

# SCOUTLOOK



## *Altrincham & District Scout Council*

### **September 2005**

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

Dear Fellow Scouters,

Welcome back to a new season of Scouting. Some of you stalwarts have been meeting throughout the holidays and some have had camps. However, I hope all of you had a bit of a rest from Scouting this summer and are now raring to go.

"Be prepared." We hear and say that phrase often enough. At this stage in the year we might think about it. How can we organise this year's activities in a better way than we did last year? How can we leaders help ourselves to be less stressed? How can we help the young people to be prepared for the activities we offer?

Here are some simple suggestions. You probably discussed them on a Getting Started or Tools for the Job course. They are still relevant.

1. Plan in advance in your Group: If you share resources with others in your Group, discuss requirements in advance. The Scouts can't go camping the same weekend as the jumble sale.
2. Plan in advance in your section. We've heard of leaders of several cub packs and beaver sections who have sat down together and mapped out the meetings until November so they know what the general theme will be each week, what resources are required and who will provide them. This includes back up activities if the weather is poor or there's a problem with resources. Wouldn't this save a lot of last minute rushing around?
3. Put the plan **in writing** to distribute to the young people and the parents in advance. Include church parades, any District events, jumble sales etc. If you are planning to take the scouts out next week, give them a slip to let them know to bring a raincoat, torch and sandwich. They want to be ready for the action. Do you give the young people a chance to be prepared? It's not fair to assume that the parents/young people remember what they'll need if you don't write it down.

Less stress. With a bit more advance planning and better **written** communication with parents, meetings should go more smoothly than last year. I look forward to seeing and hearing about the interesting activities you are offering this term.

Best wishes, Lucy Natrass

#### **News from the Sections:**

##### **Beavers:**

##### **Next Beaver Leaders Meeting:**

Tuesday 20th Sept 2005 at Glenda's house.

##### **Cubs**

##### **4th Bowdon Cubs go co-educational.**

From the beginning of this month 4th Bowdon Cubs - like the Scout troop - will be accepting girls into the pack. The leaders are happy to be contacted if any 'boys-only' packs receive enquiries from girls wishing to join. Also any help from parents or, particularly, female leaders would be gratefully received.

For more information contact Alan Roberts (ACSL), on 929-0998, or any of the other 4th Bowdon Cub leaders..

##### **Scouts:**

No news this month

##### **Explorers:**

No news this month

#### **District Information and News:**

##### **Jinga, Uganda**

##### **Fund Raising for Scouting in Jinga, Uganda**

Following the presentation about a visit to Jinga at the District AGM in July, several leaders have expressed interest in discussing what we should do next. There will be a meeting for everyone who is interested on Thurs., 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8:15 pm at 4<sup>th</sup> Hale Headquarters, Cecil Rd., Hale. Thanks to a most generous donation, there is already over £100.00 in the kitty! Please note the change of date from Sept. Lucy wanted more time to gather more materials. She looks forward to seeing you there!

Uganda's Independence Day is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. They have big celebrations there in memory of that event in 1962. Why not hold an international evening that week?

##### **G.S.L.s**

Please note that the date for the next meeting is Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 8:15 pm at 4<sup>th</sup> Hale

### **First Response Course**

Our DC, Lucy Natrass, is also a trainer/assessor with St. John's Ambulance. She will be running a First Response course on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> and Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30-10 pm, at the Family Contact Line Headquarters, Mayor's Rd., Altrincham - at the bottom of Stamford Park- the old Darby and Joan Club building. The cost will be £10.00 each which includes a first aid book, badge and certificate. Please phone 928-2679 if you would like to book a place. If you have a young person helping regularly with your section he/she should be encouraged to take part in the course. People must attend both evenings to gain the certificate. .

### **Leader Training:**

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

#### **Adult Leader Training Modules 2005**

##### **Getting Started**

**Module 3:** Tools for the Job (Section Leaders and Assistant Leaders)

Sunday 18th September 2005 - Wigan

N.B. **Module 5** (Fundamentals), **Module 12** (Providing a Balanced Programme, and **Module 14** (Young People Today) are all covered by this Course.

##### **Child Protection:**

Wednesday 16th November

- Atherton & Tyldesley District HQ

Monday 10th October 2005 - TBA

##### **Module 10: First Aid :**

One day course (First Response)

3rd Worsley HQ. Sundays 9.30am-4.30pm.

Packed Lunch £10.00.

11th September 2005

6th November 2005

11th December 2005

Add on Courses for Adventurous Activities:

9th October 2005

##### ***First Response Course:***

***Tues 12th Oct 2005***

***Tues 19th Oct 2005***

***Both Courses 7.30-10.00 pm.***

***(See above for details)***

### **Section Leader Modules:**

#### **Full Day Courses**

None currently scheduled

#### **Evening Courses - 7pm - 9.30/10pm**

None currently scheduled

#### **Modules for Managers (GSLs/Commissioners)**

None currently scheduled

#### **Module 16 - Nights Away**

None currently scheduled

#### **Training for Explorer Scout Leaders**

16-18th September 2005. Residential at Bispham Hall £50.00

Modules 6 (Changes in Scouting), 7 (Valuing Diversity), 8 (Skills of Leadership), 9 (Working with Adults), 13 (Growing the Movement), 15 (Challenging Behaviour), 19 (International) and 20 (Administration)

#### ***Beaver Leaders Skills Day:***

***Dunham Park Scout Camp. Saturday 25th March 2006.***

***Sessions to include Special Needs, Music, Mime, Drama and Dance.***

***For Beaver Leaders/Assistants and Helpers. £10.***

Further information and application forms: Ring Sylvia Cornish 980 2140 or e-mail [sylvia.cornish@btinternet.com](mailto:sylvia.cornish@btinternet.com). Application forms can also be obtained from [gmwscouts.org.uk](http://gmwscouts.org.uk)

## District Diary

	September 2005	October 2005	Future
<b>Beavers</b>	Leaders' Meeting Tues 20th Sept 8.00 pm Glenda's house	.	
<b>Cubs</b>	Cub Chess Tues 27th Sept 6.30-8.15 pm 4th Hale HQ	Cub Chess Wed 12th Oct 6.30-8.15 pm 2nd Hale HQ	
<b>Scouts</b>			
<b>Explorers</b>			
<b>District</b>	District Exec meetings: Tues 13th Sept  4th Hale AGM Thurs 15th Sept  GM West County AGM Tues 20th Sept 7.30 pm Leigh Rugby Club  Team Meeting Wed 28th Sept	Cub Warren User's Meeting Tues 4th Oct 8.00 pm 29 Ollerbarrow Rd, Hale  4th Bowdon AGM Wed 5th Oct  GSL Meeting Thurs 6th Oct 8.15 pm 4th Hale  Meeting re Scouting in Jinja Uganda Thurs 13th Oct, 8.15 pm 4th Hale HQ	District Exec Meeting Tues Nov 15th 76 Brook Lane.

Scoutlook is planned to be sent by email at the end of the first week of each 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