



Alderley District Information Bulletin

September 2014

September is the time for new beginnings

This month is the time schools go back and we all look forward to the year ahead. Sally and I have our own new beginning – we have moved house! Now, tempting as it was, we have not emigrated, we have just moved around the corner in Holmes Chapel. Our new address is:

Wimborne, 53 Chester Road, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7DR Tel: 01477 544246

Obviously, as soon as the new Compass Membership System is online, I will log on and update my details, just to show how easy it is to use! (If I can do it)

Back to Scouting. Now is the time you should be planning next summer's adventures. What will you be doing next June? A night, a weekend or a week away? Get the idea and dates out to your kids and ensure the parents plan their week in Benidorm around your plans! If you don't have a Nights away Permit, speak to our Nights Away Advisor, Janet Williamson. We want you to take your kids away (and bring them back safely!) and we will help new leaders. No excuses, you don't need to go far, but give your kids the adventures that they will remember for many years.

Many of you were at Chamboree and what a great event it was. I met four of my old Venture Scouts and they turned out great! It was great to catch up and they were still talking about our cycling camping trips 30 years ago! Many of you went on other trips and I am sure you had a fantastic time. If you didn't get a mention on the District Facebook page, now is the time to send in two or three of your best photos. You never know, they might make next year's District calendar!

Stephen P Buckley
District Commissioner

Appointments

Congratulations to the following on obtaining full appointments:

Katie Jones and Andy Gilsenan- Assistant Scout Leaders at Holmes Chapel.
Steve Gillson- District Skills Instructor with the Scout Band.

Good Luck to the following in their new roles:

Mike Shaw to ESL at Lindow Explorers (was ASL at Lindow).
Julie Nicol to AESL at Lindow Explorers (was ASL at Lindow).
Andy Mitchell (was SL at Holmes Chapel) to GSL at Holmes Chapel, replacing Wendy Macdonald.
Wendy Macdonald will become Manager of Holmes Chapel SAS, and is continuing as Local Training Manager.
Annabel Bush to BSL at Holmes Chapel (was ABSL).
Alan Jackson to SL at Holmes Chapel (was ASL).
Andy Gilsenan to ASL at Holmes Chapel (was Group Skills Instructor).
Ian Wilkes to District Chairman (was GSL at Chelford).

David Jones, District Appointments Secretary



2014 Scarecrow Festival



Our Scarecrow won **2nd prize!** an excellent result for our first (and after the clean up - probably our last!) time.

Well done to those that helped with its construction.

For those that did not get to see our scarecrow entry in Hoopers then here it is. Ian will also be posting a picture on our website, so keep an eye out for it there.

Mike Shaw
1st Lindow Scouts

Chamboree 2014



How do you start a report on this camp?

The lasting words of one of my Scouts at the age of 12

“This is Best Experience of MY Life!”

So why?

The camp planning – this started early last year when the ADCs got together and hatched a plan.

‘Let’s camp as a District’

So that’s the plan. Invite as many to join us (crazy I hear you say). Well we had a total of 197 campers from Edge Explorers to Holmes Chapel to Chelford to Alderley to 6W Scouts and Cubs then Beavers then we invited Troop 70 from West Virginia and 2nd Hazel Grove Scouts as well.

As with the main campsite rules we needed a super hero.

Our Super Hero with the her Super Power - the ability to provide good healthy food 3 times a day for the masses was Super Hero Beaver Leader Kelly Windram.

So it went like this: - Explorers had the super power to construct a camp site on Thursday ready for all sections, 2 Gala Tents and a shelter plus tents were pitched.



6W provided a fantastic gateway, Ian Ross's last act as Scout Leader before he retired. The gateway was constructed by Adrian Rowe (6W parent) designed by Ed O'Brien (Ex 6W member) and then pieced together with Scouts, Explorers and parents.

Cubs arrived Friday afternoon to start their 3 day Chamboree, Leaders arrived to start their 8 day Chamboree. The Cubs had a separate programme for which ADC Paul Windram took charge.

Then Saturday the chaos began early. Beavers arrived just after breakfast with ADC Deborah Robson taking charge to make sure they enjoyed their non stop day. Then 2pm hit us, Scouts Explorers and Network arrived with an army of Leaders.

8pm we all lined up in our new Chamboree 2014 red shirts then off to the loudest Opening Ceremony you could imagine. 7000 attended.

