GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY DIGEST
SCOUTING AT ITS BEST

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It's 2010 and ahead of us lies another exciting year of new opportunities. 2010 is a year to look forward whilst building on our past successes. During the next 12 months there will be many chances to experience and enjoy the great things Scouting has to offer: fun, friendship, adventure and sense of achievement.

In the near future many young people will be trying to secure places on the next World Jamboree in Sweden. Good luck to all of those wishing to take part. This will be the opportunity of a lifetime; taking part and representing our country whilst experiencing, at first hand, the world friendship of Scouting. Anyone I have ever met in Scouting, who has been fortunate enough to take part in a World Jamboree, remembers fondly the effect it had on them. It is an altogether worthwhile experience. Hopefully those of us staying at home will give our full support to all our young people who get to go. And everyone can share some of the adventure through the "Join in Jamboree" programme, which will be launched later in the year.

This year we also have the full benefit of the newly launched County web page. Thanks to the hard work of Chris Gaskell and Keith Dunbar, you can now find information about all the events and activities in our County, set out in clear and accessible form. Please visit www.gmwscouts.org.uk and tag it as a favourite in your search engine.

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE
SATURDAY 15TH MAY 2010
AT BISPHAM HALL SCOUT ESTATE

The Celebration of Excellence is a day full of fun and adventure and is open to every young person who has during the last year achieved the top award in their respective section.
It is now most important that Leaders send full details to County Office (including name/ address/ postcode/group and award gained) of their young people who have in the last twelve months, up to the 31st March 2010, either achieved the Chief Scout Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Platinum Award, the Duke of Edinburgh Award or the Queen Scout Award. Names cannot be accepted after the deadline of 31st March 2010.
Don't let your young people miss out on receiving their personal invitation to this exciting event. Send details in NOW. Thank you.

NEW

GMW COUNTY WEBSITE

Please take a few moments and take a look at your new and exciting website on
www.gmwscouts.org.uk
Contains loads of useful information and links. Check out what's happening in your Section and throughout GMW.

CENSUS FIGURES
To be taken on 31st January 2010
Groups (GSL/Group Contacts) and Districts please ensure these figures are
Sent electronically to HQ no later than
FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2010
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010/11
HQ - £19.00
(19.50 with rebate of 50p for prompt payment)
County - £4.50 (increase of 5p)
Total per person £23.50
Monies to be received at County Office
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010
(Please note the above amounts do not include District Levy)

QUEEN SCOUT PARADE WINDSOR
SUNDAY 25TH APRIL 2010
Those who are eligible for the Windsor Parade in 2010 should be receiving their invitations.
Please reply as soon as possible
For information please don't hesitate to contact the Queen Scout Co-ordinator
Andrew Bradley
Bradley1012@hotmail.com

DISTRICTS WITHIN GMW

Atherton & Tyldesley District and Leigh District have now merged to become the newly formed Lilford District.
List of Districts and their DC's as follows:-

Altrincham – Lucy Nattrass
Ellesmere (Eccles and Worsley) – Bill Beecroft
Lilford (Atherton & Tyldesley and Leigh) – Paul Mullaney
Sale – Christine Gleaves
Salford - Ann Salt
Stretford – David Maltby
Swinton & Pendlebury – Adela Ramsbottom
Urmston – Jonathan Platt
Wigan – Allan Foster

Welcome to Christine, Adela and Jonathan in your new role as District Commissioner.

COME AND SUPPORT

Team GMWest on May 16th.

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The Bupa Great Manchester Run will be held on Sunday 16th May 2010 in the streets of central Manchester. It is to be broadcast live on BBC television for first time, confirming its position as the premier 10k running event in the country. There will be live music throughout the event and it promises to be a good day out for the family – all for free.
Could you take part – are you as fit as you claim?
Here's your chance to prove it. Why not take part in the Bupa Great Manchester Run. Log onto the website below to see if places are still available.

A group of Leaders and Supporters are running the race and flying the flag for Scouting and for our County. And even if the actual running doesn't appeal, you can still get involved by sponsoring them and as they raise money for our County's representatives at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in the summer of 2011. Details of how to help/support the Jamboree will be available through our web page and the County Office. So whatever you are, supporter, spectator, sponsor or sprinter, visit http://www.greatrun.org/events/event.aspx?id=4 and be part of it.

