

SCOUTLOOK



Altrincham & District Scout Council

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From the District Commissioner:

Welcome back to all of you. We hope you had a peaceful summer break, although it probably seems a long time ago.

During the past few months we have been delighted that several people have offered to take out Scouting Appointments in the District. We would like to express our gratitude to them all for coming forward and trust that more experienced leaders will bend over backwards to make them feel fully enveloped into the greater Scouting team.

Marc Ault is a potential leader with a cubs section. He has no specific assignment as yet.

Martin Hazell is a potential ACSL at 2ndHale. Martin, with Wood Beads, has recently moved to the area from Slough where he was ACSL in a Group which makes good use of staves.

Sharon Caldwell is the Aklela at 4thHale Rowallan Pack. She holds Wood Beads and has held cub and beaver Appointments in the District. She will be assisted by six dads who are going to help in pairs on a regular basis.

Christine Little, a helper at 4thHale Baden-Powell pack for several years, has completed her training for an ACSL Appointment.

Liz Murphy, Barry Tuzio and Peter Smith have offered to become ACSLs at 1stWest Timperley. They have all attended the Appointments Committee meeting and have gone on a Getting Started Course. They join Suzu Sykes who is training to become ABSL. She signed up earlier and joined the merry band on the Beaver Sleepover in June.

Sharron Diffley is leading a newly revived cub pack at 1stTimperley with the help of ACSLs. She' had plenty of experience having attended several 1stTimperley cub camps.

Graham Holmes is a potential ACSL at 2ndTimperley. He enjoyed taking part in cub and one camps and has come back for more.

Mike Ripley and Ed Davis have revived the Scout section at 6thAltrincham. With the help of experienced leaders they are working towards their Appointments. Sarah Wood has offered to help the Scout section at 4thHale on a regular basis.

Wanda Entwistle is a potential ASL at 4thBowdon. She responded to a call for help for women leaders and has

attended the Appointments Committee meeting.

Caroline Hooton, Marion Keall, Catherine Preece and Sarah Cooke also offered to help with 4thBowdon Scout Group. We look forward to learning how they want to get involved.

Some au revoirs: Once a person has an appointment in Scouting, it' difficult to break the ties and the District would never want them broken. Therefore we are not saying "bye" to the following two leaders. We are merely recognising that they are changing their roles for the time being and we thank them most heartily for all that they have done for Scouting, so far.

Chris Hinds, former CSL at 1stWest Timperley is going off to Uni. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him at camps and events.

Ken Balfour, former CSL at 4thHale, has stepped down from leading weekly cub meetings. However, we know where he lives.

I would like to extend a big Thank You to all of the people who have stepped forward recently to help with Scouting in the District. In addition, a huge Thank You needs to go to everyone who has been helping with Scouting, in any capacity, over the past years. We must be doing something right. Lots of adults, as well as young people, thoroughly enjoy taking part. Tell your friends!

Yours in Scouting,

Lucy Natrass

County News:

Scout Intercounty Shooting - 2012

The second Greater Manchester West shooting competition and Trials for the county team for the 2012 inter county competition, will be held just before or after Christmas. In the meantime, any scouts who would like to get in some extra training in a bid to claim one of the eight places on the team can join regular sessions at Altrincham Target Sports Centre on the first and third Saturday of each month. Any scout aged over 10 and a half is eligible to be considered for the team. There will also be the opportunity to enter a scouts only postal competition, with a number of different competitions, divided into various age groups.

For full details of times etc contact Ian Jones on 0161 980 8317, or email: shooting@talktalk.net

District and Group Information and News:

Jamboree- Come and hear about it live

By all accounts, the six scouts and explorers from our District who went to Sweden in July had a wonderful time. They also visited Copenhagen and Poland. We are delighted that they had this opportunity to participate in such a huge International Scouting success.

Want to find out more? Everyone is cordially invited to attend a presentation about the Jamboree, given by the contingent members, on

Tuesday, 27th September at St. Peter' Assembly Rooms, Cecil Rd., Hale from 7 – 8:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing a big crowd.

Scout Fellowship

Thanks to Iris Emery, Maria Davies, Jane Ford and others, social events are arranged at least twice a year. Always planned as a pleasant way for people to get together, usually they are not intended to make money, but we are pleased when they do. It is wonderful that some people are willing to give their time and energy to provide us with cheerful opportunities to chat and socialise and we are very grateful to them for their efforts. If you can think of anyone who would like to join the informal team, contact Iris.

