

SCOUTLOOK



Altrincham & District Scout Council

March-April 2007

From the District Commissioner:

Out and About

It has been good to learn that so many sections are out and about in spite of the wet weather. Scouts have been hiking in snow at half term, Explorers have been clearing brush and generally helping at Dunham, Scouts and Explorers have been rifle shooting behind the Old Hall, Scouts and Cubs together have slung mud at the Crocky Trail near Chester. We are also pleased to learn how many camps are in the planning stages for the spring and summer.

We wish you all success with your outdoor activities. Please remember to forward me a copy of your Nights Away Permission Forms in advance of your trip. Don't forget the home contact number. This should be a person who is not related to anyone in the party who is going away.

Best wishes, Lucy

Jamboree:

Please support the seven members of the team from Altrincham District. They are selling colourful badges with the "Winegums" logo for £2.00 each. You can wear them on your uniform on the left side above the world badge.

Fund raising event for the Jamboree participants: The Snowdon Explorer Unit, based at 1st Timperley, is holding a Ceildah on Friday, 23rd March. Tickets are £5.00 each. It sounds like a great night. Contact Fred Warburton, E.S.L. on 969-9843 or any member of the 1st Timperley team.

Panther Explorers will be cooking something luscious during the Jumble Sale at 4th Hale on the afternoon of Sat. 17th March. During the Jumble Sale last September they kept the punters happy by making and selling pancakes and offering a variety of toppings. Come along and sample their wares.

Japanese Scouts

We would to thank the people who have offered beds already. Here is your chance to share some of the fun of the Jamboree. We are still looking for several families to each host two Japanese Explorer Scouts. They will be here for three or four nights finishing Friday morning 27th

July when they will go by coach to the Jamboree in Essex. The host families needn't have current Scouting connections. We are looking for two beds and a few meals. However, everyone in the household aged over 18, who doesn't already have one, is subject to a Scouting CRB check.

We will entertain the group of Japanese. The hosts needn't take time off work. We are planning a bar-b-q at Dunham and a visit to Manchester United as well as a trip in a flotilla of canal boats. Can you think of some other activities which they might enjoy as a group?

Please contact Lucy directly on 928-2679 if you know of anyone who might be interested.

News from the County:

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

County Office has recently sent out to detailed programmes to all of those Sections which are taking part. Such a lot is happening at all stages of the weekend. Such a lot of thought and enthusiasm has gone into the planning. Perhaps there are still places at Middlewood or Bispham. Dunham is full. If you had an inkling that you might attend, **NOW** is the time to sign up. It looks terrific. Contact Sue at County Office on countysec@gmwscoutco.fsnet.co.uk

Dunham Park Scout Camp now has an associated fotpic site to support the website:
<http://dunhamparkscoutcamp.fotopic.net/>

They have found it is easier to create and manage photos using the fotopic album site, than post to the website.

They will be adding more photos to the site in due course and you can sign up for email alerts when additions are made.

Celebrate 100 years of Scouting in 2007 !
Website: www.dunhamparkscoutcamp.org.uk
For all bookings please contact:
dunham.bookings@virgin.net

District Information and News:

Harry Howarth:

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Harry Howarth, S.L., 1st Hale Barns, on 8th March. He had been in poor health for some time. We are pleased that he

received the 40 Years Service- Chief Scouts Long Service Decoration at the 1st Hale Barns Bonfire Night party surrounded by his family, friends and scouts. A fuller tribute to Harry will be published in the next Scoutlook. Our thoughts are with his wife, family and all who he touched through Scouting who mourn his passing.

Frank Cameron - a tribute by Hugh Davies:

It is with sadness that I announce the death, peacefully on December 24th 2006 of Frank Cameron.

I first met Frank over 40 years ago who was Group Scout Leader of 1st Broadheath while undertaking my training as an Assistant Scout Leader at 2nd Timperley. He has been connected with the movement all his life. He was appointed District Vice President and the Chief Scout recognised his services to scouting and the community with the award of the Medal of Merit and Long Service Decoration. During this time he showed his caring nature, his wisdom and his eagerness to assist any of the members in any situation, He was very well respected by all the leaders and members whom he helped. He supported and promoted, on every possible occasion, the ethos of the scout association and strove to live and practice the Scout Law and Promise in his daily life. Frank had the gift of sharing in challenging situations, and was always happy to help in the solution of problems and difficulties with extreme sensitivity. His work with community particularly 'The Rowans' is well known, and this is just another example of his care and concern for others; this combined with his professional commitments made for a very full life.

