



# South East Belfast News



**Hi Southeasters**

**December 2014**

We missed November as Compass has been foremost in tasks to do and folk were, and maybe still are, busy with that. I am finding it a bit difficult as some of the required data we never had, and parents do not always reply fully and correctly. Not to mention my distinct skills shortage with spreadsheets.

Plenty of info from Maurice this month so please read on now.

There is also an Ardnally Wardens notice to view from Norman.

## Wood Smoke

**T**hank you to all the leaders and young people in the District who attended the various training courses held over the past two months. A total of 65 people have been trained in First Response and Safe Guarding courses recently. Thanks to Andrea and Jonny for helping facilitate the courses. Another First Response course is being arranged for January 2015. If you or any of your leaders have still to do this course then email me by 10th January to reserve a place. There is no confirmed time for it yet.



Gordon Simpson was well known to everyone as a lifetime member of SE and GSL of the 58th. Hetty his wife passed away at the end of November and a number of leaders and friends attended the service in Bangor.

A number of District and County events have now been arranged from January to November 2015. Please check the detailed calendar below for events for you and your section.

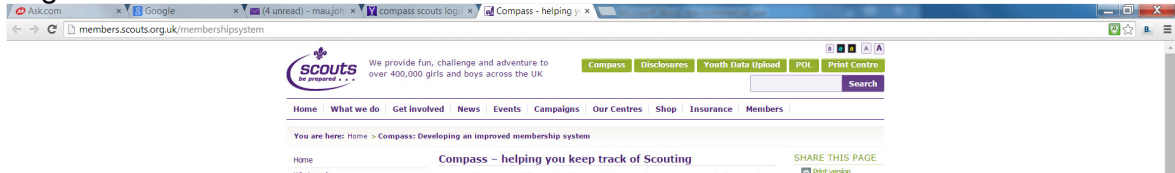
## Compass

I know what you are thinking .... but its actually not too difficult. **This is now live and will be used to determine the census fees for 2015.** Please make an effort to register and upload your information as soon as possible. This **MUST** be done now.

Adult Leaders need to check they are already registered by signing in at

<http://members.scouts.org.uk/membershipsystem>

Look for the green "Compass" and "Upload Youth Data" buttons top right to begin.



Young people can be entered in bulk as described in the numerous emails from HQ. I have now been through the process with my group so am available to help with yours if there are problems or you haven't started. Please get in touch with me now if you need to. You only need a minimal amount of information about each young person. If you have the information already in a spreadsheet it will take about 15 minutes to complete per section. Note Squirrels cannot be registered on Compass.

## 75th Anniversary



Our anniversary badge will be available in January and the Executive have decided to give one to every member of the District at no cost. A small number of extra ones are available at a cost of £1.

Please continue to support the anniversary dinner in the Wellington Park Hotel. The date is 21st March 2015. It is hoped to seat people by their group. Partners are invited too. Cost will be £25. Please email me to request a booking form. ([mau.johnston@btinternet.com](mailto:mau.johnston@btinternet.com)). We hope to

launch an event page on Facebook soon.

## Ardnally

Thanks to Norman and Sean for their continued work with the Wardens (have you seen their new scarf yet!!). If you have some time on a Saturday to help maintain Ardnally then please contact them. Remember you can use AV as a service project for all sections.

Alex tells me bookings are continuing to flow in but we have a few weekends free in January and February. Check out availability on [www.ardnally.com](http://www.ardnally.com)

In October a group of Cubs and Scouts from Dundee, Scotland spent 5 days at Ardnally. They were so impressed with their experience they wrote a great article in their District News Sheet and hopefully we will see them back soon. In the meantime they have asked to try and form links with Cub Packs and Scout Groups in SE. If interested please email me ([mau.johnston@btinternet.com](mailto:mau.johnston@btinternet.com)).

## SE Scout District 5 a side football competition

This will be held on 23rd January 2015, a Friday evening. Winners will go forward to represent SE in County finals. There are two age groups - Scouts in school years 7 and 8 & Scouts in years 9 and 10.

