

SCOUTLOOK



Altrincham & District Scout Council

November 2005

From the District Commissioner:

Dear Fellow Scouters,

This is the time of year for Harvest festivals in schools and churches throughout the land. Most of these festivals concentrate on appreciating the farmers who have been gathering in grain from the fields and fruits from the vines and trees to fill up the empty barns. We thank God for the food he has given us.

However, we in Scouting need to think constantly about harvesting the talents of the people in our midst. Where there is a vacancy on a committee or even a warranted leadership post, we need to be the ones who make the effort to sow the seed of the idea of helping. We then need to cultivate the seedling by explaining thoroughly what would be required. To gather people into the roles we need to make sure that they are welcomed and feel that their talents are fully utilised. Instead of leaving them to just get on with it, we need to thank them for their efforts and see how we can help them to feel more comfortable in their roles. Each of us can encourage other adults in our Groups and throughout the District.

Remember that it is only rarely that people come forward and germinate within our Groups without being asked. We need to get out there and gather them in. We have a wonderful product in Scouting. We need to make sure that as many people as possible are contributing to making it grow.

Best wishes, Lucy

News from the Sections:

Beavers:

Next Beaver Leaders Meeting - Wed 7th Dec at 8.00 pm

Beaver leaders are requested to send back the questionnaire on 'Desired District Activities' to Glenda.

Beaver Panto:

The Panto this year is 'Cinderella', at Altrincham Garrick, on Sat 7th Jan at 1.00 pm.

Tickets are now selling quickly, so if you wish to come, Please let Glenda have Numbers AND Money asap.

Cubs

ALTRINCHAM AND DISTRICT CUBS CHESS CLUB 2005 – 2006

The cubs chess club has started up in grand style this year. 23 Cubs turned up to the inaugural meeting at 4th Hale HQ on 27th September, and this has been followed by a turn out of 19 cubs on a very wet night to 2nd Hale on 12th October. Any reservations that there might have been that we would have no chance of repeating last years success in the County West championships have been well and truly dispelled as the Inter Cub Pack competition looks like being very keenly contested and there are lots of new cubs taking part with the potential to improve into good players. 4th Hale have a very marginal lead in the competition after two rounds but as only 2 points separate the top 5 teams it is really wide open. So the message to Akela's and leaders is – please make sure that as many of your chess playing cubs keep coming each time.

The date for the next meeting is:-
Wednesday 16th November at 4th Bowdon HQ St Mary Church. 18.45 – 20.30

The numbers of cubs are significantly up on last year and if we are to give them the maximum encouragement to improve a regular volunteer chess playing helper would be much appreciated.

Please give me a call on 0161 928 5128.

Chris Fitt.

Scouts:

No news this month

Explorers:

What activities do Explorers get involved in? A brief chat to Colin Ellis, ESL of the **Panthers**, showed the following:

1. Canoeing: This is a very popular activity with the Explorers and 15 members have gained stages 1-3 in Canoeing Star Awards.
2. They have recently spent a Service weekend at Dunham.
3. Most are involved in working for the Duke of Edinburgh awards.
4. They have recently had a Halloween party.
5. Cooking is a regular activity at meetings.
6. Ongoing work towards the various Explorer Awards

and badges. Last St. George's day, Thomas Bell went to Windsor to be presented with his Queen's Scout Award, and he has been invited to be a flagbearer next year.

[This is just a small list of what is going on, and, maybe if you've got Scouts who are nearing Explorer age they could visit one of the Explorer units and see for themselves. - Ed]

District Information and News:

Scoutlook

This publication is for the benefit of all adults connected with Scouting in the District. Have you got some good news you'd like to share? Let the rest of us know! Please send it by e-mail or snail mail to Alan Marriott. For example:

4th Hale cubs have started getting ready for Christmas. They've planted 150 forced hyacinth bulbs which are gently growing in a cellar in Hale ready to flower in December. The cubs are planning to make wooden boxes to hold three bulbs each as part of one of their activity badges.

Fund Raising for Scouting in Jinga, Uganda

Sadly, the meeting on the 13th October had no attendees. However, we are looking to have another meeting after Christmas, when we can again look at what we can do as a District.

E-mail addresses

Alan Marriott, who edits, compiles and distributes Scoutlook is a man of many talents and we are grateful for his help. However, he is not a mind reader. If you have changed your e-mail address recently PLEASE let him know the new address. If you know of others who have changed theirs, please inform him a.s.a.p. He is frustrated each month by the number of Scoutlooks which come bouncing back unable to get through to the addressee.

World Scout Jamboree 2007

The District is keen to encourage young people, who will be scouts aged 14-18 in July, 2007, to take part in this wonderful opportunity. The Jamboree will be held in Chelmsford, Essex from 27th July to 8th August. According to the blurb, the organisers are looking for Troops or Units of 36 young people plus 4 adults. Out of all of the young people in our District, we should be able to enthuse 36 of them to take part. We don't yet know the cost but it will be in the region of £600.00. There is some money available in the District funds. We need to start talking it up now and ear-marking some scouts to get thinking about it seriously. Perhaps we should form some sort of sub-committee of leaders to work on this. Any volunteers? Please let Lucy know. The website for the Jamboree is: [www. Scouting2007.org.uk](http://www.Scouting2007.org.uk).

Wood Badges

We are pleased to announce that the following leaders have recently received their Wood Badges. We thank them for the work they have done both in completing all of their assignments and for the work they do with the young people. Many congratulations!

