

Diary Dates 2018

October

- 7th Scout Mud Run, Parkanaur Forest. See page 9.
Booking form on Greenseas website. (Sunday)
- 20th Northern Ireland Sixer and Seconder
You Shape Day and Leader Skills/Refresher Day,
Crawfordsburn Scout Centre 10am-4.pm. (Saturday)
- 28th Beavers Kilcreggan Farm Visit. (Sunday)

November

- 6th Cub Bowling, Glengormley Sports Bowl. (Tuesday)
- 8th Scouts of the World, SOWA, Presentation, RBAI,
Belfast, 7.0pm - 10pm. (Wednesday)
- 8th Antarctica Ice Maiden Presentation, Conference
Centre, Fisherwick Place, Belfast BNT16DW. 7pm.
- 30th - 8th December Christmas at Crawfordsburn.

December

- 4th Beaver Bowling, Glengormley Sports Bowl. (Tuesday)



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Our DC, Beverly, helped by Stephen Stanley and Charlie Moore, presents a cheque to the Shelterbox representatives. (see inside)

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Hello,

On page 5 of this edition is a tribute/obituary to Margaret Chambers who passed away recently. Many of you will probably never heard of Margaret but if you read the tribute she was heavily involved and influential in South East District and Northern Ireland Scouting over many years. At the funeral service, District Chaplain, Mark Taylor, who knew Margaret well, described her as a Scouter who did things properly. To those who knew her this was very true. In the Scouting climate of the 21st Century Margaret would have been perplexed a little I think? My Sunday newspaper included an article on Bear Grylls, using a photograph of him stripped to the waist. Such a thing passes without comment today when you bear in mind the Chief Scout's main line of work. What was proper in Margaret's time and is proper today will surely be a different proper in 25 years time. All (younger) Scouters reading this will be much older 25 years down the line.

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Beaver News



Kilcreggan Farm, Carrickfergus.

Our first event of this year is a trip to Kilcreggan Farm Carrickfergus. Meeting outside the farm at 12.30pm collection will be from the same area at 2pm, cost is £1.50 per Beaver. If you could let me know numbers as soon as possible please so I can pass these on to the farm.

CHANGE TO FARM VISIT. Our visit to Kilcreggan farm has been slightly changed! I received a phone call from the farm manager telling me that they no longer could manage large numbers attending unless we hire their hall for the hour and a half at a cost. This means that those Beavers attending will be split into three groups, with each group spending approximately half an hour in the farm area. The rest of the time will be spent in the hall where I will put colouring in sheets, jigsaws and board games to keep the other Beavers amused. For this event to cover the expense of the hall I will need a minimum of 35 Beavers to attend. If you are still interested in visiting Kilcreggan farm I need to know approximate numbers by midday this Friday 5th October as a deposit for the hall needs to be paid. If I don't have a minimum of 35 Beavers I will have to cancel the event.

Carmen
ADC Beavers

Next District Beaver Event.

Tuesday 4th December-Bowling at Glengormley Sportsbowl, cost £4 per Beaver includes a small drink.

Cub News



District Cub Night Hike

What a fantastic start to the annual District programme. 12 groups and almost 200 Cubs, leaders and helpers walked from Hazelbank to the memorial car park on the Shore Road before returning for a hot dog.



It was really wonderful to see packs from across the district so well represented, especially those who have travelled long distances to be there.



The feedback I received was very positive but I could not have been able to get everything ready on time for groups getting back if it had not been for Jonny, Stephen and Stephen who helped with the BBQ.



If any Groups took photographs during the Night Hike please could you email them through to me or Greenseas where they can be shared by everyone. See right hand side.



Our next event will be the 10 pin bowling in November.

I will email out more details next week.

Chris
ADC Cubs.

Dictum



Can you believe Autumn is here already? I can't believe Halloween will be upon us soon.

