

# SCOUTLOOK



## Altrincham & District Scout Council

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### **From the District Commissioner:**

"Keep the OUT in SCOUTING." That's a great slogan. The Association wants to ensure that every young person in the Movement has the opportunity to get away for at least a night at least once a year. We're delighted that most Groups have organised a camp or two or three recently. Some Groups will be going later in the month. All the beavers in the District were offered a chance for a Sleepover.

In general, leaders from Altrincham District run camps to a high standard, following the recommendations of the Scout Association. Most leaders take the trouble to get their Nights Away Notification forms to the DC within about two weeks of the camp. The ADC scouts, DC, District Chairman or a highly experienced Scouter likes to come to visit camps, not only to have a chat, but to cast an eye around the scene. The health and well being of the young people must be the overriding concern in everything we do. The visitors like to ensure that the camp is managed in such a way that there is no question of the leaders' priorities. Even experienced campers could benefit from looking carefully at the Nights Away Permit factsheets to remind themselves of any crucial details which might get overlooked. On the Scout Association website see Fact Sheet FS 120432 or Item Code AC 120990 for the Scout Association's guidance.

All of those leaders and helpers who have gone to the considerable trouble of organising camps deserve a big vote of thanks. Taking young people away often seems like a daunting task beforehand, but when you're there, it's usually good fun for both the adults and young people. Keep up the good work.

When you are planning your next camp or Nights Away, please remember our beloved Cub Warren. It is only ten miles away, the track has been repaired, it's completely safe with no roads, it has a brick hut with h and c and most mod cons except for electricity, May you all have a peaceful and healthy summer.

Yours in Scouting,

Lucy Natrass

### **From Headquarters:**

#### **Awards:**

On behalf of the Chief Scout the following awards were recently presented:

Freda Clarke- District Cub Scout Leader- wood beads for managing adults  
Martin Dean- ACSL 1st Timperley- wood beads  
Glenda Gould, ADC beavers- wood beads for managing adults  
Jane Ford- District Beaver Scout Leader- wood beads for managing adults  
Daniel Moore- CSL 1st Hale Barns- wood beads  
George Sharp- ADC Scouts – wood beads for managing adults  
Anthony Waters- ACSL 6th Altrincham- wood beads  
Richard White- ASL 1st Hale Barns- wood beads

There are two more sets of wood beads to be presented and we are waiting for a suitable occasion such as 2nd Timperley Scout Group' AGM.

#### **Long Service Awards**

50 years service – Graham Mathers - 4th Hale instructor and Vice President  
40 years service – Iris Emery, District Secretary  
40 Years service – Eric Stuffins District Trustee  
25 years service – John Reynolds – ASL 1st Timperley  
20 years service- Lesa Gravett – BSL 3rd Altrincham  
20 years service- John Stageman- ASL 4th Bowdon  
15 years service- Margaret Preston- ASL 4th Bowdon  
15 years service- Fred Warburton- ESL Snowdon Explorers  
10 years service- Susan Kennerley- BSL 1st Timperley  
5 years service – Stephen Hamblett – 4th Hale  
5 years service- Caroline Dean- ABSL 1st Timperley  
5 years service – Sarah Marsh- ABSL 1st Timperley

Congratulations to all of our hard working and loyal leaders. Long may they continue to give their time, energy and expertise to encourage young people and adults in Scouting.

#### **Warrant Appointment cards were recently presented to**

Meriel Tolhurst-Cleaver- ACSL 4th Bowdon  
Alex Chambers- CSL 3rd Timperley  
Jacqui Chambers- BSL 3rd Timperley  
Steve Poole- ASL 1st Timperley

We would like to congratulate them on completing their initial training and look forward to seeing them in action in their sections. It's very heartening to see new adults wanting to join in the great adventure of Scouting.

## County Information and News:

### Interscout County Shooting Competition: Sunday 27th March 2011 at Wolverhampton Shooting Club

Richard Gould of 4th Hale Scouts started shooting a couple of years ago after being introduced to the sport through a scout meeting at the Altrincham Shooting range with 4th Hale. 3 months ago there were some trials held, and the best few were shortlisted to train for the County team. This meant he had to train every Sunday along with the other candidates for the team. 8 and 1 reserve were to be chosen for the Greater Manchester West County Shooting Team. There had to be at least 1 person under the age of 14yrs and 1 person over 18yrs

The group of 20 trained for 6 weeks, and finally the team was chosen to represent the County in a competition at Wolverhampton. Richard was chosen as 1 of the team.