Sunday Morning was the start of all the Scout programmes; this would turn out to be a non stop mixture of New Scouting experiences, skills and fun thrown in. The whole week ahead would be mixed from Nerf guns, Zorbing, survival skills, Global awareness, Stunt shows, motor bikes. Then a day out to Liverpool to see the sights and a Flash Mob dance at the pier, we were "Happy". Each evening saw various entertainments from Movie night, ultra violet disco to Super Hero theme. Scouts and Explorers even learnt a new skill which was practiced several mornings "how to brush your teeth on camp!" video is on Alderley District Facebook, must see!

Now I Must Mention The Wonderful award winning gateway by Handforth Scouts and 1st Wilmslow Scouts. They achieved new status as Chamboree 2014 best gateway, well done! 6W gateway got runner up. This was not the only competition we won Tim Povall Edge Explorer Assistant Leader took the best super hero photo of Beaver Larney Windram and Josh Slack 2nd Hazel Grove as Spiderman. Friday night soon came upon us, so into Uniform, District Flags carried, Alderley paraded as a proud strong District into the closing ceremony all 128 of us!

All the high lights, photos and videos can be watched on Alderley Scout Council Facebook site.

All that is left to be said is I would like to thank all the team of leaders and parents that came along and helped make this camp run smoothly and effortlessly and make it the most enjoyable Chamboree.

Thank You

Mark Toombs, ADCS.

Kandersteg 2015 Mini Jamboree.

Following the success of Chamboree 2014 we have secured some more places for Our Mini Jamboree camp. We have a proven District Leadership format and Team which will allow us to take with us any Explorers and Scouts from the age of 12yrs who have at least 7 nights away from any Group/Unit.

If you have members that want to join us as a District please let them. Group leaders are not required to come along but there is space for you.

I have attached information you can send out with the permission form. A deposit is required to secure a place. This offer is open until September 26th (midnight) after which I can't accept any more.

Mark Toombs, ADC Scouts.









Narrow Boating




We have a narrow boat course arranged for October 17/19th and we have been notified today that 4 people have pulled out!

Could you please advertise it for us? Friday to Sunday from Preston Brook, near Warrington £100pp all inclusive. Contact Pam Jones on this email address – pam@pam-jones.co.uk or 07771997970.

Daragh O'Malley
ACC Activities
Cheshire County Scout Council

Diary Dates

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| 3 rd September Wednesday | 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm | District Team Meeting Alderley Edge Scout HQ |  |
| 5 th – 7 th September Friday- Sunday | | Gilwell Reunion |  |
| 7 th September Sunday | | Queen of the Moorlands Competition |  |
| 10 th September Wednesday | 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm | District Executive Meeting tba |  |
| 13 th September Saturday | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm | Mobberley Scouts Jumble Sale | |
| 15 th September Monday | | Training Clinic tba |  |
| 20 th – 21 st September Saturday – Sunday | | Residential Exp. (Beaver Leaders) |  |
| 20 th September Saturday | | Rafting – Forset Camp Training and Assessment http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/daragh-omalley-6370303147 |  |
| 27 th September Saturday | | Getting Started Workshop tba |  |
| 1 st October Wednesday | 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm | County Sectional Meeting (ADCs) | |

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| 8 th October Wednesday | 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm | District Forum tba |  |
| 11 th / 12 th October Saturday / Sunday | | Training Weekend – Modules 5 – 9 Warrington |  |
| 11 th October Saturday | 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm | District Recognition Dinner tba |  |
| 12 th October Sunday | | Greater Manchester Marching Band Championships |  |
| 14 th October Tuesday | | Training Clinic tba |  |
| 17 th – 19 th October Friday - Sunday | | Narrow Boating Training and Assessment pam@pam-jones.co.uk JOTA / JOTI |  |
| 18 th / 19 th October Saturday / Sunday | | | |
| 26 th October Sunday | | TYMBA National Championships |  |
| 3 rd November Monday | | Training Clinic tba |  |
| 9 th November Sunday | | Remembrance Parade | |
| 10 th November Monday | | Training - Safeguarding tba |  |
| 12 th November Wednesday | 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm | District Team Meeting Alderley Edge Scout HQ |  |
| 15 th – 16 th November Saturday / Sunday | | Training Weekend – Modules 11-15, 19 Macclesfield & Congleton |  |
| 29 th November Saturday | | District Dinner tba |  |
| 30 th November Sunday | 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm | CSA Gold Award Ceremony Parr Hall, Warrington |  |
| 3 rd December Wednesday | 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm | District Exec & District Team tba |  |