

SCOUTLOOK



Altrincham & District Scout Council

Jan-Feb 2007

From the District Commissioner:

Best wishes to all for a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Want to take part in the Jamboree without leaving your front room? We are still seeking families willing to provide beds and board for two Japanese Explorer scouts for three or four nights finishing on Friday morning 27th July, '07. Instead of mumbling into your collar, "I don't know what my plans are for July," you **could** say, "*My plans are to host two Japanese Scouts. After all, if I went to a Jamboree on the other side of the world, I'd love to have some home hospitality. It's what Scouting is all about.*" You could practise saying those words boldly to your family. Then say them to me. I'd love to hear from you.

After all of the anticipation, we have finally arrived at the year of the Centenary of Robert Baden-Powell's first camp at Brownsea Island. Have you been planning your programmes to include 100? How about a list of 100 Good Turns, collecting 100 pennies, collecting 100 of anything which might be recycled, practising for a 100 metres dash or 100 star jumps. Could we sing a total of 100 verses of various songs or gain a total of 100 challenges completed at camp? If you've got any ideas about 100, please share them via Scoutlook.

The Explorer Section is five years old in 2007. What sort of FIVE challenges can they manage? Five nights under canvas? Five course gourmet dinners? Five hours of hiking? Five minutes of silence? A minute in five minutes? We look forward to hearing about what they've been doing.

Once again we would like to thank all of those people who work behind the scenes to make the Leaders' jobs easier. In particular we should thank Hugh Davies who serves as Chairman of the Association, and our badge secretary, Maria Davies, ably assisted by Hugh, who bends over backwards to provide badges and sundries for us all. We would also like to thank Sylvia Cornish for processing CRB forms and keeping tabs on the records for new leaders. We are grateful to Alan Roberts who maintains such accurate records about leaders' training and nudges people to go on courses. Iris Emery also deserves our thanks for serving as District Secretary. In addition to all her other activities, she has been pursuing the sale of the 1st Broadheath property for several years. They are a terrific team and we salute them!

Best wishes, Lucy

Jamboree:

New Member:

Although one lad has withdrawn from the contingent, we are pleased to announce that Robert Slaughter has joined the group. He's a member of the Snowdon Explorer Unit, having been a member of the beavers, cubs and scouts with 1st Timperley.

Fund raising:

If anyone has any good ideas for the members of the contingent, please let them know. They are busily selling colourful cloth Jamboree badges, priced at £2.00 each. Ask them what "Winegums" stands for.

News from the County:

Proposed merger of the 3 Manchester Counties:

At the last DC's meeting at the beginning of December, Brian Mouat, the GMW County Commissioner, announced that a feasibility study had been undertaken and it had been finally decided that the counties would not merge.

The Event under Canvas: 25th-27th May '07:

There are a number of spaces left at all three County campsites for this exciting event. All the activities have been planned. Just bring your camping equipment, food and young people and enjoy a wonderful weekend. Book places through GMW County Office at countysec@gmwscoutco.fsnet.co.uk.

Gang Shows:

During the half term holiday week, 12th-16th Feb., Sale District and Knutsford District are encouraging troops and packs to attend. Please consider taking your young people to support our neighbours and to have a wonderful evening. Who knows, you might be inspired to run your own.

News from the Sections:

Beavers:

2nd Hale beavers:

According to the *Messenger*, they recently visited Altrincham Football Club's ground, enjoyed a tour and watched a match in which the mighty AFC drew 2-2. The beavers must have brought good luck. The Club welcomes enquiries about visits and reduced ticket prices for groups.

Pantomime Visit:

Over 100 beavers enjoyed "Puss and Boots" at the Garrick Theatre in Altrincham on Saturday, 6th Jan. This is an annual event organised by the Glenda Gould and the Beaver leaders. Next year, order your tickets well in advance so you can join in the fun.

Cubs

Hilda Jordan Challenge Trophy:

Saturday 27th Jan., 1-5 pm at 3rd Altrincham Hq. Hilda Jordan was a beloved cub leader in the District. We will run this event instead of the Sixer Training Day, which we ran in Jan., '06.

Each pack is invited to send a team of six in uniform but wearing trainers. If possible, we would like each team to include two ten year olds, two nine year olds and two eight year olds. There will be quizzes, team games, cub level skills and a craft activity which will all earn points. The winning Six gets the trophy. Each cub must bring a One Day Activity Form to the event. Forms will be distributed to each pack.

