

Diary Dates 2019

April

- 14th Annual District Parade, Ballyclare.
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- 23rd Explorers trip to Boulder Wood. See page 9.

May

- 3rd Cub Sports Night, Greenisland War Memorial
Sports Club. See page 10
- 14th Beaver Sleepover. See page 11 for details.
- 31st Explorers go Karting. See page 9.



Scouts

Green Seas



Whitehouse Beavers, clearly enjoying the recent Beaver Scavenger Hunt at Valley Park. See inside p11.

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Hello,

The year hurries along. The Annual District Parade, aka, St George's Day Parade is upon us. This year the District parades in Ballyclare to commemorate 90 years of Scouting in the town. See Dictum for details and page 4 for this year's Parade Order. See also page 8 for detail of Mindwise, the District charity for 2019.

Elsewhere there is much news from in and around the District. Many date for forthcoming events. Acquaint yourselves and be sure to participate.
Ed

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Beaver
News



Our District Beaver Scavenger hunt took place on Friday 29th March at Valley Playing Fields. We had Beavers from seven colonies in the District, 1st Ballyclare, 1st Ballynure, 4th CarrickFergus, 1st Cloughfern, 1st Greenisland, 1st Islandmagee and 1st Whitehouse.

When we arrived, we still had a bit of light, but it got dark very quickly, this didn't deter the seventy-six Beavers who were eager to get searching for all the letters and items!

There hard work was rewarded with a hotdog and drink once they were finished!

It was good to see our newest colony 1st Ballynure attend the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped me out at the scavenger hunt! See pictures opposite.

Our next event is Beaver sleepover on the 17th May. Emails have already been sent regarding this. If you wish your colony to attend Beaver sleepover please let me know by 21st April, after which I will send you more information.

Carmen
ADC Beavers



Cub News **cubs**

Thanks to everyone who attended the football in Carrickfergus. It was an enjoyable night and the weather held out for the most part, with only the semi finals and final being a total wash out. Congratulations to Jordanstown Jets who went home with the trophy. Joining them in the county competition will be 1st Carnfunnock and 5th Carrickfergus.



Unfortunately the Sixer/Secunder Challenge Day will not be going ahead as there was a lack of interest. If you do not intend to bring your pack to an event please let me know. This saves me wasting my time chasing groups up as the deadline approaches.

The Sports Night will be at Greenisland War Memorial Sports Club on Friday 3rd May. As was discussed at the recent District Leader Meeting this is because the club have their Awards Night on our original date, Friday 10th May 2019.

I will endeavour to get out to as many Groups as possible as we come into Spring. Please let me know if you are doing anything away from your halls and I will try to get down and join you. Continue your good work in enhancing the profile of Scouting in SE Antrim.

It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner and camps are fast approaching. Please remember to fill in a nights away notification form and leave it with the DC before you go. As was discussed at the Leader Meeting in Greenisland I will not be going ahead with the District day out in order to help push the County visit to W5 and the NI visit to Tayto Park. Please let Sharon and Ciaran know of your intentions to attend or not attend these events.

Chris
ADC Cubs

Dictum



The clocks have now gone forward an hour, hopefully summer is only around the corner and we can start to enjoy the stretch in the evenings. I'm sure most of you have summer camps booked and planned. It would be so good if we had weather like last year again. Please don't forget to submit a Nights Away Notification. The form can be found on the Greenseas website.

Easter is later this year. Most Groups will be breaking off for a couple of weeks. Enjoy the rest and hopefully everyone will come back re-energised for the last couple of months to this scouting year. Is it just me or are the years getting quicker? [It doesn't seem that long ago that we were just starting back in September.

The Annual District Parade this year is being hosted by 1st Ballyclare on Sunday 14th April to celebrate their 90th anniversary. We will be marching from the car park off Harrier Way. Group markers will be positioned as in previous years. Could all groups be ready for a 2.30pm start please.

We will be parading up behind the town hall in the square, turning right on to the Doagh Road and heading for the rear car park of the High School. The service should commence at 3pm, with us starting our journey back about 3.45pm. Finishing by 4.30pm.

