

Diary Dates 2012

JANUARY

- 20th** District Scout Quiz 4th Carrick Halls.(Friday)
24th District Cub Quiz, Millbrook. (Tuesday)

FEBRUARY

- 9th** District Leaders' Meeting, Church of the Ascension,
Cloughfern, 8.00pm (Thursday)
15th Scout First Aid Competition in Islandmagee
2nd Islandmagee Church Hall (Wednesday)

MARCH

- 16th** Cub District Cub Football,
Valley Leisure Centre. (Friday)

APRIL

- 27th** Beaver Olympics
Ballyclare Rugby Club 6.30-8.30pm



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It was a great beginning to 2012, when the N.I. Chief Commissioner, Colin Lammy presented Laura Tweed, Stephen Nicholson, Rachel Nicholson and Katy Tweed, all from Islandmagee, with their Chief Scouts Awards.

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Dear Scouters,

Greenseas 2012 opens with a dual January/February edition. By now all Sections will be back up and running and will have a good idea of what they intend to do in the months ahead. Be prepared to add to and expand your ideas at the planned District Leaders' Meeting at The Church of the Ascension, Cloughfern on Thursday 9th February 2012 starting at 8.00pm. There is much to discuss at all Section levels.

The next Greenseas will appear at the end of February. Please send any articles and photographs for inclusion to the address above at any time.

Oliver

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Beaver
News



To all Beaver Leaders and Beavers I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and A Happy New Year to all.

I hope to visit Beaver groups throughout this year, meeting Leaders and Beavers putting names to faces.

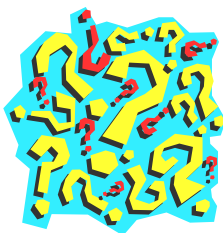
The Beavers next District Event will be 27th April 2012 at Ballyclare Rugby Club 6.30-8.30. The theme will be the Olympics.

We can discuss this at the next District Meeting on the 9th February 2012 at Cloughfern. Many thanks for all your continued help and support.

Sharon Maxwell
ADC Beavers

Cub Quiz

24th January 2012 at Millbrook. Costs will be £5 per team. Packs may enter up to two teams. Directions to the quiz are given below. You can also use Google Maps.



From Ballynure:

On approach from Ballynure come to 1st roundabout heading towards Larne and take the first exit on your left, travel approximately ¼ mile along Drumahoe Road and you will come to a mini roundabout, take a right here and proceed along Drumahoe Gardens 150 yards on left will be an entrance leading into Millbrook Community Hall car park.

From Larne:

Exit Larne on the main Ballymena Road, at the roundabout prior to the BP garage take the third exit onto Drumahoe Road, travel approximately ¼ mile along Drumahoe Road and you will come to a mini roundabout, take a right here and proceed along Drumahoe Gardens 150 yards on left will be an entrance leading into Millbrook Community Hall car park.

District Leaders' Meeting.

There are many important items relating to the Cub Scout Section so please ensure at least one representative from your Group will be present.

David Garland
ADC Cubs

District Leaders' Meeting

I would like to invite all leaders to a District Leaders' Meeting on Thursday 9th February at 8.00pm. Our hosts will be 1st Cloughfern in the Church of the Ascension commencing at 8.00pm. It will be a chance to discuss District business and sectional events as we look forward to the many opportunities available in the coming months of this important Scouting year of 2012.

Carol Service

Looking back at 2011. There was a reasonable turnout at the 4th South East Antrim District Carol Service held at St. Colman's, Carrickfergus on Sunday December 4th. Present were contingents from six Groups in the District. I am grateful to those Groups for their attendance at what is a very busy time of the year. There were two presentations made at the Service. A Long Service Certificate to Mick Lynn, 1st Ballyclare Group and a plaque to former District Commissioner, David Holmes commemorating and thanking him for six good years at the helm of SE Antrim. See photograph above. Rounding it all off thanks also to District Chaplain, Mark Taylor for his enthusiastic input and also to Mike McCann, minister of St Colman's for the use of the church. It was a fitting prelude to the Christmas season reminding us all of the true meaning of this now very commercial festival.



