



From the County Commissioner:

Twelve months of planning spearheaded by Claire Jarvis, our ACC (Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts) will shortly pay off when over 2000 members of the County will be at Linnet Clough for Join-in-Jamboree. On the day we will be joined by Tim Kidd, Chief Commissioner for England and Chris Harris Regional Commissioner for the North West. All 3 of our Jamboree Units will be present as they make their final preparations for next month's adventure-of-a-lifetime. During the day we will also host the Regional send-off for all of the Jamboree units, Contingent Staff, and International Service team members from the North West. I have no doubt it will be a fantastic day full of fun, action, energy, and happiness and I want to thank in advance everyone who has worked so hard to make the day happen. Lucky indeed are all those Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network members, Leaders and other helpers and supporters who are taking part – I just feel sorry for those young people across the County who have not been given the chance to take part in this unique opportunity to feel part of the World Scout Jamboree.

I recently came across some points of view, published in *The Scouter* in August 1920, (the year of the first ever World Scout Jamboree – at Olympia in London) of what the word "jamboree" meant:

"The word jamboree does not seem, as one might imagine, to be derived from the Australian backwoods. The dictionaries explain it vaguely as "American slang"; and the first appearance of it in print seems to be in Scribner's Magazine for 1872. It usually occurs in a festive, and even disreputable, connection, and the Boy Scouts' revel may be considered as marking a stage in its progress towards respectability" (from "The Observer")

"It is a merry word. One may say confidently, without knowing what the verb means exactly, that all properly constituted boys ought to jamboree. Perhaps it may be defined as "playing the wise fool". The first Boy Scouts were town boys, taught, to their intense joy and surprise, country arts and amusements, and the Movement has grown above others because it has the breath of the open air in it, and most admirably connects the urban mentality of the young generation! (from "The Daily Mail")

*"Joy to every Scout today
As from the lands afar they throng
Meeting here for work and play;
Be prepared, the Scouts' own song,
Over countless miles has gone;
Ringing through our boyhood world;
Every may their song go on,
Ever be their flag unfurled!"* (from *The Evening News*)

Ok times have changed, and we have, quite rightly, moved on and developed over the years but bringing the spirit of those pieces into 2011, I think they can still have a real resonance for us.

Andrew Corrie

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Awards

Award for Merit

Neal Charlton
Mrs Sheila Ann Fraser
Steven Harrison

SL / GSL 5th Hyde
BSL 3rd Newton
SL 1st Newton (Rosemount)

Tameside South / QSAC
Tameside South
Tameside South

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Thomas Benjamin Hartley
Andrew Gavin Thomas
Mrs Paula Donna Thomas

ACSL 3rd Gee Cross (Holy Trinity)/EXSL
SL 217th Manchester (The Grenfell)
CSL 217th Manchester (The Grenfell)

Tameside South
Tameside South
Tameside South

Chief Scout's Long Service Awards

Name	District	Years Service
Carl Hornsby	Linnet Clough	30
Judith Ann Hulley	Cheadle and District	30
Gerald Francis Fletcher	Goyt	30
Brian Eric Adshead	Ladybrook Valley	40
Wendy Tonge	Ladybrook Valley	25
Mark Kennedy	Manchester South	30
Leslie Cowell	North Manchester	30
Joan Fitzgerald	North Manchester	60
Derek Paul West	North Manchester	40
Steven John Mawdsley	North Tameside	25
Neville James Nettles	Tameside South	40

Congratulations should also go to all those that have also recently gained their 5, 10, 15 and 20 Year Service Awards. There isn't enough room to fit you all in. It's wonderful to see so many Adults being acknowledged for all the hard work and time that they give to young people in Manchester.

Ballooning Success



An important day for all Scouts is when we renew our promise together - to do our best, to help others, to honour God and our Country, and live life by a strong code of conduct. As we all know Scouting offers challenge and adventure to 400,000 young people and 100,000 adults across the UK. We believe in helping our members fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We give people of every background the chance to stretch themselves, learn new skills and make life long friends.



On Sunday 22 May, Cheadle and District met in the green oasis of Abney Residential Scout & Guide Centre. You don't need to travel to the other side of the world to make a difference; so we released hundreds of balloons to symbolise the effect of Scouting on our community. Each had a message of what our scout promise means to each of us individually. We do not know how far they will spread; perhaps you will find one to inspire you.

Scout Section **NEWS**



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Congratulations to the 33 Scouts from seven Districts across our County who were presented with their Chief Scout's Gold Award Certificate by Mr Peter Fahy, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, at a ceremony at The Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple, Manchester on the 20th April 2011.

Our special guest was Matthew Walker MBE, British Paralympic Swimmer, who spoke about his achievements in the pool and congratulated the Award Holders on their achievement in gaining the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

The Chief Scout's Gold Award is the highest award for Scouts in the Scout Section and all those who gain it have demonstrated considerable commitment and leadership skills. Let's hope we see all these young people taking on further challenges in Explorer Scouts and going on to gain their Queen's Scout Award in the next few years.