On Sunday 27th March the team met at the Altrincham Shooting range at 7.30am, to be at the Wolverhampton Club by 9.00am. There was a safety briefing at 9.30am, and the rifle competition would last from 10.00am - 12.30pm.

After a break for lunch, the Pistol Shooting Competition took place. The team from Greater Manchester West came 10th out of 15 teams taking part. This was much better than expected as it was the Teams first time in a competition.

The team arrived back in Altrincham at 5.30pm feeling quite content with the days work!

### Dunham Campsite:

Please note the contact details for the Warden of Dunham Campsite:

David Vost Dunham Manager 07977 899 358

## District and Group Information and News:

### AGMs

All Groups should hold an AGM once a year, to which all of the parents should receive an invitation at least three weeks in advance. The main purpose of an AGM is to present and discuss the annual accounts. The accounts should have been examined by an Independent Examiner and a copy should be sent to the District Treasurer. All who contribute money to a registered charity are entitled to know how their money is spent.

Some Groups incorporate their AGMs into a fun event for the whole family. Why not hire a bouncy castle and put on a bar-b-q? Another Group used to run a bar-b-q on a Sunday lunchtime at their hut and lay on a treasure hunt. Families attended the subsequent AGM to learn who won. Other Groups hold back on giving out badges until the AGM. Many parents will come to see their child receive a badge or two and attend the AGM by default. Another Group organises stalls to sell items, including cakes and crafts, which beavers and cubs have made.

An AGM is also an excellent opportunity to learn what the sections have been doing during the year and to thank the leaders, helpers and Group executive. The people who work behind the scenes deserve credit and the AGM provides a chance to give thanks. However the Group wants to arrange its AGM is up to them. But every Group must have an AGM every year.

The **DC's annual report** for the District AGM is attached.

### Afternoon Tea at Cub Warren:

The District held another Jamboree fund raiser for the Jamboree Unit on Sunday 8th May at Cub Warren Camp-site.

The weather was very kind and we were able to sit outside and enjoy the lovely spring sunshine. Afternoon tea was served on lovely china tea sets and there was plenty of food for all. We had three of the young people who are going to Sweden with us, and we heard about their preparations and how busy they are "bag-packing" etc. It will be wonderful to hear the stories about their adventure later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who came to join us and you missed a treat if you stayed away!

### St Georges Day Service, 2011

What a great surprise when some members of the scouting organisation actually did arrive at the church, especially since it was Mothering Sunday. Well done to you all and wear your badge with pride.

The Service was made more special for me with the presentation made to Daniel and Rick of their wood beads. It was a long wait due to the County but well deserved.

I remember when Daniel was in his shorts and a lively Beaver at 6. He was always enthusiastic and got involved. He went on to the grand ranks of cub, scout and explorer but also stayed involved with the beavers when he became a beaver leader. He was great with the children and always reliable.

This was when I met Rick (both now leaders) – a pantomime not to be forgotten!!!! It took place at the Garrick in Altrincham where the beavers attend every year. When the beavers were asked to go on to the stage for a sing-a-long – the 2 'beavers' I have ever seen went up, namely Daniel and Rick. They enjoyed themselves so much and sang with a full heart.

The pantomime came alive with audience participation with the two of them!

Unfortunately for me, Daniel moved over to help Rick with the cubs up in Hale Barns and together they have made a winning team.

Good luck to them both and well done for their great achievement.

Glenda Gould

## Day of Excellence:

Saturday 14th of May 2011 was a cold and blustery day, with storm clouds scudding by threatening to wash us all away, however the rain stayed away until almost the end of the event.

3rd Altrincham Service Team had a organised a "park and ride" from the boys Grammar school, and it worked very well, with no worries where you could park your car. The Jamboree Unit were busy selling burgers and hot-dogs and Altrincham District provided endless cups of tea and biscuits.

The camp-site was filled with young people who had worked very hard and enthusiastically to gain the top award in their section. They were with very proud parents who toured the many bases to see what young people can get up to when they join the Scout Movement.

