

SCOUTLOOK



Altrincham & District Scout Council

Sept-Oct 2006

From the District Commissioner:

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It was wonderful to see so many people at the District AGM on 9th July at Cub Warren. Thank you all for coming! Thanks to Stuart Naylor who spruced up the paintwork inside and out, and the farmer who cuts the grass, Cub Warren was looking at its best. We should also thank members of the District Exec. who organised all the food and drinks.

We welcomed friends and relatives of the six Queens Scout who were presented with their awards. We were pleased to see relatives of George Banks who enjoyed watching Shirley Banks cut the ribbon on the new seat dedicated to her late husband, George. We greeted some people who had helped with the building of the new hut over ten years ago. And it is always a pleasure to see Scouters, young and old connected to the District. Some even took part in a Space Hoppers race. We hope that Leaders will see what an excellent facility we have at Cub Warren and use it.

We are pleased that so many packs, troops and units have been camping already this summer and 4th Bowdon's camp is still to come. According to the polls, camping is the activity which young people enjoy most about scouting. We thank the leaders for giving their time and expertise to run healthy and safe camps so that young people can learn to enjoy and respect the great outdoors.

Best Wishes - Lucy

News from the Sections:

Beavers:

No Information this month

Cubs

Cub Chess Club Meetings for the Autumn:

All meetings are from 6.30-8.15 pm

Tues 26 Sept	4th Hale HQ, Cecil Road, Hale
Wed 11 Oct	2nd Hale HQ, Lilac Road, Hale
Mon 20 Nov	2nd Timp. HQ, Heyes Lane, Timperley
Wed 6 Dec	1st West Timp, St. Hugh's Parish Church Manchester Road, Timperley.

From the beginning of September the running of the Chess Club will be shared between Chris Fitt and John Bates.

All cubs are welcome to attend, regardless of their experience. We have been successful in winning the County Chess competition for the last 3 years, so we have a great reputation to keep, but new members are needed.

Scouts:

No Information this month

Explorers:

Bowdon Explorers Camp

We camped at Great Tower on Windermere at the end of July. Here are our comments:

Big, big site - too far to the water pipe - rope swing was good - really hard orienteering course, but it gave the leaders a nice break - great fudge from the shop - the spices were too chunky in the curry, nobody wants a whole cardamom pod - the Irish boys were nice - the rain rains heavier there than anywhere else - canoeing was good, but the spin drier to dry our t-shirts just spread out the wet - basketball court was good, until Neil slam-dunked the hoop and broke it - the pond was smelly - the frogs were cute - the bugs were not - the Irish boys were nice - rock climbing in the rain was challenging - would have been good to get the van a bit closer to the site - an up to date map would have avoided our taking a footpath that no longer exists - the Irish boys were nice - the small boys who water bombed us thrashed us at football (annoying) - avocado goes in the side salad, not the fruit salad - we saw the Red Arrows and we heard the Tornados from the air show - too many people don't understand about not walking through other people's sites - we left an apple on the table and a squirrel left neat little nibble marks all round it, which reminded us of the squirrel at Rydal last year that stole chocolate biscuits from the store tent (but only the caramel ones) - we enjoyed our camp.

District Information and News:

District Executive Committee Meeting

Due to a collision of dates with County Office, we have changed our next Executive meeting from Tuesday September 19th, back a week to Tuesday 12th September at Hugh's as usual.

District Annual General Meeting

It was good to see so many people at the District AGM at Cub Warren. There was lots to celebrate, Cub Warren's Hut enjoyed a 10th birthday bash, with the help of some cubs camping with the DC. We had a lots of visitors, joining Shirley Banks and her family to dedicate a lovely wooden bench to the memory of George Banks, it is very comfortable too, so it's worth a visit to watch the activities of happy camping cubs.

Also the DC awarded a number of scouts with their Queen's Scout Awards and they were already to share in their activities with displays and photographs.

You missed a treat if you weren't with us .

Adventurous Activities

We have had some information about the implementation of the assessment for permits for Adventurous Activities.

- The scheme will operate similarly to the Nights Away Scheme with a permit awarded for a 3 year period.
- Candidates will be required to contact the Assessor for whichever Adventurous Activities permit they seek. (The County will have some Assessors and we will let you know who they are.) The candidate will arrange an assessment with the assessor and past experience and evidence of current experience will be taken into consideration. It is no longer necessary to have a nationally recognised qualification.
- Following assessment, the permit will be endorsed by the District Commissioner.
- In the case of some activities, there will be restrictions e.g. in the case of hill walking the permit will state whether it is Terrain 1, 2 or 3.
- It will not be necessary to have a First Aid qualification to have a permit but a First Aider must accompany any expedition.
- Archery and Shooting do not come under the Adventurous Activity scheme and still require National qualification,

It is hoped to establish if there is a need for training so that our leaders can gain some of these permits and thereby enhance their programmes. Please let your ADC know if you want to seek a permit. A leader in Sale, Tony Sant, is hoping to arrange an assessment for Hillwalkers after Christmas. We will be in touch with him soon to find out what he intends to do.