The next Chief Scout's Gold Award Reception is being held on Wednesday 16th November 2011 (venue to be announced). Please ensure that any of your Scouts who have gained this award – the highest in the Scout Section, have the opportunity to attend.



For a copy of the application form to attend, download the form from the County Website on <http://gmescouts.org.uk/downloads/>

Completed application forms to be submitted to County Office, no later than Friday 4th November 2011.

Scout Support Team

I am forming a support team for the Scout Section and looking county wide for leaders and adult supporters who think they could provide experience and/or assistance in any of the various forthcoming events, such as; Survival Skills Camp / Activity Badge Day / Chief Scout's Award Receptions / Troop Leadership Weekend / Winter Camp ... and other ideas.

If you have any questions about the Scout Section or wish to join the support group then please contact John Dawson on 07726 170875 or e-mail him on scouts@gmescouts.org.uk

Equipment Available

The Youth Services Reddish Stores have a large amount of equipment that is available for use by Scouts. They can be contacted on 0161 2181090. If you would like a list of equipment email mike.potts@stockport.gov.uk



News from the Clough

Service Crew offering AGM talk

22 members of the Linnet Clough Service Crew have just returned from a very special trip to Kenya. During their visit, they undertook 2 charity projects, which they funded themselves through fund raising.

Harambee for Kenya was the 1st project, a safe house for the street kids of Kisii. The Linnet Clough Crew undertook the construction of a concrete terrace and a 30 meter path way. Members of the team also took time out to play with the 30 or so young boys at the centre. Whilst there, 22 hens were purchased for the home to enable fresh eggs to be used daily.

Part 2 of the trip was closer to their hearts. Nyeri, was home to Baden Powell whilst in Kenya, and his final resting place is in the local grave yard. The team had been asked to build a kitchen at the BP centre next to the grave yard to enable the staff to serve refreshments to the many visitors to the centre.

Linnet's team arrived at Nyeri on 23rd April, St Georges Day and renewed their promises at Baden Powell's grave – 1 word sums it up – special.

All the team paid their own way for the trip, £1400. Over £6000 was raised to enable the projects to be undertaken.

Our team are now in a great position to be able to pass on the experiences they went through on the trip and would be more than happy to speak at your District AGM's.

If you would like further details or would like to speak further or book a date, please contact Carl or Ann at Linnet Clough 0161 427 1688. Distance is no object, and we are happy to be able to share our trip with you.



County Diary

June

Sat 25th – Sun 26th

Join in Jamboree Day

July

Fri 1st – Sun 3rd

Scout Survival Weekend

Sunday 3rd

WSJ Unit Fun Day

Sat 9th – Sun 10th

Gilwell 24

Sat 24th – Wed 10th Aug

22nd WSJ - Sweden

September

Friday 2nd – Sun 4th

Gilwell Reunion

Tuesday 6th

DC Team Meeting

Thursday 22nd

Explorer Belt Exp Launch

Sunday 25th

Scout ZAP Day

Going on Safari

The Explorers and Scouts from 2nd/1st Hurst are going on an expedition to Scout Africa to help children and animals on 25th July and they have just carried out their first training session working with animals. The training was carried out at the elephant house at Knowsley Safari Park.

The 14 Scouts and 6 Leader's first problem was to get up at 5.00am to get to the park for the early start training talk. The first task of the day was to clean out the outside compounds, and boy elephants do a lot of muck, but the scouts got to it with loads of shovels and wheel barrows although bringing pegs for their noses would also have been useful. When the mucking out was complete the elephants were let outside into their compounds so the Scouts could also clean the insides of the elephant house.



The Scouts then had the nicer task of feeding the elephants with 2 rolls of hay spread around and in suspended baskets, they then had to make up 3 wheel barrows of food. The food is donated from large stores when it has gone out of date, the Scouts have to sort out and remove any mouldy food out of the diet of apples, tomatoes, bread, satsuma's, avocados and pears. The plastic and cardboard boxes are put into recycling machines as Knowsley Safari Park try and recycle everything in the park. Each Scout was then allowed to feed the elephants by hand with slices of bread, some of the Scouts were not too keen of a massive trunk taking a slice of bread out of their hand but the trunks are so gentle in taking the food they had nothing to worry about.



Expedition Leader Heather Mawdsley said "the Scouts loved every minute of the day including the mucking out, when the Scouts get to the South African animal sanctuary they will now have some experience of mucking out and the nicer side of feeding animals by hand."