Although I must confess Autumn is my favourite time of the year. I love the colours of the leaves on the tree. I love walking on those cold dry mornings, wrapped up warm and kicking the piles of leaves everywhere. When I was younger I always got in trouble for my vivid imagination. One of the things I use to imagine was what I would do if I found a dead body in one of the piles of leaves, that I trailed my feet through to scatter the leaves everywhere!! I was a weird child. In my defence I think the thoughts came from Halloween happening at the same time as the trees losing their leaves. Still to this day as soon as I seen a pile of leaves I have the fleeting thoughts of my childhood! Autumn is still a good time to take our youth members outdoors to explore nature and to give them the opportunity to let their imaginations run wild. Hopefully not as wild as mine!

Go Outdoors have been in touch with District. They are very happy to run an evening for any groups that are preparing for a camp or expedition. They can give the youth members kit talks for example. They are very willing to work with us so if you have any ideas for an evening with a difference contact them as they will be happy to try and accommodate you. If any groups are needing any equipment and want to put a collective order in to obtain greater discount get in touch with me and District will approach them.

District Publicity On Saturday 29th September we took over a small part of Six Mile Leisure Centre, Ballyclare and put on a display of South East Antrim District Scouts. We generated quite a bit of interest and most people did stop and talk to us. Going by the interest we hopefully have gained some new youth member recruits as well as adult leaders. Can I take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders who came along and helped for a few hours. It was very much appreciated. A huge thank you goes to both Stephen Stanley who set up and to Charlie Moore who helped Stephen and provided all the promotional boards. I couldn't have done it without you.



Shelterbox Presentation

This took place at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre on Saturday 22nd September. The cheque was received by Sheldon Hinds, husband of Nicola who is currently in Kenya. See cover picture and pages 6 and 8 of this edition. Also in the presentation picture is Bill Aiken, President of and representing Bangor Rotary.



New Scout Group At the end of September, I headed to Ballynure with the ADC Beavers, Carmen Irvine and Steph Williams from NI Headquarters to endeavour to start up a new Scout Group. Initially we are starting with the Beaver Section but hopefully as we get more Leaders on board the Group will grow and the other sections will develop. If you know anyone in the area who would have an interest in starting Scouting, tell them to call in and see us on a Tuesday evening. We are in Ballynure Methodist from 6.30pm until 7.45pm.

First Response As Scout Leaders we must continue to keep our training up-to-date especially our first aid and safeguarding. I have spoken to Mark Dick who has agreed to run first aid training in the new year and I am hoping to run a safeguarding evening very soon.

GDPR A new module that we now need to complete is the GDPR eLearning module. This needs to be completed by ALL Leaders in the District. The deadline for all current adult members to complete the GDPR training module is Monday 31 December 2018. All new adult members must complete the GDPR training module within five months of their appointment date. A certificate is produced at the end of the eLearning. This is how the module will be validated. Leaders will need to email a copy of the certificate to a Training Adviser, Manager or Administrator to update their training details on compass.

To do the eLearning module go to <https://scouts.org.uk>, type in GDPR training into the search box. About two thirds down the GDPR page you will find the link to the eLearning Module. This module is straight forward and doesn't take very long to complete.

For any Leaders who wish to start on their Woodbadge Training, the application form can be found on the Green Seas website, www.greenseas.org.uk or in the Files Section of the District Facebook page.

Happy Scouting
Beverly Fisher
southeastantrimdc@scoutsni.org

Explorers: Suggested Programme of Events.

EXPLORERS

November - Nothing yet. Open to suggestions. Movie / Esports night at a hall with pizzas, Carrickfergus ran this before, any groups willing to run again?

December – Date to be set - Annual Christmas Quiz - Hosted at 1st Monkstown, Church of the Good Shepherd. Kicking off at 7PM, as previous year's food and refreshments provided, cost £2 per head.

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January - Nothing yet. Open to suggestions. Possibly leave.

February – Friday 1st - Go Karting at Need for Speed in Doagh, kicking off at 7PM. Cost is £25 per head. Need confirmed numbers ASAP and deposits by Monday 19th November.

March – Nothing yet. Open to suggestions here. Looking into Muckamore Archers for an evening, possible cost £5 a head.

