



South East Belfast News



Happy New Year to all the Southeasters.

Jan 2014

Most of the News and timetable this month is contained in Woodsmoke which follows, so without further ado here it is.

Wood Smoke

As this New Year begins I have to bring you some sad news. Guy Taylor passed away just before Christmas and his service of thanksgiving was held in St Judes Parish Church on Friday 27th December. He was 82. The service was conducted by two of his sons, Jan and Mark who are ministers.

Guy was our District President and a trustee of the Jimmy Glenn Trust. Although he had been ill for some time his death was sudden and unexpected. Guy initially had connections with Scouting in South East through the 62nd Group where his sons were Scouts. He became more involved with the development of Ardnally and the Ardnally Walk in its early years. Later he took on the responsibility of looking after the grounds and in particular the many trees around it. He never really wanted to be a leader, but was keen to help in any way he could and loved to be asked. He ran numerous forestry badge courses for many years on Saturday afternoons at Ardnally. He always seemed to be at Ardnally and loved to see it busy and active.

He is survived by Ellie, three sons and one daughter. Sadly one son, Guy (Jnr), drowned trying to rescue someone of the North Antrim coast about 25 years ago.



The memorial service for Derek Wheeler was rearranged and will now take place this month on Sunday 12th January (see diary dates below for more information).

Thank you to Debbie, Linda, Carol and all the other leaders for all the hard work that went into the Beaver Christmas Crafts morning at Ardnally. There was a great turnout and everyone went away with a variety of Christmas items.

I have already circulated the information to at least two people in each group explaining how the annual census is to be completed for 2014. All section leaders need to make sure their GSL has the correct information by the end of January so that the process is completed on time. Please see your GSL for more information.

Ardnally continues to be busy and in recent months we have had Cubs and Scouts from Antrim, Liverpool and Dublin using the facilities. They were very impressed and have made repeat bookings for this year. The recent storms have taken their toll and at least eight trees came down. A tree hit one edge of the Pathfinder roof breaking tiles and tearing off the guttering on one side. Hopefully we will have it repaired in the next few days.

Congratulations to all those selected from South East to attend the next World Jamboree in Japan. They are Sarah McGowan, Katy Mills and Ellen Adair all from 1st Carryduff. They will join with two other Explorers from 10th Belfast, selected to represent Belfast County

Finally can I ask all GSL's to check who needs to have their Child Protection Training (now called Safe-Guarding) updated. I am running two courses one for junior leaders aged 14 to 17 and one for adults. If there is a large number in your group needing trained I can run the course for you at a time that suits you. Contact me to arrange a suitable time. The details are below.

**Annual Safe-Guarding Courses.
Sunday 2nd March 2014**

Course 1 at 2pm for new adult leaders, helpers and those who were last trained more than three years ago. I have a list of all those who are currently up to date if you are not sure and will send these out to GSL's for their information.

Course 2 at 3 30pm for young leaders under 18 who have not been trained yet.

For each course please email with numbers/names as soon as possible.

Ardnally Walk

This will be held on Saturday 29th March leaving Belvoir Forest car park at 9 30am.

More details from me if required.

Please let me know numbers taking part by 25th March please.

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District Calendar

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Derek Wheeler Memorial Service	12th January	St Ignatius Carryduff	3 30pm	Wear uniform.
Safe-Guarding Course for Adults	2nd March 2014	BP Arnavally	2pm	Contact Maurice Johnston (mau.johnston@btinternet.com) Two courses - one for adult leaders and one for junior leaders
For Young Leaders	2nd March		3 30pm	
Arnavally Walk	29th March 2014	Belvoir Park and Arnavally	9 30am	Contact Maurice Johnston (mau.johnston@btinternet.com)
Beaver Fun Day	7th June	Arnavally	Morning	Contact Debby for more info.