His devotion to his family was legendary.

I regard it a privilege to have known Frank and to have been involved in many activities and projects with him over the years. I count it an honour that he numbered me as one of his friends. I would wish to join with his many friends from the Scout Movement and offer sincere condolences to his family for this sad loss.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23 Verse 6.

Hugh Davies

Two Medals of Meritorious Conduct:

Both Alexander Chambers and Simon Ashton, A.S.L.s at 3rd Timperley have been awarded these medals. The citations read:

"In recognition of his great presence of mind to assist a distressed walker who had breathing difficulties needing urgent medical attention, he called the mountain rescue services who were unable to reach them due to the deteriorating weather, so he administered first aid and carried the casualty to the foot of the mountain where the casualty was then taken to hospital." 8th March, 2006. Mount Snowdon. Signed by the Chief Scout.

Simon reported that when he phoned the emergency services the woman on the phone asked him if he had any advanced training in treating hypothermia. He said

that he hadn't but that he was a Scout leader. The woman replied, "Oh, you'll be fine, then."

We are pleased that these two leaders have been recognised and are honoured that we have such men active in our District. They have been invited to attend the parade at Windsor on 22nd April where they will be wearing their regalia. On the evening of Wed. 14th March we will be presenting the medals at their HQ.

New Warrant Holders

Altrincham District would like to give a warm welcome to the following new leaders, who have all completed their pre-warrant training. Their appointment cards have now arrived and will be presented over the coming weeks:-

Stuart Hornby - AESL, Panther Explorers

Paul Lord - ACSL, 4th Hale

Alex Chambers - ASL, 3rd Timperley

Janet Howells - ACSL, 1st Timperley

Martin Deighton-Brown - ACSL, 1st Timperley

Daniel Moore - ABSL, 4th Hale

Sainsbury's Active Kids Tokens: We have signed up for this and have received a big poster and booklet about all of the things that are on offer. Please tell all the families in your Group to collect all of the tokens they can. The offer is on for a limited time. We can then help you to decide how best to use them.

Welcome Pack: We received a copy of a Welcome Pack produced by a Group in Lostock. In addition to a front piece about Scouting in general, it gives information about the meeting times, Leaders' contact details, the gift aid form, permission slips, a photocopy of the page in the Programme Manual about where to put the badges on uniforms and so on. It is quite impressive and would take some effort to set up. However, a Group which is able to present new parents with a Welcome Pack which answers many questions is the kind of Group which parents will want to get involved with. If anyone would like to see this example, please contact Lucy.

Altrincham Festival: Sat. 7th July:

Mobile Display Unit- The District has been granted the use of this huge container to advertise Scouting on the Festival field. It contains a climbing wall, a miniature theatre and space to display photographs and scouting paraphernalia. This Unit seldom goes north of Watford, so we have a unique opportunity. It will make an enormous impact during the Festival. Encourage all of your members to go down on the day and have a good look.

We are grateful to Gordon Fyfe, G.S.L. at 3rd Altrincham for his enthusiasm for this project. He and George Sharp, A.D.C. Scouts, are giving up a Sunday in April to go to Gilwell for a training course to learn how to operate the wizardry.

Festival Parade. Fancy floating through Altrincham? Any ideas about how best to advertise Scouting? We are 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 that we do. We have had a few offers of help. What we need is someone who would be willing to coordinate the event. If we don't have an offer from someone who is willing to take charge by Easter we will withdraw our application for a place in the parade. The G.S.L.s have been asked, yet again, to ask around their Groups for a volunteer.

St. George's Day Parade and Service Sunday, 22nd April.

We look forward to welcoming lots of representatives from all Sections in Scouting as well as local Brownies and Guides. This should be a wonderful afternoon. Let's raise the roof for Scouting in its hundredth year.

Leaders of Sections should all have received joining instructions from Bob Liddell and Hugh Davies by email or snail mail, and a further copy is attached to this edition of Scoutlook. The parade starts from Regent Rd. car park off at 2:20 pm and the service is at 3. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the service at St. Mary's, Bowdon. Dismissal back at the car park will be at approximately 4:15. If you have not received instructions, please contact Hugh or Bob. Help make it a terrific event.