The next party, on Sunday, 25th September, is held in honour of Margaret Clarke' 90th birthday at 1st Timperley. You have all received a flier already from Alan Marriott. It promises to be a lively occasion with excellent cakes. It would be lovely to see lots of you there to share the fun. Please let Iris know if you can come.

The highpoint of the Scout Fellowship social events is the Annual Dinner which will be held on Sat. 4th Feb at the Bowdon Hotel. This is always a most pleasing occasion. Why not bring your best girl along?

Programme Planning

At the start of a new term, here' a chance to thoroughly plan the programmes for the next six or eight sessions. Members of all sections enjoy badge work. With careful planning before hand, the sessions often run more smoothly and the activities for badges can be ticked off in a systematic way. Good record keeping is essential. That is a job a parent might help with. Keep the section record cards in a file and update them regularly. Or exercise your IT skills and make a spread sheet.

There are so many resources to help with planning. The Scout Association published new hand books for each section a few years ago. Leaders of every section throughout the District should have them to refer to. Get the Groups to pay for them. The Scout website, www.scoutbase.org.uk, is also teeming with suggestions. For ideas about International sessions, consult the Christian Aid and Water Aid websites. They offer ideas for games and programmes too. If you'd rather talk to a person, the DC, ADCs and District Leaders are always happy to discuss suggestions for programmes. All you have to do is ask.

A Craft Skills Afternoon

on **Sat. 22nd Oct , 2-5 pm at 3rd Altrincham HQ**

This has been arranged for everyone interested in Cub and Beaver activities. You' all invited! It will count as Module 18 in your training requirements and you will receive a certificate. Here' a chance to bring and share good ideas for crafts and models. Each section is asked to bring at least two successful examples. We look forward to having this chance to get together and gain lots of tips.

Please see the attachment with this issue of Scoutlook.

District Cubs Chess

Once again, cubs chess is up and running. We plan six evening sessions between September and February on different days of the week so that cubs need miss only one or two of their pack nights if they take part in all six. If they miss one or two chess sessions, they may attend when they can.

All cubs throughout the District are invited to come along.

No experience is needed. All equipment and tuition are provided free. Please encourage your cubs to take part. There is a shield for the pack which has accumulated the highest score over the six sessions as well as cups for individuals who do well. Leaders will be reminded about each Round.

Please cut up the notices and give them out to the cubs.

Round 1- Thurs. 22nd Sept. at 3rd Timperley Scout Hut, 6:30 – 8:15 pm

Round 2- Tues. 18th Oct., 4th Hale Scout Hut, 6:30-8:15 pm.

Cub Warren

Our beloved Cub Warren, only about 10 miles away near Plumley, soon will be put to bed for the winter. However, until it is, beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers are welcome to use it as an excellent site for a camp or a day in the countryside. Many Groups are looking forward to camping there in the spring. Why not consider it? It' perfect for a cub camp. Contact Stuart Naylor to book in.

More Jokes (courtesy of Glenda Gould)

Scout 1: What is the one thing that can harm Super-Mummy?

Scout 2: I don't know

Scout 1: Crypt-onite

Scout 1: Why did the Invisible Man forfeit the boxing match?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: Because he was a no-show.

Scout 1: Why did the mummy miss the party?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: Because she was all wrapped up in her work.

Scout 1: How did the corpse get out of the coffin?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: It wormed its way free.

Scout 1: Why was the archeologist crying?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: Because he wanted his Mummy.

Scout 1: What kind of a ship does a vampire sail?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: A blood vessel.

Scout 1: What do you call a magic competition among witches?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: A spelling bee.

Scout 1: What has fur, howls at the moon, and is easy to clean?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: A Wash-and-Werewolf.

Scout 1: Where do monsters swim?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: In Lake Eerie.

Scout 1: What did the ghost's mother say to her son on Halloween night?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: You be scareful out there tonight.

Scout 1: Why couldn't Frankenstein dance?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: He had two left feet.

Scout 1: What do you say to a ghost with three heads?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: Hello, Hello, Hello

Scout 1: On which kind of street do ghosts live?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: a Dead End

Scout 1: Who does a ghost love?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: His ghoulish friend.

Scout 1: What do you call a witch in poison ivy?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: An Itchy Witchy

Scout 1: What kind of pet does Dracula have?

Scout 2: I don't know.

Scout 1: a blood hound.

Upcoming events: (as previously announced)

Cub and One Camp

This has been booked at Dunham campsite for the weekend of 6-8 July, 2012. Every cub in the District is invited to bring a responsible adult along to join the fun. More details will be distributed to the Groups in the autumn. Please make sure that all the parents of the cubs in your Group know about this weekend well in advance. It is after the World Cup and before the Olympics. As usual, the theme will be kept secret until the first evening of camp.