Entries to me by 16th January 2015 please confirming the number of teams in each section. There will be a "round robin league" first, followed by a knock out section.

And finally have a great Christmas and a happy new year.....Maurice Johnston



## District Calendar

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Beaver Christmas Crafts	6th December	BP Chalet	10am	Contact Debby for more info. ducky_debs@hotmail.com
First Response	January 2015	St Johns Col Church	10am 4 30pm	Cost £6 Contact Maurice Johnston mau.johnston@btinternet.com
Explorer CSA/QSA Presentations	9th January	Belfast City Hall	7pm	NISC
County Cub Swimming Gala	17th January	Robinson Centre	5.45p m	Belfast County
District Cub Quiz heats	January or February	Ardnally	TBC	Contact Phil Patterson patterson_philip@hotmail.com
Scouts Climbing Competition	18th January OR 25th January	Tollymore Mountain Centre	First Aid Full course	Contact Richard Dorrian Richard.dorrian@gmail.com
SE Scouts District 5 a side football competition	23rd January	TBC	7pm	Contact Maurice Johnston mau.johnston@btinternet
District uni-hoc	9th February	TBC	6 30pm	Contact Debby for more info. ducky_debs@hotmail.com
County 5 a side final	6th March	Valley Les. Centre	7pm	Entry via District heats in January. Belfast County - Des Grant
County Uni-hoc	7th March	TBC		2 winners from District go forward
NI Cub Quiz	7th March	TBC	TBC	Entry via SE District heats

Finals				
Scout Archery Final	8th March	Gortatole OEC Co Fermanagh	9 30am	NISC
Beaver NI uni-hoc	14th March	TBC		Winners from County go forward
Cub Trip to Legoland	15th March to 17th March	London		NISC
Scout Urban Sports Night	18th & 19th March	T13, Titanic Quarter		Belfast County - Des Grant
75th Anniversary Dinner	21st March	Wellington Park Hotel	7pm	Executive: Contact Maurice Johnston mau.johnston@btinternet.com
Cub climb it	18th April	W5 Belfast	10am	NISC
Ardnally Walk	25th April	Belvoir Forest	9 30am	AV Council
Cub 5 a side Heats	5th May	The Pavillion, Stormont Estate	7pm-9pm	Belfast County Team
Scout County Flag	8th - 10th May	Crawfordsburn	7pm	Belfast County - Des Grant
50th Birthday Beaver Rally	16th May	TBC		NISC
20th May	St George's Day Awards	TBC	TBC	NISC
Beaver Rally Day	TBC	Crawfordsburn	TBC	NISC
Cub County Flag Competition	23rd May	Ardnally	9 30 to 16 00	Belfast County Team
County Fun Day	6th June	Ardnally	10am	Belfast County Team
Cub 5 a side football final	6th June	TBC		NISC - entry via county heats
SE Belfast AGM	4th June	Ardnally BP Chalet	7 30pm	Supper provided.
Belfast County AGM	8th June	Ardnally BP Chalet	TBC	Supper provided
Cub Camp	12th to 14th June	Ardnally	7pm	Contact Phil Patterson patterson_philip@hotmail.com
Explorer Camp	27th June - Saturday 4th July	Crawfordsburn	TBC	NISC

Explorer trip	4th July to 18th July	Ethiopia	TBC	Belfast County Team
World Jamboree	28th July to 8th August	Japan		NISC
District Spooky Night	7th November	Ardnally	7pm	Contact Debby for more info. <a href="mailto:ducky_debs@hotmail.com">ducky_debs@hotmail.com</a>



### **THE WARDEN'S TEAM NEED YOU!**

The team meets on a Saturday or Sunday at Ardnally

We even have a Facebook Group!

Membership is open to Scouts, Explorers or Leaders

We carry out maintenance and keep the site clean and tidy

Scouts and Explorers can do the Campsite Service Activity Badge or their D of E service

For more information contact Norman on: 07593605299

Or [norman.mckee@btopenworld.com](mailto:norman.mckee@btopenworld.com)

Come on and join the team

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS IN SE BELFAST**