If you are taking part in the Great Run and wish to be part of the Greater Manchester West Team please contact County Office.

COUNTY BEAVER SNAKES AND LADDERS COMPETITION
Saturday 26 June 2010

Districts will conduct their own heats for the Snakes and Ladders competition. Heats should be held during May or June and the highest scoring Beavers from each District will go through to play the final at County level
[Details/Rules will be distributed in April to ADC BS]

COUNTY CUB SCOUT CHESS COMPETITION
SATURDAY 6TH MARCH
At St. Matthew's Hall, Chester Rd, Stretford
1.30 pm start
Full details from your ADC(CS)

Firstly can I say Happy New Year to all the leaders and scouts. By the time you get this Digest the new County Website www.gmwscouts.org.uk will be up and running. Personally I am very excited about it having just filled up the scout area with news from last year and events for this New Year. Have a look, you might even see something about yourself. I will be using this to add future news and events.

Since the last Digest we have run the County Hiking Competition for both the Scouts and Explorer Sections. (Read the full report with photos and points on the new website.) Well done to the 1st West Timperley who won a very impressive Scout trophy that Haydn managed to find for us. Also well done to the Merlin Unit (Ellesmere) who won the Explorer event. We are currently in the process of getting an explorer trophy so can Merlin please be patient.

You will have seen elsewhere in the Digest details of the County "Celebration of Excellence" day for those that have achieved Chief Scouts Awards. Please can you as leaders ensure that details are passed on as necessary.

My new year year's resolution is visit more troops/districts this year. Unfortunately for a large part of last year I was working mid-week down in Essex. If troops have particular events they would like me to attend please let me know.

Scout (incorporating a couple of Explorer) Events taking place

2MAD4 Leaders 26th to 28th March – Linnet Clough

There is a flyer that is being sent with this digest on this event. This should be better than last year for leaders new and old. So please read the flyer and make every effort to attend. You do not know what you are missing if you do not attend. Have a look at the website for last year's event.

Lord Derby – 10th April - Middlewood

This year's event is at Middlewood and will be for patrols of scouts to be entered via their ADC(S) or District representative in the absence of an ADC(S). We had 8 patrols competing in 11 bases last year which was unfortunately squashed into a morning. Therefore this year it will be a full day event. I will be circulating the full details to the ADC(S) or District representatives imminently but you can also find them on the new website.

Camping and Backwoods Competitions
25th to 27th June – Bispham Hall

These competitions will be opened up to both Scout and Explorer teams although they will compete separately. I've put a provisionally set of details and rules on the Web but may be subject to minor modifications with regards to the Scout patrols. The Explorers details will need adding. Like the Lord Derby Scout Patrols will need to be entered through their districts. Can Explorer Patrols enter though their DESL please.

Omega Survival Camp – 11th-12th September

We have provisionally set this date for this Survival skills training/competition but not as yet booked a venue. Tony Sant with the help of Sale and other leaders will be organizing this camp and details will follow.

County Hiking Competition – 26th September

Following on from last year we will have a combined Scout and Explorer event. The two sections will be competing separately in this one day event which is being held in the Ashton area of Wigan. Overnight accommodation and entertainment is being negotiated in the 1st Ashton HQ. More details will follow.

ADC(S) Meetings

We have ADC(S) meetings on the 11thJanuary, 13th April, 7th July and the 14th October this year. All will be held at Middlewood campsite and will start at 19:30. For those districts that have not got an ADC(S) I would welcome a Scout representative from the districts so that they don't miss out.

Please keep feeding your thoughts or ideas to me and/or your ADC (Scouts) and remember to keep going for GOLD and get Outdoors.