Science Badge:

The cub leaders at 4th Hale are interested in running activities leading to this badge in March. If any leaders have worked towards this badge and have some ideas which they'd be kind enough to share, please contact Ken Balfour, C.S.L.

Camelot Theme Park visit:

As announced in the November-December 2006 issue of Scoutlook, on Sunday 25th March, cubs, older beavers and younger scouts have been offered exclusive use of the park. The all inclusive price of £15.00 includes return coach travel. There will be one adult place free with every eight children. Coach pick up points could be arranged. The Knights Jousting show could be included. Please give your final numbers and money to Freda Clarke, ACSL at 6th Alt. by the middle of this month.

Scouts:

No Information this month

Explorers:

No Information this month

District Information and News:

Warrant applications:

Sylvia Cornish is delighted to inform us that she has just sent out 6 newly completed warrant applications. We extend congratulations to those new leaders who have completed their initial training and also to the established leaders who have been their mentors. That's a great start to the year. Keep encouraging your supporters. We can never have too many warranted leaders.

1st Timperley's Gang Show in November:

By all accounts this was a terrific success. Not only did they get on stage at some time in the proceedings nearly everyone in uniform in the Group, they attracted a big appreciative audience, signed up some new members onto the committee and raised nearly £1000 for Group

funds. We send many congratulations to all and especially to those who organised the event.

1st Timperley's cubs and scouts packed bags at Mark's and Spencer's in Sale one Saturday before Christmas. According to letters in the *Messenger*, they spread lots of good cheer as well as raising some money.

Census Evening:

Wed. 17th January: This year we look forward to seeing representatives of the Groups starting from 7 pm at Lucy Nattrass's house, 29 Ollerbarrow Rd., Hale. Please phone Iris Emery to make an appointment. Yes, it comes around every year. Don't look so surprised. Look on the Census as an opportunity to get your paperwork in order.

Contact Details:

We make every effort to keep our lists up to date. We will try to publish another District Directory during '07. As you can imagine, it is a tremendous task. If you have changed your contact details, including your email address, since the last census, PLEASE contact the representative from your Group who will be coming to the Census Evening and give him or her your corrections. Alternatively, you could contact Iris Emery directly on: iris.emery@virgin.net. If you don't tell us, we won't know. The responsibility is yours. 31st Jan is the cut off date.

District Dinner:

Saturday evening, 27th Jan. at the Quality Hotel on Langham Rd., Bowdon (formerly the Bowdon Hotel). As a reward for getting your paperwork in order, why not join us for the annual dinner? It's so nice to have time to chat in relaxed surroundings. You'll enjoy a lovely meal surrounded by like-minded friends. At £21.00 each, it is excellent value. Phone Iris Emery to book your places.

Altrincham Festival:

Sat. 7th July. Fancy floating through Altrincham? Any ideas about how to advertise Scouting? We're looking for people who would be interested in decorating a float for the parade. This is a wonderful opportunity to show a large crowd the sorts of things we do. Please speak to your GSL. asap.

Scoutlook:

This newsletter is produced for the good of the whole District. We welcome input from young people, leaders and other interested parties. Please contact Alan Marriott on alan_marriott@lineone.net. If you, or anyone you know, has recently changed e-mail addresses, please contact him so he can continue to send Scoutlook.

Leader Training

Child Protection Course:

Tues. 30th Jan at 1st Timperley Hq. Prompt start at 7 pm and finish at about 9:15. Leaders are encouraged to attend every three years. There are always new ways to look at the issues. Please try to persuade others to come, especially those who help at section meetings on a regular basis. The cost is £5.00 which your Group should pay. Download the application form: www.gmwscouts.org.uk/sections/adult training. Please return the completed form asap to County Office. The address is on the form. The next C.P. course might be in Wigan. Please take advantage of this one being near. All of the other Training Courses for 2007 are listed on that web site.