The County President, Lord Lieutenant Mr Warren Smith JP was present along with the Mayors of the three Metros, Salford, Trafford and Wigan, who were all very complimentary about the opportunities that Scouting gives to young people.

There were a lot of Scouters providing endless fun for the young people. It was a privilege to be part of it. Congratulations to them all and especially Robert Balfour who was the only recipient of the Queen's Scout Award.

Attached is a list of the young people who qualified for the Day of Excellence, based on their Scouting achievements.

## New Leaders

We would like to welcome the following new leaders to Altrincham District. They have all recently been issued with full appointments, having completed their Getting Started training:-

Meriel Tolhurst-Cleaver	ACSL	4th Bowdon
Stephen Poole	ASL	1st Timperley
Jacqueline Chambers	BSL	3rd Timperley
Alistair Chambers	ACSL	3rd Timperley
Michael Ripley	SL	6th Altrincham
Ed Davis	ASL	6th Altrincham

## Jokes ( courtesy of Glenda Gould )

### Only in Britain

Only in Britain...are there disabled parking places in front of a skating rink.

Only in Britain...do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

Only in Britain...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in Britain...do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive and put our junk in the garage.

Only in Britain...do Supermarkets make the sick people walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in Britain...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Britain...do we buy hot dogs in packs of ten and buns in packs of eight.

Only in Britain...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

Only in Britain...do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process of Government. 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures.'

## Upcoming events:

### 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:

No Information this month

### Cubs

No Information this month

### Scouts:

#### Good News.

6th Altrincham welcome 2 new leaders who are re-starting the Scout Troop in June. They are Michael Ripley and Ed Davis. Michael was a Scout with the group a number of years ago.

We thank them for volunteering and wish them good luck in their new roles.

Freda Clarke

### Explorers:

No Information this month

## Leader Training:

Every adult, when applying for a warrant, has agreed to undertake five hours of training a year. Many leaders would enjoy the fellowship of a course, as well as appreciate the content of the training.

## First Response:

There are many leaders in the District whose qualification has either expired or will expire soon. As you know, all leaders must update their First Response qualifications every three years. If leaders attend a course before the qualification expires they need do only the first section. If you are unsure when your qualification expires, please contact your GSL, who has a list, or Anthony Roberts, ACSL 4th Bowdon, our Local Training Manager. His email address is: [a.d.roberts@ukgateway.net](mailto:a.d.roberts@ukgateway.net). He would be pleased to hear from you.

The County is running full day First Response Courses on 17th July, 18th September, 20th November and 11th December. If you would like to go on those day courses you must complete a County Training form and get it and a cheque to County Office in Tydlesley two weeks before the course.

## Safeguarding (formerly called Child Protection)

There is a large number of people in the District whose Safeguarding qualification has expired or is due to expire soon. If you're not sure whether you are one of those people, please contact your GSL, who has a list, or Anthony Roberts.

Courses in the County:

25th September, 16th October and 19th November.  
All candidates must complete a County course application form and get it and a cheque to County Office two weeks before the course.

It is also possible to do a Safeguarding course on line. Please contact Anthony Roberts, local training manager, for more information.  
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## Other Courses in the County

Getting Started:	11th September, 26th November
Nights Away	16-18th September
Module 17/19	18th September
Add-on 1st Response	16th October

Up-to-date details of courses can be checked at:  
[www.gmwscouts/adult-training](http://www.gmwscouts/adult-training)

<b>District Diary</b>			
	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Future</b>
<b>Beavers</b>			
<b>Cubs</b>			Cub and One Camp 6-8th July 2012 Dunham Camp Site
<b>Scouts</b>			Hiking Competition Sat 17th Sept Bowley/Pendle Hill Area
<b>Explorers</b>			
<b>District</b>			District Exec Meetings: Tues 20th Sept  Team Meeting Tues 4th Oct 8:15 pm 4th Hale HQ  Jumble Sale Sat 15th Oct 2:00 pm 4th Hale HQ  4th Hale Campfire Show Sat 19th Nov St Peter's Assembly Rooms Cecil Road, Hale

**Editors Note:**

As you can see from the above Table, there is no information at all for the activities of the Groups and Sections over the Summer holiday period of July/August. This is probably the busiest time of the year for Scouting Activities, but if I am not informed I can not put them in Scoutlook.