

SCOUTLOOK



Altrincham & District Scout Council

June-July 2006

From the District Commissioner:

Dear Fellow Scouters,

We wait to hear from the experts as to whether this May was the coldest, wettest and windiest on record. Each weekend seemed to be worse than the last. But those of you who were camping at Sandiway, Linnett Clough, in the Lakes and elsewhere seemed to rise to the challenges and bear them with fortitude. As the leaders were saying, through clenched and chattering teeth, if you can survive a wet camp, you can survive any other sort. I was intrigued with the many different devices campers had arranged to get clothes, footwear and people dry.

Although it may have seemed grim at the time, the young people will have warm memories of those camps for years. The skills which you leaders taught them, the ingenuity you showed and your examples of fair play and camaraderie will remain with them long into the future. If we can survive what the weather throws at us and still have a good time we know we can get through lots of other difficulties which might come our way.

So, here's to lots more camping and outdoor activities. It would be wonderful to think that every cub, scout and explorer in the District had been offered the opportunity for some nights under canvas this summer. Thank you for all your hard work to make this possible.

Regards,
Lucy

News from the Sections:

Beavers:

This year beavers are celebrating their 20th anniversary. They have a special badge to wear and some activities to look forward to.

Beaver Fun Day

Our annual event will be celebrated on Sun. 18th June from 2 - 4:30 at 3rd Altrincham's H.Q. on the field behind the Boys' Grammar School. All the beavers in the District are invited whether or not their Beaver leader is able to come. There will be games, activities and prizes galore. Contact Glenda Gould, ADC beavers, for application forms and more information.

Cubs

Cub and One Camp

This District event will be held at Middlewood campsite 23rd to 25th June. Over 160 cubs and Ones are planning to be there from 6 groups: 1st Hale, 2nd Hale, 4th Hale, 1st Hale Barns, 6th Altrincham and 1st Timperley. Planning is well under way. We are all just itching to learn what the theme is. Could it be circuses, movies, Chinese dragons, the Middle Ages? Those have all been used before. All will be revealed on the Friday night. We are looking forward to the canoeing skills of Simon Ashton, ASL, and Alex Chambers, S. Inst., of 3rd Timperley who have kindly agreed to help teach the cubs on the lake on the Saturday.

We would like to thank Freda Clarke, District Cub Leader, and Karen Salisbury, former ADC cubs, for organising things so far.

Other packs have been camping during May. 1st West Timperley and 2nd Timperley ran a joint camp with the 1st West Timperley scouts on the theme of The Olympics at Linnett Clough. It was good to see packs working together, learning from each other, pooling their resources and trying to keep warm and dry. .

Cub Warren

There are still some weekends free on the Cub Warren schedule. Why not use it as a base for an Explorer exercise or a Scout hike? We are very fortunate to have this excellent resource. Our thanks go to Stuart Naylor, Barney Barnes and others who help to maintain it.

Cubs from 1st, 2nd and 4th Hale enjoyed an Outdoor Activity Day at Cub Warren on 6th May. One tent was put up and taken down many times, everyone made fires and no one got lost tracking in the neighbouring fields.

Scouts:

No Information this month

Explorers:

No Information this month

District Information and News:

District AGM on Sunday 9th July

Everyone is invited to attend. Please see the attached invitation. Join the party!!!

St. George's Day

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the St. George's Day parade and service at St. Mary's Church, Bowdon, on St. George's own day, 23rd April. We were pleased to include members of the Girl Guides and look forward to seeing more of them plus Brownies at the parade next year. In 2007 it will fall on **Sun. 22nd April**, which, I have been assured, does not coincide with the beginning nor the end of the Easter holidays. Although Austin Janes and his puppet companion, Carl, will not be there, we will endeavour to include all of those elements of the service which make it special for members of the movement. It is certainly a wonderful opportunity to feel the warmth of the fellowship of Scouting. [Austin Janes begins training for the Anglican Ministry, this coming September - Ed]

Awards

At the service and at subsequent occasions we were delighted to distribute the following awards and recognition of service:

Wood Badges:

Phillip Broadhurst	CSL	2 nd Timperley
Sharon Caldwell	ACSL	2 nd Timperley
Peter Ward	SL	2 nd Timperley

Long Service Awards

Sharon Caldwell	ACSL 2 nd Timperley	5 years
Colin Ellis	ESL Panther Unit	25 years
Gordon Fyfe	GSL 3 rd Altrincham	25 years
Belinda Harris	ACSL 1 st West Timp.	15 years
Richard Kerr	formerly GSL 1 st Timp.	10 years
John Stageman	ASL 4 th Bowdon	15 years
Frederick Warburton	ESL Snowdon Unit	10 years

We would like to thank them for all the skill and enthusiasm they have given to Scouting over the years.