Adult Training- First Response Course

On Wednesdays 18th and 25th April, Lucy Natrass, former employee of St. John's Ambulance, will run a First Response Course from 7:30 – 10 pm at St. Peter's House, Murieston Rd., Hale. Cost of £10.00 includes a book, a badge and a certificate. Cheques payable to "Altrincham and District Scout Council". Please register with Alan Roberts, A.C.S.L. 4th Bowdon.

Please see all other Training Courses available on www.gmwscouts.org.uk.

Fellowship Dinner

The dinner was a big success and everyone who went had a good time. If you missed it you missed a treat.

Census Evening

Thank you to everyone who helped get this done without too many hiccups. We got our figures off to Headquarters and to County on time.

3rd Altrincham 80's Night- 5th May at the Altrincham Football Club Function Rooms. Support the Third's fund raising event which features the live band, Under the Covers. If the example of the previous themed evenings are anything to go by, this should be good fun. Contact Gordon Fyfe or any member of the 3rd Altrincham Team for tickets at £8.00 each. Come along and sing all of your favourite "Abba" songs.

Andrew Robinson:

You remember the Cub Leader that joined the Round the World Yacht Race? Well he's at it again! In his words:

I am taking on a new challenge - cycling the length of Ireland - 440 miles from Malin Head to Mizen Head in June 2007. A difficult ride anyway, but after sampling Irish hospitality every evening - it will be a really tough one!!

My target is to raise £2000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care -

through sponsorship and also through the 6th Altrincham Cub pack.

The boys have all been busily filling Smartie tubes with 20p, and they hope to contribute around £300 to the total.

This is a great charity and they are being very supportive of my efforts.

*You can find out more on the following website:
<http://www.justgiving.com/andysirishchallenge>*

Thanks, Andy

It would be great if people would help to support Andrew's efforts and this important charity.

News from the Sections:

Beavers:

3rd Altrincham Beavers have been making grass heads.

Cubs

The Hilda Jordan Trophy afternoon, held at 3rd Altrincham at the end of January, was a great success. Over thirty cubs participated in a quiz, outdoor games, including Roman Charioteers, and a complicated craft project on the theme of "A Float about Scouting for the Altrincham Festival". Usual cub-type craft materials included banana boxes, string, sticks, paint, tape, old CDs, blu-tack, grass, pebbles, pens, crêpe paper, glue, and doweling. Some excellent "floats" were presented with imaginative details of tents, bridges, bunting with names of all the groups, large badges and archery targets. Two of our most venerable judges, Hugh Davies and Sylvia Cornish, deliberated in secret and pronounced their decisions to silent cubs waiting in keen anticipation. 2nd Timperley raised the shield once again, but two other packs tied in second place. Our congratulations go to all of those cubs who took part so cheerfully and seemed to enjoy the challenges.

We thank all of those leaders and assistants who came to help on the afternoon. As this seems a good time of year to run an activity afternoon for cubs, we will try something similar next year.

1st West Timperley cubs are working towards their Astronomy badge. It requires lots of balloons and cubs rushing around in circles. 1st Timperley cubs celebrated Chinese New Year with a game of picking up penne with chopsticks. That was a challenge!. 4th Hale cubs are working on their Science badge after a very successful series of sessions on the Artist's Badge. 3rd Altrincham cubs are planning a big hike.

Cubs- Scouts Link

The 4th Hale Scout leaders invited the older cubs to join the scouts for a trip to the Crocky Trail near Chester. This was intended to help the older cubs get to know the scout leaders and scouts and also to have the fun of a more adventurous activity.

Has your Group been planning link activities between sections? Never assume that young people are automatically going to want to join the next Section. They need to be wooed! Link Activities are a good way to whet

their appetite for the next section.

Cubs Chess - Report by Chris Fitt

It has been another successful year for the chess club with a total of 45 cubs having attended at least one meeting and 7 cub packs having taken part in the Inter Cub Pack Competition.

It has been 2nd Hale's year. They narrowly won the Inter Cub Pack Competition from 4th Hale, last years winners, and Michael Bates of 2nd Hale became the new club champion with a convincing lead over Adam Swinton of 4th Hale. This means that 2nd Hale are the 5th cub pack in 5 years to hold the Inter Cub Pack Trophy. Mention must go to 2nd Timperley who took 3rd place this year with a solid improvement from all their players after a rather unpromising start.

The District Championship was won this year by Jonathon Holland of 2nd Hale from Adam Swinton of 4th Hale and Daniel Hough of 1st West Timperley. 5 cubs who played in the County West team last year finished in the top 8 this year so we have a very strong team for the County West Championship again which takes place on Saturday 10th March in Urmston district.

