">clements@metronet.co.uk</a>	
20 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday	10.00 am – 1.00 pm	‘Faith Activity Badge’ Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: <a href="http://www.chestercathedral.com">www.chestercathedral.com</a> or 01244 500959 from 1 <sup>st</sup> September	
20 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday	7.00 pm	<b>Centenary Dinner</b> Styal Golf Club,	
7 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday	8.00 pm	<b>GSL Meeting</b> Wilmslow Methodist Church	
14 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday	7.30 pm	<b>Appointments Committee</b> tbd	
14 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday	8.00 pm	<b>District Forum on Tour</b> Holmes Chapel Scout Hq	
17 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	<b>Adult Recruitment Made Easy Workshop</b> The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
22 <sup>nd</sup> November Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	<b>Safeguarding</b> Venue: Holmes Chapel new HQ Contact: <a href="mailto:wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk">wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk</a>	
12 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday	8.00 pm	<b>District Team</b> Chez Buckley	

**2013**

25<sup>th</sup> May  
Saturday

'Faith Activity Badge' Morning  
Chester Cathedral  
Bookings: [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)  
nearer the time



2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August  
19<sup>th</sup> October  
Saturday

**Trip to Iceland**  
'My Faith Badge' Morning  
Chester Cathedral  
Bookings: [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)  
nearer the time