Queen's Scouts

Five of the six Explorers who completed the requirements for the Queen's Scout award attended the ceremonies at Windsor Castle at the end of April. Ryan Stopford, now a member of the Royal Marines, was otherwise occupied. By all accounts they had a wonderful time. The parents were able to enjoy it more because they took advantage of some chairs which had been set out for another event. They came back with excellent photographs. We intend to present the badges and certificates to the Queen's Scouts at the District AGM on Sun. 9th July. (See attached invitation.)

Goodbyes and Welcomes

2nd Timperley Scouts were sorry to see their SL, Keith Sully, depart for Scotland because of his business. We extend our thanks for leading the pack so well for several years. Luckily for us, Nick Davison, a wood badge holder and experienced scout leader, recently moved to this area and was looking for a Group with a

vacancy. We are delighted that he has joined 2nd Timperley scouts. He and Peter Ward, SL, are continuing with their varied programme and tradition of taking part in the Malvern Challenge.

Training Advisors

As explained in the last Scoutlook, a number of experienced leaders have indicated that they are willing to serve as Training Advisors to leaders who have not yet earned their Wood Badges. Alan Roberts, ACSL at 4th Bowdon, has produced a spread sheet of all the leaders in the District indicating their training requirements. This is an excellent resource, for which we are most grateful. We can now quickly see for which courses there is demand and try to meet that demand. We plan to run Practical Skills and First Response modules in the District and are discussing whether we might run courses to cover some other modules as well.

As usual, Scoutlook will continue to advertise the courses delivered by the County. Leaders can download the application forms and dates of courses by logging onto: www.gmwscouts.org.uk/sections and then following the links. Completed application forms can be sent directly to County Office. The address is on the form. Alternatively leaders can contact Alan Roberts. After leaders have been on a course, it would be of great help to Alan if they would let him know they have attended. Sylvia Cornish, our District Appointments Secretary, will continue to advise people who are in the early stages of taking out a warrant and sort out the appropriate paperwork.

We would like to thank Alan for agreeing to give his time and considerable expertise to helping the District with training. In addition, we would like to thank Sylvia who, in addition to a wide range of activities of great help to the District for many years, has been maintaining records, arranging training, administering the CRB forms and organising the paperwork for potential warrant holders.

County Commissioner's Challenge for Scouts and Explorer Scouts

This event is to take place over the weekend of 30th June to 2nd July. It is open to teams of Scouts and Explorer Scouts and takes place at Dunham Camp Site. Scout leaders and Explorer Scout leaders should have received information from the County about this event. If not, please contact Steve Morrell on MSMorrell@aol.com.

Dunham Park Scout Camp

As reported in the last Scoutlook, Dunham Park Scout Camp celebrates 25 years of the opening of the current site over the weekend of 23rd-25th June. For further details contact : www.dunhamparkscoutcamp.org.uk.

Urmston District Scout Shop

This shop is open every Saturday from 10 am to 12:30 at Dyson House, New Rd., Urmston. They sell uniform, books, novelty products such as cub and beaver door plaques, special issue woggles, game equipment and rucksacks. The profits are returned to our District. Go and BUY!

A Special Request from Sue Sharples:

I'm GSL at 4th Bowdon and I'm organising a group of 20 who are tackling the 3Peaks in a couple of week. (in aid of Breathrough Breast Cancer). I have a transport problem.

This is not a Scouting event, but I wonder if anyone can help. Do you have a minibus that you could lend me for the weekend of 16-18 June? My driver is 22. We would be so grateful.

You can find out a bit about our trip on:
www.3peaks.me.uk

Centenary of the founding of the Scout Movement- 2007

Jamboree July 2007

We are pleased to announce that seven young people from the District will be joining the contingent from Greater Manchester West. They are:

Robert Balfour	4 th Hale Scouts
George Johnson	4 th Hale Scouts
Cara Barnes	Snowdon Explorer Unit
Tom Watt	Panther Explorer Unit
Richard Danson	Panther Explorer Unit
Katie Green	3 rd Altrincham Scouts
Matthew Robbins	2 nd Timperley Scouts.

We look forward to hearing about their preparations for the big event. As you know, Altrincham District will be offering financial support to each of them and we hope that some Groups will want to help to organise fund-raising events during the coming year to help them. Keep those photo opportunities coming.

Join In Centenary 2007

A resource pack will be available to all sections towards the end of 2006 to assist with programme plans for 2007. Take advantage of this pack to plan your programmes for next year.

Young Spokespeople:

Be a Spokesperson for Scouting

The County is looking for scouts/explorers to be the face of scouting. Here is a great opportunity for 14-18 year olds to learn about dealing with the media, TV, radio and newspapers. Weekend training courses will be available at Gilwell Park.