April - Easter Hike in the Antrim Hills, 27th/28th April. The premise of this hike will be a simple 2 day, 1-night, camping under canvas and cooking on Trangias/camp stoves. Looking for volunteers with any skills or keen interest in these areas to help run training in the week's leading up to this. Will also need extra leaders to help with the running of the event.

May - Nothing yet. Open to suggestions. Social night at a local park / pitch? Shoreline walk? Visit to the Gobbins? Can everyone get some feedback from their young people about this please?

June - Day at Escarmouche at Randalstown, 22nd June. This will include Human Foosball, Team Games, Gladiator Combat and the ever popular Assault Course! For further information or to get the young people excited, check out their website here - <https://escarmouche.com/activities/> Will be running 9 activities with a break for lunch in the middle, looking 4 -5 hours of activities with a cost of £20 a head.

Michael
ADC Explorers



Shelterbox Cheque Presentation

Saturday 22nd September at Crawfordsburn saw the final episode of the District's support for Shelterbox, SE Antrim's nominated charity for 2017 – 2018.



Beneficiaries in Bate, Kenya.

Sheldon Hinds accepted the cheque on behalf of Shelterbox. Sheldon is the husband of Nicola Hinds who has been our contact with Shelterbox. Nicola is currently on deployment in Kenya.



Checking Beneficiaries in Bate, Kilifi County, Kenya

Scout Groups in the District raised enough money to purchase and equip two Shelterboxes. Consider this in human terms . . . two families who had nothing but the clothes they stood in now will have the means of creating a new home; shelter, warmth, cooking facilities and children can continue with their education.

All Shelterboxes have a serial number so we may be able to identify where 'our boxes' are used.

More photographs on page 6 of this edition.

Charlie

Margaret Chambers

Friday 21 September marked the passing of one of Whitehead's oldest and most respected residents. Margaret Chambers, late of Adelaide Avenue and in recent years of Gilaroo Residential Home, Larne. Margaret was involved in many aspects of life in Whitehead. She began a lifelong commitment to the Scout



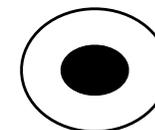
Movement when she was warranted as Assistant Cub Scout Leader in 1946 (Wolf Cubs in those days!) She became Cub Scout Leader in Ist Whitehead in 1964 and an Assistant Leader Trainer for NI in 1969. She also served as an Assistant County Commissioner (Leader Training) from 1977 and as an Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Training) in South East Antrim District in 1993. Her outstanding service was acknowledged with the presentation of the Medal of Merit in 1969, the Silver Acorn in 1983 and Scouting's highest Award, the Silver Wolf in 1992.

In addition Margaret was a volunteer at NI Hospice, an enthusiastic member of the Women's Institute, Whitehead Bowling Club and was an active and supportive member of Whitehead Garden Society and the Brighter Whitehead voluntary gardeners group. In earlier years Margaret was an accomplished pianist and organist in her family church, St. Patrick's, Whitehead, where a service of thanksgiving for her life was held on Monday 24 September 2018. Conducted by Canon Mark Taylor, the service was attended by her family, many friends, neighbours and representatives of the organisations of which she was a member, together with her carers in Gilaroo.

The logo on the Order of Service, reproduced below, was a moving and poignant connection with Scouting – a circle of stones with one in the middle, a tracking sign meaning "I have gone home." Uniformed and former Scouters formed a Guard of Honour as her coffin was carried from the Church.

Margaret will be missed by her family and many friends.

Bill Pollock



October 2018 Photograph Section



ABOVE: DC Beverly presents Charie Moore, Ex DMDM, with a surprise gift in recognition of his excellent service on the District Executive.



ABOVE: Two Monkstown Explorer Scouts greet a surprise visitor to the Church of the Good Shepherd Fun Day.



Showing families how to use water filters.



More from SHELTER BOX. See page 9



Nicola Hinds unpacking mosquito nets.



ABOVE: Summer DoE and Queen's Scout canoe expedition pictures.

LEFT AND BELOW: Leaders' Skills Weekend. Featuring District leaders from Greenisland and Islandmagee.