After all the work the Scouts then went on to a drive around the safari park to see all the wild animals, there was a fork in the road where a vote had to be taken. One way was the safe non damaging route through the baboon compound or the other was through the baboons. The leaders driving picked the safe route round the baboons but the Scouts out voted them to go through the baboons. The cars did not fair to well, Wyn Fish's Discovery, the baboons loved the ladder on the back and ripped off both window washer jets and rubbers on the roof rack, the Scouts mini bus driven by Leader John Horton also lost both it's washer jets, we are not sure why baboons like the jets or windscreen wipers that other cars had lost.



Is it a van, is it a tent??

As it gets close to summer we think of going camping. Keith Burton (DC Tameside South) may have found the answer for those of you that can't decide if to take the tent or the camper van with you. The VW Camper-van Tent isn't available until August and is to cost £300 although he did point out there was no postage. It is also available in 3 colours blue (as shown), red and yellow.

To get yours visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3m64bs4>.



Greater Manchester East



Ski Austria 2012

Join the Adventure in Austria

10th - 18th February 2012 (Half Term)

Prices: Participants Under 18 Years £ 770
Participants 18 years & Over £ 840

Price includes: Transport to and from Resort, Full Board Accommodation, Equipment Hire, Lift Pass, Ski Instruction, Full Comprehensive Travel Insurance

DON'T MISS OUT - RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

For More Details Contact:

Phil Santana-Reedy - 0161 485 4507, 07962 072888
or email: santanareedy@btinternet.com

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NETWORK



31st BORDER HIKE

Would you like to compete in a demanding 'Incident Hike' based around the challenging mixed terrain of Gradbach Scout Camp, on the borders of Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire ?

Both competitions (the Border Hike and the John Bradbury Trophy) run side by side for both Scouts & Guides (11yrs to 14yrs old) & Explorers (14 yrs to 18yrs old).

If you would like to join us, the dates for your diary are

16th to 18th September 2011

The competition is based at Gradbach Scout Camp in the heart of the Peak District

Camp from Friday to Sunday
Teams of 4, plus a leader
Only £40

Prizes worth £100 for the winning team in each age group & trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each age group.

All teams receive a Hike Pennant & Certificate for each member who completes the event.

For further information, please contact Tony Rushworth on either
01625 431 006, tony@borderhike.co.uk, or follow the Border Hike

links on www.gradbachscoutcamp.org.uk

International Connection...can you help?

We are a Rover Scout Community from Venice, Italy. Our group has 11 Rovers (age 18 through 20, both male and female) and three leaders. We would like to have our annual summer camp together with a Rover Community from a foreign country, as one of our goals this year is to increase our awareness of Scouting beyond our own group. In particular, we would like to go to Britain together with a British group. We are looking at a one-week hiking route between the end of July and the beginning of August. We accept proposals in where routing. Of course, we are ready to consider some different options as well, although we do not have much flexibility on the dates due to work constraints.

We would like to ask for your help in getting in touch with Rover Scout Communities that may be willing to share this camp with us. Hopefully some groups there are also interested in such an intercultural proposition. Our group actually did host an Irish community in the past, and it was a really great experience. We really hope we will succeed in finding interested groups, and look forward to hearing back from you.

If you think that you would be interested please contact Davide on ddiliberto@libero.it

The "Clan Al Bazar" Rover Scout Community from Venice, Italy

National Notice Board

- **Group Registration** – The Scout Association are wanting GSLs to check that their group is correctly registered on the system please Log In (to the Scout Website) and go to organisational details and check that they are correct.
- **Art Award** – Scout Troops and Explorers are wanted to run Art Awards as part of their weekly programme. Two leaders from each section will have the opportunity to attend a training event at Trinity Collage London in September to help them run the Art Awards. To get involved please go to <http://scouts.org.uk/noticeboard/299/get-creative-with-arts-award>.
- **Question Time** – An event in Leeds on June 25 for Explorer Scouts, their leaders and Scout Network members who are interested in current affairs or issues that affect Scouting. Scouts' Question Time will offer young people and leaders the opportunity to debate with high profile public figures on a range of topical issues within and beyond Scouting. If you or members of your Unit are interested, register your details by emailing_citizen@scouts.org.uk. Make sure you include your postcode. A travel bursary of up to £30 per person is available.
- **Beaver Scout Birthday** – As we all know this year is the 25th birthday of Beavers and Bear has recorded a special message for all the Beavers for you to show at your events. You can download the video at http://www.scouts.org.uk/comms_centre/multi.php?pageid=2791

Message from the editor.....Andrea Dolan

The year is really flying by we have enjoyed two bank holidays in May both of which the weather managed to hold (for the most part at least). Attention for the section members will now be turning to exams and the end of another school year whilst many leaders' will now be focusing on working towards summer activities and summer camps.

Please send all of your articles for inclusion in the July edition to me on countylife@gmescouts.org.uk by the 27th of June. Please remember that there is not an August edition therefore you will need to get all your news in for now.



Andrea