

Norman Newsletter



For North Manchester & Medvale Scout District

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Norman Notice Board will be produced each month except in August.

Norman News will appear quarterly (January, April, July, October).

Deadlines for both publications will be the 7th of the month in which they appear.

Good Day to all and Happy New Year if I have not already said hello in 2012

Just a quick reminder about Census

I have still not received the codes for the online input system to send out to GSLs etc and will forward them as soon as they arrive.

Colin Raftery will hopefully contact all Explorer Scout Units and Network regarding their numbers as we have only one form for all Units, and so have to amalgamate figures.

We have to complete our head count on or by 31st January 2012.

You will need to count boys and girls separately and by age for each section as usual.

So as an example

Beavers –

Boys age 5 Girls age 5

Boys age 6 Girls age 6

Boys age 7 Girls age 7

Boys age 8 Girls age 8

The membership fee for the year will once again be £30 per person

Please remember that this is a personal membership fee and if the group do not collect this in with subs (most do now I think) the figure is payable by the individual so it is not directly a Group's responsibility – If you can't afford it from Funds you are quite in order to request this from the members directly. However most Groups do support this membership with weekly collection or a special fundraising event to help the children and adults pay this fee.

The District are asking that this fee be paid over to District no later than Friday 2nd March – To Bev Sutton (District Treasurer) 339 Charlestown Road, Blackley.

An invoice will follow once you have completed your online census form and it has been confirmed by District with regard to Adults listed on database.

Some adults – District Leaders & Scout Active Support as examples, who have previously been supported in this payment will be asked to pay their own fees, so if you are part of a Unit or Group structure, you may want to get support from that direction, otherwise Adults outside the Group and Unit structure will also be receiving an invoice for this year's fees. This will not actually impact on too many adults as Explorer Scout Leaders were already paid by their Units last year, so it is probably an additional 10 people including myself who will be receiving an invoice for their membership fees. These will be issued ASAP and before census, so if you wish to discuss or dispute it in advance of registration on the census, we will have that option available. These will not be payable until same date as those issued to the Groups (2/3/12)

Best regards and hope you are all gearing up to an exciting and adventurous 2012

For SCOUT SECTION – please be reminded that District are hoping to organise a week summer camp probably last week in August – Steve is putting together a flyer for distribution next week.

For general queries

Beaver Scouts – Gary Hollingsworth / Jackie Richie

Cub Scouts – Katherine Moores / Peter Kennedy

Scouts - Steve Davies

Explorer Scouts

MXU - Medvale Unit – Mike Jones / Richard Teale / Clair Williamson

NMX - North M/cr – Colin Raftery / James McCormack

Phantom – Blackley – Bob Moores / Mark Hollingsworth / Johnny Bentham /

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News from the 7th

Scouts

Not only are Scouts the first section back in action in 2012 but also they already have two extraordinary activities planned. The first is the winter Residential Experience with the Trefan Cyntaf Group, which will be held at Forest Camp Sandiway over the weekend of February 3rd to 5th. The second is our annual visit to Chester Gang Show to link up with our friends of Cestrian Scout Group, and this will take place on Saturday afternoon the 18th February. Full details will be given out separately about both events but we expect the cost of the residential to be £30 per person and the Gang Show visit prices are £6 for children and £8 for adults plus a contribution towards petrol money for those who make their cars available for transport!

The full details of the outdoor programme will appear in next month's issue of Hotline but we can announce that Annual Camp has been booked at Silverhelme Scout Camp during Spring Bank Holiday week when the Cubs will join us for three nights as in previous years.

Beavers & Cubs

Beavers paid their annual visit to Brierfields to sing Carols and bring some cheer to the residents there and finished 2011 with a Christmas Party that featured a visit by Santa and a Junior Disco. Cubs held their Party based on an international food theme, which contributed to the requirements of the Global Challenge. Lots of games were played and each Cub went home with a slice of Christmas cake and a Card.

HRH The Duchess of Cambridge has become Scouting's newest volunteer and will help at local Cub Packs and Beaver Colonies, Clarence House has announced.

The Duchess, who joins 66,000 girls and 40,000 female leaders in Scouting, will help out at groups close to where she lives. Her Royal Highness also hopes to help with activities in other parts of the United Kingdom as opportunity arises.

Flexible volunteering

The announcement comes as a great endorsement of Scouting's commitment to allow adults to volunteer their time on a flexible basis. The Duchess will help run a variety of activities relevant to her skills and interests. This could include running games, teaching first aid or cooking on campfires.

Chief Scout Bear Grylls gave a delighted reaction to the news: 'The Duchess has an incredibly busy life, which makes it all the more inspiring that she has chosen to volunteer alongside us.'

'Over the last few years it has been our mission to make it easier for adults who volunteer with us to give as much or as little as they are able – it is how we change our society: many people doing a little bit.'

The chance to inspire

Helping give young people a taste of everyday adventure through fun and practical activities, The Duchess will have the chance to inspire the leaders of tomorrow.

Patrick, 10, a Cub Scout in Enfield said: 'I have really great adventures at Cubs and it's all thanks to the leaders who help out. It's amazing that The Duchess wants to get involved and I think she will be really good at it.'

Despite six consecutive years of growth, there is still a need for more adults to volunteer with us, to provide opportunities for over 33,500 young people who are waiting to join.

Many hands make light work

Adults of all ages are finding ways to volunteer that fit in around their lives. In Manchester, Heather Baker, 29, has found a flexible solution. 'The demands of modern life often mean it's harder for people to find time to volunteer,' said Heather. 'The role I've just taken on is shared between four adults to make it work.'

She added, 'It's great that The Duchess can find time in her schedule to help Scouting develop the lives of young people in her local community. Flexibility in volunteering is the way forward.'

Get involved