Our Parade this year falls on Palm Sunday, so unfortunately due to other commitments Mark Taylor is unable to make the service. This year I have asked The Revd Paul Twomey, to give a children's address. Paul himself was a Scout in his younger days and is delighted at being able to give something back to the movement. Please make him feel welcome.

This year the collection taken during the service will be going to the District charity Mindwise.

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St George's Day Annual Parade 2019

Parade Order
District and County Flags
Commissioners and Officers

Star of Knockagh Accordion Band

1st Ballyclare
4th Carrickfergus
7th Larne
1st Greenisland
1st Kilbride
1st Ballynure
1st Whitehouse
1st Cloughfern
1st Jordanstown
1st Islandmagee
1st Ballygally
1st Carrickfergus
1st Linn
5th Carrickfergus
1st Carnfunnock
1st Monkstown
1st Whitehead

The District Explorers

South East Explorers

EXPLORERS

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Food Bank in Carrickfergus and thank you to 4th Carrick for delivering it down. They had a great day learning about all the wonderful work the food bank does for the local community.



There are 2 upcoming events:

Trip to Boulder World on the Boucher Road, booked for Tuesday 23rd April, time to be confirmed, looking at 7pm. Cost is £8 per head. Final numbers need to be booked by Friday 12th April.

Go-Karting. This is currently in the enquiry stage at this time due to the lack of responses from the previous attempt. I am hoping to have this booked for Friday 31st May as an end to the year activity and before ExSite. I will need numbers by Friday 26th April 2019.

I would also like to mention ExSite, there are still spaces available for this event. Since we are attending as a District unit we already have several leaders from different groups attending and space for more young people to join, so please don't let this deter your young people from joining in. More information about the event can be found on the ExSite website.

For those already attending I will be contacting you all shortly with more details.

Michael
Explorers ADC



**Mindwise:
South East Antrim Charity for 2019.**



MindWise is an organisation with a proud history and an exciting future. They have dedicated staff and a strong leadership team committed to sustainable development in a complex environment. Their work is driven by a desire to provide the best possible services and support for those affected by mental health issues and severe mental illness. Mindwise's beliefs and values underpin everything that they do in supporting people affected by severe mental illness and other mental health difficulties. They are:

Passion: they are passionate about mental health and wellbeing and are committed to challenging mental health stigma and discrimination. They pride themselves on developing new and innovative ways to promote positive mental health and wellbeing

Empathy: They are empathetic, they will listen and support you when you need it, they understand how challenging living with a mental health issue can be. They believe people have the right to determine their own goals and aspirations and will support them in their journey to fulfil them.

Respect: they are respectful and value everyone in our society. We all have the right to be treated equally and to live our lives with dignity, free from stigma, discrimination and harassment.

Togetherness: They believe that working together is the best way to achieve goals so they can transform the lives of those living with mental health issues.

Mindwise has made contributions within the youth and criminal justice arena over the past five years. They aim to consolidate, sustain and progress this work and become 'a go-to service provider for youth and criminal justice'. Their strategic vision describes how they are working towards a world where everyone, irrespective of mental health or disability, can discover a meaningful quality of life and participate fully as citizens in society.

From the District Secretary

NEW LEADER INFORMATION

AccessNI is undertaking an audit and has asked the Scout Association to verify information supplied on a random number of checks. This is the information recorded NISC Appendix 2.

As SE Antrim Appointments Secretary I have been asked for some information.

I have consulted with NISC and asked them to deal with the request. However I could not have provided any information as I have received virtually no recently completed NISC Appendix 2 for new leaders.

Could those that complete AccessNI checks or re-checks please make sure they forward the required forms to me as soon as they are completed.

Ron
(District Secretary)



April 2019 Photograph Section



LEFT: From the District Beavers Scavenger Hunt. See this month's cover and page 11.



ABOVE: 1st Linn Cub Scouts Celebrating World Book Day and completing their Cookery Badge.



LEFT: 1st Islandmagee Scouts who won the County Robot Wars event. Pictured with their Award and robot!



RIGHT and ABOVE: South East Explorers in action. See page 9 of this edition for details.