Leaders- please give this some thought. Have you got anyone in your section who might be interested? Please contact Heather Baker at Heatherbaker@ukcontingent.org.uk

County Celebration Rally- May 2007 **" An event under canvas"**

As reported in the last Scoutlook, GMW is holding three large camps at Bispham, Middlewood and Dunham over the weekend on 25-27th May 2007. All cubs, scouts and explorers are invited to camp and beavers are invited for the day on Saturday.

The camp fees have been deliberately set very low at £15.00 for the weekend to encourage as many as possible to take part. Many activities are planned and big screens will link the three sites so people can see what is going on.

After 1st Sept., groups and sections can book places at the campsites through the County Office. The

organisers are counting on deposits coming in before Christmas.

Within your groups and sections please discuss the possibilities of taking your young people to "the scouting event of a lifetime." This will be one of the main agenda items at the next GSL's meeting in June. It is important to notify the parents as soon as possible so they don't plan holidays over that weekend next year. County Office is planning to send letters to all members in the next few weeks.

District Celebrations for 100 Years of Scouting?

A re-enactment of the Siege of Mafeking? Should we make a special effort in the District? If so, doing what? We are encouraged by Headquarters to be thinking of how to recruit more adults and using the celebrations as a way to make our Scouting presence felt in the area. Does anyone have any ideas? Let us know!

Leader Training:

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

Adult Leader Training Modules 2006

Getting Started

17th September - 12th Swinton

Module 3: Tools for the Job

(All new Section Leaders and Assistant Leaders)

Venues to be arranged

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

Full evening course (7.00 - 9.30pm) for new leaders and those who have not previously attended a CP Course)

Wednesday, 21st June - 43rd Salford

Monday, 16th October - Sale

(See end for details of 'Refresher' Child Protection Courses)

Nights Away Course

2 weekends: 1st - 3rd Sept and 29th, 30th Sept and 1st October. Bispham Hall.

Module 10: First Aid

One day course (First Response)

3rd Worsley HQ. Sundays 9.30am - 4.30 pm
Packed Lunch. £10.00

11th June

9th July

10th September

19th November

10th December

Add on Courses for Adventurous Activities:
8th October

Section Leader Modules

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

GCA Course (For Group Scout Leaders and Commissioners)

30th September - 1st October (Residential) at Bispham Hall, Wigan. £50.00.

Module 25 - Assessing Learning (for GSLs and Training Advisors)

Wednesday, 12th July. £5.00. - Venue to be announced

New Training – Refresher courses.

Please note there are now 'Refresher Child Protection' and 'Refresher 1st Response'.

The child protection refresher are aimed at Leaders who wish to update themselves on the latest issues and for those longer serving leaders who may not have undertaken any form of Child Protection Training.

With regard to the 1st Response refresher this is for leaders who already hold a 1st Response Certificate who wish to refresh their training. Their certificate must not have expired when they actually attend the refresher training.

Sunday 24.9.06 in Urmston District
Child Protection 10 - 12 noon
First Response 12.30 – 3 pm

Saturday 25.11.06 in Wigan District
First Response 10 – 12.30 pm
Child Protection 1 – 3 pm

The 'ordinary' Child Protection modules (as listed on 06 training sheet) are aimed at new adult leaders, especially those who need this module before being presented with Warrants.

Cost of each refresher is £5.00

Further information and application forms: Ring Alan Roberts 929 0998 or e-mail Dawnandalan8@aol.com.
Application forms can also be obtained from gmwscouts.org.uk/sections/adulttraining/index.htm.

All course applications should be submitted to County Office via Alan Roberts, 8 Westmorland Close, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 3QR.

District Diary

	June/July 2006	August 2006	Future
Beavers	Sun. 18 th June 2-4:30 Beaver Fun Day at Boys' Grammar School Field		
Cubs	Canoeing on Tatton Park Lake with older cubs and scouts from 4th Hale Sat 16th June District Cub and One Camp 23-25th June Middlewood Camp Site		
Scouts	County Commissioner's Challenge for Scouts and Explorer Scouts Fri 30th June-Sun 2nd July Dunham Camp Site		
Explorers	County Commissioner's Challenge for Scouts and Explorer Scouts Fri 30th June-Sun 2nd July Dunham Camp Site		
District	Training Advisors Meeting Tues 20th June 8.15pm 6th Alt Dunham Camp-Site 25years Celebration 23-25 June GSL Meeting Thurs 29th June 8.00 pm 4th Bowdon District AGM Sun 9th July 12.30 pm Cub Warren ADC Meeting Mon 10th July, 4th Hale		Team Meeting Wed 20th Sept 8.00 pm

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