Scout and Explorer Scout County Competitions at Bispham Hall Scout Camp

Explorer Scout and Scouts Camping Competitions are

being held from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September . Scout and Explorer Scout Backwoods Cooking Competitions are on Sunday 10th September.

To enter or for more information contact Steve Morrell or County Office

County Centenary Celebration Camp at the end of May, 2007

This is a reminder to those groups and/or sections who are planning to attend the camp. We need the deposits by the end of September. We plan to block book a space at Dunham Scout Camp for our District. Every person on the census return has received a notification about the camp. All of the activities will be laid on. It should be a wonderful event.

A Show in a Day

For all of you Gang Show fans, come and see how it's done on Sat. 9th Sept., 7:15 at the Robert Bolt Theatre in the new Sale Town Hall complex. £5.00 each.

4th Bowdon Scout Hut - gone but not forgotten

Actually, as I write it's still standing so 'going but not forgotten' is more accurate. Yes, after 35 years we have vacated our premises and handed them over to the builders. They are to be demolished, along with another couple of buildings to allow the building of a church hall for St Mary's Bowdon. (In my 'new build' file I have copies of plans drawn up in 1936, so it's been a long time in the planning!)

Our hut may have been a bit small, a bit rickety and a bit smelly but it had served us well for many a year. (I nearly moved into it at Christmas when my heating failed).

The hut was erected on our site in 1971/2, having been dismantled from a US army base at High Legh - the base supporting Burtonwood. Our Cubs had started in 1967 and Scouts the following year in one of the other temporary buildings (now a heap of rubble) on the site, moving to their new premises once re-assembled.

One of our Scout leaders, John Hunt, was a scout there himself, joining from 2nd Davyhulme in 1969. The Scout section was started with Peter Maine as GSL and Johnny Lenigan as SL. Peter Harwood soon took over as SL. A few years later in 1978 John himself rejoined as ASL. Derek Brown was already ASL, supporting Pete Harwood. Pete left shortly after John's arrival - John and Derek are of course still there and going strong, joined over the years by John Stageman, Barbra Perry, Margaret Preston and Richard Morgan, not to mention the hundreds of scouts who have come and gone over these years.

The new building will eliminate the rapidly increasing repair issues that were arising as the old wooden structure declined. However, the old building, other than perhaps in size, didn't restrict activities - from pancakes stuck to ceilings to suspension bridges built through the entire building and anchored externally.

Unkempt, tatty and as a piece of architecture, uninspiring. It was a proper scout hut. RIP.

Sue Sharples - GSL 4th Bowdon

Forthcoming Leader Training Courses (2006)

Day	Date	Course	Venue	Course Type
Weekend	1-3 Sept	Nights Away (Part 1 Admin)	Bispham Hall	Weekend
Sunday	10 Sept	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Sunday	17 Sept	Getting Started (3,5,12 & 14)	12th Swinton	Day
Sunday	24 Sept	Basic and Refresher Child Protection Refresher First Aid	Urmston	Day
Weekend	29 Sept-1 Oct	Night Away (Part 2)	Bispham Hall	Weekend
Weekend	29 Sept-1 Oct	GCA Modules - Modules for GSL - Commissioner Level	Bispham Hall	Weekend
Saturday	30 Sept	Modules 8 and 18 (9.30-11.30 am) Modules 7 and 15 (11.45am-1.45pm) Modules 6, 9 and 13 (2.00-5.00 pm)	Bispham Hall	Part Day/Day
Sunday	1 Oct	Modules 17 and 19 (9.30am-12.45pm)	Bispham Hall	Part Day
Sunday	8 Oct	Add On - 1st Response For Adventurous Activities	3rd Worsley	Day
Monday	16 Oct	Child Protection Module*	Sale Area	Evening
Sunday	19 Nov	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Sunday	10 Dec	1st Response	3rd Worsley	Day
Saturday	25 Nov	Basic and Refresher Child Protection Refresher First Aid	Wigan	Day

For up to date details check the website www.gmwscouts.org.uk

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)

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

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District	Sale Gang Show Sat 9 Sept, 7.15 pm Robert Bolt Theatre (Sale Town Hall complex) District Exec Meeting Tues 12th Sept 8.00 pm 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