Andy Connellan (or Womble) ACC (Scouts)
andy.connellan@tinyworld.co.uk

adult training

Getting Started 2010
Sunday 21st March – 17th Sale Scout HQ
Sunday 13th June – 1st Astley Scout HQ
Sunday 12th September – 43rd Salford Scout HQ
Saturday 27th November – 3rd Altrincham Scout HQ

1st Response Training at 3rd Worsley Scout HQ
Sunday 21st March
Sunday 18th April
Sunday 20th June
Sunday 11th July
Sunday 19th September
Sunday 21st November
Sunday 12th December

1st Response EXTRA Training at 3rd Worsley Scout HQ
[Applicants must hold current 1st Response Certificate or equivalent to attend this training. This is a qualification you require IN ADDITION to your 1st Response Certificate when leading Adventurous Activities.]
Sunday 21st February
Sunday 16th May
Sunday 17th October

Safeguarding Seminars (Child Protection)
Sunday 31st January – Sale District
Sunday 28th February – Salford Metro
Saturday 20th March – Lilford District
Sunday 18th April – Trafford Metro
Saturday 22nd May – Salford Metro
Saturday 12th June – Trafford Metro
Sunday 26th September – Salford Metro
Saturday 30th October – Wigan Metro
Sunday 21st November – Trafford Metro

Modules 6,7,8, 9,13, 15 & 18
Sunday 14th February – 1st Astley Scout HQ
Sunday 22nd May – 3rd Altrincham Scout HQ
Saturday 23rd October – 17th Stretford Scout HQ

Module 25 – Tuesday 2nd March

Nights Away at Bispham Hall
Weekend One 25th-27th June
Weekend Two 17th-19th September
Nights Away (Admin Only) Saturday 26th June
GCA Course at Bispham Hall
Weekend 17th-19th September
Modules 17 & 19 at Bispham Hall
Sunday 19th September

All applications to be received at County Office at least two weeks prior to commencement of course. Full details/dates on the GMW Website **www.gmwscouts.org.uk**

If you would like to be a Training Adviser please see electronic copy of flyer or contact your Local Training Manager for details

NETWORK

Hopefully all Scout Network Members have received letters from myself about capitation, we need all your membership details back by 25th January. If you need to pay capitation this can be done on the network website, http://network.gmwscouts.org.uk
If there are Network members in groups that have not received this letter, please email administrator@network.gmwscouts.org.uk, you need to be a member of Scout Network if you are 18-25 and wish to complete any section awards.

Scout Network also sells merchandise such as Hoodies and polo shirts, anybody over 18 can purchase these to promote Scout Network. We are hoping to place another order shortly. Please visit the network shop
http://network.gmwscouts.org.uk/index.php/Main/Store

Neil Gregory CSNC

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Scout Active Support is a way for adults to volunteer some time to Scouting in a flexible way that suits them. It is a resource for managers of local scouting including Group Scout Leaders, District Commissioners and the County Commissioner, to use in which ever way is required.
The ways that Scout Active Support can support Scouting are endless, for example:-

1) People who were Leaders but have had to take a step back due to family or work commitments, can now *Actively Support* Scouting. Helping the Disticts/County without having to commit to a weekly meeting. All we ask is that you give your best; If that means 3 times a year that is fine. We value any time that you can spare!

2) A new Beaver Scout Colony has just opened. Members of a District Scout Active Support Unit who have experience in running a Beaver Scout Colony could support the new leadership team for the first term.

3) A Cub Scout Pack is doing the local knowledge activity badge. A member of the Group Scout Active Support Unit could attend meetings for 2 weeks to share their knowledge of the local area with the Cub Scouts.

Please check out the Active Support section on the website. The forthcoming Jamboree Event/Scouting Competitions all need help. Take a look what's on offer and be part of the team.

SALE SCOUTS & GUIDES GANG SHOW
At the Garrick Playhouse, Barrington Road,
Altrincham Tuesday 16 – Saturday 20 February 2010
Times 7.15 pm (Saturday Matinee 2.15 p.m.)
Cost Adults £7.00 Children & Senior Citizens £5.00.
Saturday Matinee all tickets £5.00.
1 free adult ticket for every 10 tickets booked
For Tickets email tickets@salegangshow.com
or call Jackie on 07458 505 387

County AGM 2010
Provisional Date - Wednesday 15th September 2010
to be held in Ellesmere District