Because of continuing health problems I have decided that it is necessary to pass on the running of the chess club a new leader and this role is being taken on next year by John Bates. I am sure that the club will continue to flourish as it has such strong support from all the leaders in the district. My thanks go to all the Akela's who have given me such support over the last 7 years. Without their enthusiasm the chess club would not have been as successful as it has been.

Due to the inauguration of a guides group at 4th Hale it is going to be very difficult to hold chess club meetings at 4th Hale next year, so the club headquarters are moving to 2nd Hale and my thanks go to Diane Pendlebury for offering to take it on.

A report on the County West Championship will appear in the next addition of Scoutlook and the district chess club will recommence its activities in September 2007.

Watch this space for details. John Bates can be contacted on 0161 980 5348

Chris Fitt, March 2007

We are extremely grateful to Chris for having run the Cubs Chess club so successfully for seven years, especially since his cub is now 22. In appreciation of his services, the District presented him with an inlaid chess board, and his wife Margaret with a bunch of flowers, at the end of the District Chess Competition on 3rd March.

We are very pleased that John Bates, with a son at 2nd Hale, has come forward to take over the Chess Club. We look forward to hearing all of the favourable reports starting in September.

County Rally 25th to 27th May 2007.

Patrol tents are needed for this event. If any Group could lend them out, please let Karen Salisbury know as soon as possible. They will be used for demonstration purposes only. Karen can be contacted on 0161 905 2387

Gilwell Reunion 7th to 9th September 2007

If anyone is interested in going to this event please let Karen Salisbury know, as this must be pre-booked. (you cannot just turn up on the Friday)

Scouts:

Several Scout Troops have been training for the District 5-a-Side Competition which is being held on Sat. 17 March at the Altrincham Leisure Centre. 4th Hale lads have been putting up tents. 3rd Altrincham scouts have been working on the Creative Challenge. They made air fix models. 1st Hale Barns enjoyed their annual Chip Shop Challenge involving map reading skills and a bit of follow your nose.

Explorers:

Phoenix Explorers planned and then prepared a Burns Night Supper complete with the relevant poetry. They also cooked Chinese food for the New Year. Panther Explorers have been working on First Aid and have done a bit of cooking as well. A group of them got stuck in at Dunham one weekend helping to clear brush and other tasks. A guest speaker will come to tell about his adventures sailing around the world.

Leader Training:

Courses for March-December 2007

Day	Date	Course	Venue	Course Type
Sunday	11 March	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Monday	12 March	Child Protection	Leigh District	Evening
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
Friday	20 April	Child Protection	1st Davyhulme	Evening
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	13 May	Child Protection	2nd Urmston	10.00-12.00
Sunday	13 May	Child Protection	8th Flixton	1.00-3.00 pm
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
Monday	18 June	Child Protection	3rd/1st Eccles	Evening
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
THursday	29 Nov	Child Protection	Sale Central	Evening
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

District Diary			
	March 2007	April 2007	Future
Beavers		St. George's Day 22 nd April- Parade starts at 2:20 pm	
Cubs	District Chess Competition Sat 3rd March Time and Venue TBC County Chess Competition Sat 10th March - Urmston Trip to 'Camelot' Sun 25th March	St. George's Day 22 nd April- Parade starts at 2:20 pm	
Scouts		St. George's Day 22 nd April- Parade starts at 2:20 pm GMW Scout Network- Turkey Trot 27 th -29 th April	
Explorers	Snowdon Explorers- Fri 23 rd March Ceildah at 1 st Timperley	St. George's Day 22 nd April- Parade starts at 2:20 pm	
District	GSL Meeting 3rd Altrincham Thurs 8th March 8.00 pm District Exec meeting -Tues. 13 th March 8:00 at Brook La., Timperley 4 th Hale Jumble Sale Sat. 17 th March 2 pm- all welcome Cub Warren Meeting- Tues. 20 th March 8:15 at 29 Ollerbarrow Rd., Hale	First Response Training- . 18 th and 25 th April at St. Peter's House. Murieston Rd., Hale 7:30-10 pm District Exec meeting -Tues. 24 th April 8:00 at Brook La., Timperley	3 rd Altrincham 80's night- Sat. 5 th May at Altrincham Football Ground Function Room GSL's meeting -Thursday 28 th June 8 pm at 4 th Hale HQ Altrincham District AGM - Wed. 4 th July at 2 nd Hale HQ

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.