

SOUTH EAST BELFAST NEWS



(Acting DC Norman McKee presenting leader Jack Moore with the 'Chief Scouts 50 Years Service Award')

District News is back!

A lot has happened since the last issue including having me as Acting DC. Ardnally continues to do well with visitor numbers staying steady. The District is coming towards the end of the annual Census, thank you for replying promptly and putting up with my lack of knowledge of how the process works.

I have just attended a briefing about the new Education Authority Engagement Framework, it seems straight forward like everything else it will take a while to get used to. I would recommend that at least one Section Leader from each group attends one of the information nights being held throughout the Country in the next few months.

I am glad to see that a number of our leaders are attending this year's Wood Badge training courses. This should be completed within three years of first taking on a leadership role in Scouting. Wood Badge training gives you an understanding of the methods and skills needed to be a Leader in Scouting. It is possible for training and experience you have gained in your job or as a Young Leader to count towards units in your Wood Badge.

Norman





(Acting DC Norman McKee presenting David Edgar with his 'Chief Scout's 25 Years Service Award' and Richard McMeekin with his 'Wood Badge')

District Calendar

Please note Belfast County now publish information about their events on Facebook.

Search "Belfast County Scouts" to be added to the group.

SE Belfast also have a Facebook page which includes up to date information on events in the District.

Search "South East Belfast Scout District" to be added to the group.

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Explorer Social Climbing meet	19 th February	Boulder World Boucher Road	10 – 4pm	NISC £5 bring your scarf, shoe hire £1
District 5 a side football heats	February	TBC	TBC	SE Belfast District Davy Hanna scouts110@virginmedia.com
#YouShape	18 th February	Crawfordsburn	10 – 4pm	NISC Open to ages 14-25 £10 including lunch A day promoting youth shaped Scouting
Education Authority Engagement Framework training	21 st February	Ardnally	7 – 9pm	Belfast County



Beaver District UniHoc	24 th February	29 th Belfast hall, same as last year	6:30pm	SE Belfast District Contact Debbie Ducky_debs@hotmail.com
County 5 a side football final	3 rd March	TBC	19.00 to 21.00	Belfast County
County Beaver UniHoc	4 th March	TBC	9.30 – 12.00	Belfast County
Scout Archery Final	5 th March	Gortatole, Co Fermanagh	All day	NISC
NISC Beaver UniHoc Final	TBC	TBC	TBC	NISC
Cub Swimming Gala	March 10 th	Campbell College Swimming Pool	6:30 – 8:30pm	NISC William Ashenhurst ACC
Cub Scout Table Quiz Finals	March	TBC	TBC	NISC
Safeguarding Course	21 st March	Ardnally	7:30 – 10pm	Belfast County Important please attend if possible
Explorer Ready Steady Cook	25 th March	Ardnally	2pm- 5pm	Belfast County More information from Norman Norman.mckee@btopenworld.com
Explorer Young Leaders Course	March	TBC	TBC	NISC
Scout BAC Taster Session	2 nd April	Belfast Activity Centre	12:30 – 4pm	Belfast County Des Grant ACC Scouts
Crawfordsburn open day	22 nd April	A day to come and look round the new facilities	10am to 3:30	NISC
Cub Scout 5 a side football	3 rd May	The Pavillion. Stormont	19.00 – 21.00	Belfast County
Scout County Flag	5 th -7 th May	Crawfordsburn	7pm...	Belfast County
Beaver Rally Day	May	TBC	TBC	NISC
Ardnally Walk	13 th May	Belvoir Forest Car Park	9 30am to 12	SEBDSC More info from Norman norman.mckee@btinternet.com
Jamboree on The Trail	13 th May			Information and badges from www.jott.org.uk



Cub Scout County Flag	13 th May	Arnavally	9.30 – 16.00	Belfast County
Beaver Fun Day	3 rd June	Arnavally	10am – 2pm	SE Belfast District Contact Debbie Ducky_debs@hotmail.com
SE Belfast AGM	7 th June 2017	Arnavally	7 30pm to 9pm	SEBDSC More info from Norman norman.mckee@btinternet.com
SE Belfast Cub Camp	9 th -11 th June 2017	Arnavally	Friday 7pm	SE Belfast District Phil Patterson patterson_philip@hotmail.com
NIJam 2017	29 th July - 5 th August	Crawfordsburn	Various	NISC

Network

The South East District Network started back on the 10th of February at Arnavally with a movie night to encourage new members to join and to get to know each other. The District Network is hoping to continue its growth this year, with lots of great activities lined up for the year ahead.

Network is for anyone aged 18 to 25 who wants to continue experiencing the fun activities and volunteering opportunities available through scouting, as well as meeting new people from outside your own scout group. You can find us on Facebook at 'South East Belfast Scout Network' or contact me at amber.mckee@btinternet.com for more information about what we do and upcoming events.

Amber McKee

Compass

Could I ask all GSI's to ensure that everyone in their Group has an email on their Compass profile, all communication is now done via email the most important is renewal reminders for Access NI. The system sends out 90 day reminders but some people have missed them due to no email.

Norman McKee

115th Belfast

Congrats to 115th Belfast for recently successfully starting up their own scout section. We wish them all the best for the future and hopefully they continue to grow.

Ethan McKee

Beetle Drive

Fundraiser on Friday March 24th ages 8 and upwards 62nd Hall.
The evening will cost just £3 for under 18s and £5 for adults.
It will be in our main hall starting at 7.30pm and planned to finish by about 9.15.
Parents and friends may also attend. Scouts and Cubs will need to be supervised as usual.



The evening will aim to raise funds to send a small party of 62nd Explorers to Arctic Norway in early July 2017. It will reflect my own first foreign adventure 62 years ago when I attended a District camp there as a member of an Ulster patrol. Back then we were the only foreigners along with about 200 Norwegians. This year 8000 are expected from all over Europe plus as far afield as Australia and Hong Kong to a Jamboree called Nord. You can have a look at it by googling 'Nord2017' if you wish.

A poster is in preparation but I wished to advise date now

John Lyons

Magazine

So the district magazine is starting back as you can clearly see, but we need your help to keep it running. We rely on information given from you! If you have any events that you wish for others within the district to be aware of make sure you email sebelfastnews@btopenworld.com with the events or any important articles/stories and we will be sure to include them in the next issue of the South East Belfast News.

Ethan McKee