Awards and Presentations

The cover of this edition features a photograph of Scout from 1st Islandmagee Group taken following the Presentation of Awards at Craigavon Civic Centre on Friday 6th January 2012. As part of the official photographer's team it gave me great pleasure to see Scouts from SE being honoured among the 150+ award winners on the night. Two Scouts received their Platinum and two their Diamond Awards. Congratulations to them and to 1st Islandmagee Group.

Census

All groups should be going through the process of making their annual returns for the yearly count of young people and leaders. This year's census was later due to delays in sending out passwords. Please have returns with District Secretary, Ron Cole, by the end of January at the latest.

JOTT 2012

I have received information concerning JOTT 2012. This year's event is being held on Saturday 14th May. There will be more information at the District Leaders' Meeting. There is information regarding badges and registering on the JOTT website <http://jott.org>.

Following a shorter than usual Dictum I will sign off for now and look forward to seeing you all at the District Leaders' Meeting in early February.

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Scout Section News

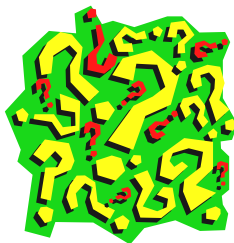


Hi Everyone.

Hope you all had an enjoyable festive break and are ready for the Scouting activities that are to take place in 2012.

Scout Quiz

The first on the scouts programme is the Scout Quiz on Friday 20th Jan 2012 at 4th Carrickfergus, St Nicholas Church Halls, starting at 7pm. Teams will consist of up to 6 members. Make sure that only 3 members of the team are over 13 and no older than 14 1/2 as some Groups have very young troops. Please let me know if you are attending this event before 13th of January.



First Aid Competition

The First Aid Competition is on Wednesday 15th Feb 2012 @ Islandmagee. Please let me know if you are attending this event by the 28th January or at the quiz as I need to know numbers for the event.

Yours in Scouting

Ann



South East Antrim Explorer News



Movie and Pizza Night

On Tuesday 20th December Explorer Scouts from Cloughfern, Islandmagee and Whitehouse attended a Movie and Pizza Night at Cloughfern Scout Hall. This was a very informal, entertaining and enjoyable evening watching Mean Machine while eating lots of crisps, popcorn, chocolate and of course some pizza. The Explorers had the opportunity to get to know one another and also discussed the sort of events they would like to organise for the District at least once a month, such as go-karting, camping, water sports etc.



Thanks to 1st Cloughfern for the use of their hall and we look forward to having more events with more Explorers in the coming months.

Upcoming Events

Due to exams in January the Explorers are hoping to get together some night in February to test their driving skills, Go-karting at Need 4 Speed in Doagh. Details to follow in the next edition of Greenseas and at the next District Leaders' Meeting. They are also keen to go camping over the Easter holidays so watch this space for more information nearer the time.

Barbara Edgar
ADC Activities



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January February Photograph Section



2012 Communications Opportunity

Pictured above and below, with their certificates, are the District winners and runners up in the 2012 event.

One of the judging panel, District Chairman, Peter Dawson, commented on the quality of the communication skills displayed by the Scouts in each section and wished the Section winners every success in the coming heats and finals.



Busy Holiday period for SPARTAN Explorer Scout Group



Normally, Scouts tend to take a well earned rest over the Christmas holiday period to recharge their batteries. Not so the 1st Jordanstown, Spartan Explorer Group. Leading up to the holiday break, they all sacrificed two days to offer their services to the customers of B&Q Newtownabbey, while also collecting for the NI Children's Hospice. At the end of two long and tiring shifts, they managed to raise an impressive £594 for the Children's Hospice, and a matched amount for their own adventure activities fund. Pictured right and below.



Then, to top it off, on Friday 30th December, 26 members of the Spartan Group hiked along the North Coast, stopping at Kenbane Castle and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, and finishing in Ballintoy Harbour where they all participated in the Christmas Cookout Challenge, cooking a three course dinner for a panel of three guest parent judges. All pictured below.



Robert
Cullinan,
Spartan
Explorer
Scout
Leader