St. George' Day service

This Annual service will be held, next year, at 3 pm on Sunday, 22nd April, 2012, at St. Mary' Church, Bowdon. All are encouraged to attend. The more the merrier.

News from the Sections:

Beavers:

Hi Beaver Leaders.

I hope that you have had a good restful summer and are ready for the year ahead 'Beavering' with lots of new ideas.

Just to let you know –

*There is a meeting for all Beaver Leaders on Monday 3rd October at St Peters HQ starting at 8.15 p.m.

*Please try to attend the ideas swap that the District is organising.

*Beaver news is that there is a Pantomime coming up at Christmas !!

Happy scouting for the new term

Glenda

WELL DONE Vinnie of 1st Timperley Beavers.

When Vinnie was in the Beavers, he entered the County competition to design a badge for the celebration of 25 years of Beavers Scouts.

Vinnie was one of the 4 designs chosen to have his design made up into a badge for all the Beavers to wear.

Well Done.

Wear your badge with pride.

Glenda Gould

Cubs

Cub Chess is up and running again. See the dates of the next meetings in the District Diary

Scouts:

No Information this month

Explorers:

No Information this month

Leader Training:

We are pleased that several people have attended training offered by the County in September. Many more of you need to update your training in Safeguarding or First Response. The First Response certificate lasts for three years. If you attend a course before the certificate has expired, you need to attend only the first session. Please take advantage of the training offered by the County and the District. To find out more check the county website: www.gmwscouts.org.uk and click on Adult Training

County Training information

First Response

Thurs. 6th and Thurs. 13th Oct. 7:30 – 10 pm
at 3rd Timperley Scout Hut, WA15 6RH

Course Fee £10.00, First Aid book £9.00. Cheques payable to "Altrincham and District Scout Council." You do not need to register through the County. Please let Lucy Natrass know by email if you want to come:

Other Courses in the County

Sat 15/10/2011 9.30 – 16.30
Module Day (Modules 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 18)

Sun 16/10/2011 9.30 – 16.30
Add On First Response

Wed 19/10/2011 19.30 – 21.30
Safeguarding

Sun 20/11/2011 9.30 – 16.30
First Response

Sun 20/11/2011 10.00 – 12.30
Module 37 (advising on Adult Appointments)

Mon 21/11/2011 19.30 – 21.30
Safeguarding

Sat 26/11/2011 10.00 – 15.30
Getting Started

Sun 11/12/2011 9.30 – 16.30
First Response

Up-to-date details of courses can be checked at:
www.gmwscouts/adult-training

District Diary

	September	October	Future
Beavers		Beaver & Cub Leaders Craft Skills Afternoon Sat 22nd Oct 2:00-5:00 pm 3rd Altrincham HQ	
Cubs	Cubs Chess Thurs 22nd Sept 6:30-8:15 pm 3rd Timperley HQ	Cubs Chess Thurs 22nd Sept 6:30-8:15 pm 3rd Timperley HQ Beaver & Cub Leaders Craft Skills Afternoon Sat 22nd Oct 2:00-5:00 pm 3rd Altrincham HQ	Cub and One Camp 6-8th July 2012 Dunham Camp Site
Scouts	Hiking Competition Sat 17th Sept Bowley/Pendle Hill Area		
Explorers			
District	District Exec Meetings: Tues 20th Sept Margaret Clarke 90th Birthday party. Sun 25th Sept 2:30 pm 1st Timperley HQ Jamboree Presentation Tues 27th Sept 7:00-8:30 pm St Peter's Assembly Rooms Cecil Road, Hale	Team Meeting Tues 4th Oct 8:15 pm 4th Hale HQ Jumble Sale Sat 15th Oct 2:00 pm 4th Hale HQ First Response Courses Thurs 6th/13th Oct 19:30-22:00 3rd Timperley HQ	4th Hale Campfire Show Sat 19th Nov St Peter's Assembly Rooms Cecil Road, Hale 1st Timperley Gang Show Sat 19th Nov District Fellowship Dinner Sat 4th Feb 2012 Bowdon Hotel District Exec Meeting Dates: Tues 1 st Nov 2011 Cub Warren User meeting Tues 15 th Nov 2011 Thurs 12 th Jan 2012 Tues 17 th Jan 2012 Census Evening Sat 4 th Feb 2012 Fellowship Dinner Tues 20 th March 2012 Sun 22nd April 2012 St George' Day Tues 15 th May 2012 July (TBA) AGM Tues 18th Sept 2012