Leader Training:

Courses for 2007

Day	Date	Course	Venue	Course Type
Sunday	14 Jan	1st Response	3rd Worsleyl	Day
Tuesday	30 Jan	Child Protection	Altrincham District 1st Timperley	Evening
Sunday	11 Feb	1st Response - Add On for Adventurous Activities)	3rd Worsley	Day
Thursday	22 Feb	Child Protection Module	Leigh District	Evening
Sunday	11 March	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Wednesday	14 March	9,13 and 6 module training	Atherton & Tyldesley HQ Wigan Metro	Evening
Saturday	17 March	Getting Started (3,5,12 & 14)	Wigan Metro 1st Golborne TBC	Day
Wednesday	21 March	Modules 8 & 18 for Section Leaders	Atherton & Tyldesley HQ Wigan Metro	Evening
Saturday	24 March	Refresher Child Protection Refresher 1st Response	12th Swinton Salford Metro	10.00-12.00 12.30-3.00
Sunday	1 April	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Tuesday	24 April	Modules 7 & 15 for Section Leaders	Stretford District Trafford Metro	Evening
Tuesday	8 May	Modules 17 & 19 for Section Leaders	Altrincham District Trafford Metro	Evening
Sunday	13 May	Getting Started (3,5,12 & 14)	Salford Metro	Day
Sunday	13 May	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Sunday	20 May	Refresher 1st Response Child Protection	Atherton & Tyldesley HQ Wigan Metro	10.00-12.30 1.00-3.00
Sunday	10 June	1st Response - Add On for Adventurous Activities)	3rd Worsley	Day
Weekend	29 June- 1 July	Nights Away Module 16 1st Weekend	Bispham Hall Scout Estate	Weekend
Sunday	8 July	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Wednesday	11 July	Module 25	TBC	Evening
Saturday	15 Sept	Child Protection Refresher 1st Response	Urmston District Trafford Metro	10.00-12.00 12.30-3.00
Sunday	16 Sept	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Sunday	16 Sept	Getting Started (3,5,12 & 14)	Trafford Metro	Day
Weekend	21-23 Sept	Nights Away Module 16 2nd Weekend GCA Course - Modules TBC	Bispham Hall Scout Estate	Weekend
Sunday	14 Oct	Add On - 1st Response For Adventurous Activities	3rd Worsley	Day
Sunday	18 Nov	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Sunday	18 Nov	Refresher 1st Response Child Protection	43rd Salford Salford District	10.00-12.30 1.00-3.00
Sunday	9 Dec	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Saturday	1 Dec	Getting Started	TBC	

COST OF TRAINING	
Day Course 10 am - 3.30 pm	£10.00 (bring packed lunch)
Evening Course 7.00 -9.30 pm	£5.00
First Aid 9.30 am - 4.30 pm	£10.00 (bring packed lunch)
Residential Weekend	£50.00 (£80 Nights Away 2 weekends)
Modules (at Bispham Hall)*	£2.50 each (Bispham Hall weekend)

Up to date details check the website www.gmwscouts.org.uk

The following Courses have yet to be confirmed

Child Protection:

Between 16 April and 4 May
 Between 4 and 29 June
 Between 1 and 19 October
 Between 25 Nov and 14 Dec

Stretford District
 Ellesmere District
 Wigan District
 Sale District

District Diary			
	January 2007	February 2007	Future
Beavers			Pantomime at Garrick Sat 6th Jan 5.30 pm
Cubs	Hilda Jordan Competition Sat 27th Jan 1.00-5.00 pm 3rd Altrincham Scout HQ Chess at 1st 1st Hale Barns Wed 31st Jan 6.45-8.30 pm	Chess Tuition - 4th Hale Tues 6th Feb 6.30-8.15 pm Chess at 2nd Hale Wed 14th Feb 6.30-8.15 pm	District Chess Competition Sat 3rd March Time and Venue TBC County Chess Competition Sat 10th March - Urmston Trip to 'Camelot' Sun 25th March
Scouts			
Explorers			
District	Census Evening 29 Ollerbarrow Rd, Hale Wed 17th Jan - 7.00 pm onward Scout Fellowship Dinner Sat 27th Jan - Evening Quality Hotel, Bowdon Child Protection Course 1st Timperley HQ Tues 30th Jan 7.00-9.00 pm	Team Meeting Warren Drive Tues 6th Feb 8.00 pm	GSL Meeting 3rd Altrincham Thurs 8th March 8.00 pm St George's Day Parade St Mary's Bowdon Sun 22nd April

Scoutlook is planned to be sent by email at the end of the first week of each alternate 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.