Andy Fox	SL	4 th Hale
Neil Bennett	ACSL	4 th Bowdon
Alan Roberts	ACSL	4 th Bowdon
Anthony Roberts	ACSL	4 th Bowdon
David Smith	CSL	4 th Bowdon

Some more leaders have also completed their training and we have applied for their wood badges. When they come we will be delighted to present them. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all those who do not yet have their wood badges to consider their training needs and consult with their ADC. Courses are run regularly, as you can see from the list which Sylvia Cornish, our Adult Training Manager, includes each month in Scoutlook.

Fitness Badge? Free Coaching Offered in Lacrosse, Hockey and Cricket

Starting in January, '06, the Timperely Sports Centre, near the Hare and Hounds, is offering free coaching. The manager, Colin Taylor, has received business sponsorship and a grant from the government Sportsmatch scheme to set this up. He is offering a package of three or four sessions once a week for an hour or 90 minutes each.

An interpack,/intertroop/interunit competition event could also be arranged.

The coaches are all fully qualified, have First Aid qualifications and have had CRB checks. All the gear needed for the sports is available at the Centre. The participants would need to wear trainers and tracksuits and there are changing facilities available. The ideal age range is 11-16 but cubs would also be welcome. The minimum number for a session would be about 10 and they could cater for up to about 20.

If any packs, troops or units would like to take advantage of this offer, please notify Lucy Nattrass so we can try to coordinate which evenings would be best. Depending on numbers, several sections could go together. If leaders have specific enquiries they can contact Colin Taylor on info@timperely-sports.com.

Census Evening:

Census Evening will be on Wednesday 18th of January 2006 at 29,Ollerbarrow Rd, Hale, starting at 7.00pm. PLEASE PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY.

Fellowship Dinner:

The Fellowship Dinner is to held at the Bowdon Quality Inn this time. It is on Saturday 28th January 2006 at 7.30pm. The price is £20.00 PLEASE PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY.

Leader Training:

This list is updated each month. Please note the changed dates and courses highlighted in *italic* below.

Adult Leader Training Modules 2005

Child Protection:

Wednesday 16th November
- Atherton & Tyldesley District HQ
Monday 10th October 2005 - TBA

Module 10: First Aid :

One day course (First Response)
6th November 2005
11th December 2005

A preliminary list of training dates for 2006 has now been published. More courses will be added shortly.

Adult Leader Training Modules 2006

Getting Started

Module 3: Tools for the Job

(All new Section Leaders and Assistant Leaders)
Venues to be arranged
Saturday 18th March
Sunday 14th May
Sunday 17th September

N.B. Module 5 (Fundamentals), Module 12 (Providing a Balanced Programme, and Module 14 (Young People Today) are all covered by this Course.

10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. £10.00. Packed lunch.

Child Protection

In 2006 there will be two different training sessions on Child Protection, one for new leaders and helpers, and the other for longer-serving adults who may not have undertaken any formal child protection training or who need to update and refresh their knowledge and understanding.

Dates will be published shortly.

Module 10: First Aid

*One day course (First Response)
3rd Worsley HQ. Sundays 9.30am - 4.30 pm
Packed Lunch. £10.00*

*15th January 2006
12th February
9th April
14th May
11th June
9th July
10th September
19th November
10th December*

*Add on Courses for Adventurous Activities:
12th March
8th October*

Section Leader Modules

*All venues to be arranged.
Courses open to leaders and assistant leaders from ALL sections.*

*Wednesday, 15th March (evening):
Modules 9 (Working with Adults),
13 (Growing the Movement) and
6 (Changes in Scouting).*

*Wednesday, 22nd March (evening):
Module 8 (Skills of Leadership) and
18 (Practical Skills).*

*Tuesday, 25th April (evening)
Module 7 (Valuing Diversity) and
15 (Challenging Behaviour)*

*Tuesday, 9th May (evening)
Module 17 (Activities Outdoors) and
19 (International)*

Beaver Leaders Skills Day

*Saturday 25th March 2006.
Dunham Park Scout Camp. £10.*

Further information and application forms: Ring Sylvia Cornish 980 2140 or e-mail sylvia.cornish@btinternet.com. Application forms can also be obtained from gmwscouts.org.uk

District Diary

	November 2005	December 2005	Future
Beavers		.Leaders Meeing Wed 7th Dec 8.00 pm	Panto: Cinderella Sat 7th Jan 1.00 pm Garrick, Altrincham
Cubs	Cub Chess Wed 18th Nov 6.45-8.30 pm 4th Bowdon HQ		District Cub and One Camp 23-25th June Middlewood Camp Site
Scouts			
Explorers			
District	District Exec Meeting Tues Nov 15th 76 Brook Lane. Team Meeting Wed Nov 30th Warren Drive	.	Census Evening Wed 18th Jan Warren Drive Fellowship Dinner Quality Hotel, Bowdon 28th Jan St George's Day Parade Sun 23rd April 7.30 pm District AGM Sun 9th July Cub Warren

Scoutlook is planned to be sent by email at the end of the first week of each month, if there are sufficient news items available. This information sheet is intended to improve communications within the District. Please feel free to send in any material which you think might be useful for others connecting with Scouting, preferably by email to Alan Marriott by the last day of the previous month. If you are going to change your E-mail address please let Alan Marriott know, otherwise you will no longer receive Scoutlook and your address will be deleted from the Scoutlook e-mail address book