



South East Belfast News



Hi Southeasters

Jan 2015

Very best wishes for 2015 to all our Groups and readers. Another brief edition follows as I have had no recent input. Do consider telling us about some adventures planned or achievements completed for next month.

A photo or two with it adds immeasurably to the impact.

At the Awards ceremony in the Belfast City Hall on Friday 9th Jan, two Scouts from SE were presented with their Chief Scout Gold Award certificate. Well done to

Jonathan Forsythe 1st Carryduff - son of Michael Forsythe a Leader at 62nd
Chris Kells 110th Belfast.

There were almost 100 other award winners including 21 Queens Scout Awards, mostly from Districts outside Belfast. Do encourage your Scouts and Explorers to make the effort to gain these Awards which will improve their Scouting and add immeasurably to their CVs at a time when getting a good start in their careers is vital.

And now to Woodsmoke, produced as always by our DC, Maurice, including a lengthy list of notices with many opportunities to participate in exciting events.

John

Wood Smoke

Thank you to Debbie and her team for a successful Beaver Christmas crafts morning at Ardnally in December. The next Beaver event is Unihoc in February. This month there are several events organised for /Cubs and Scouts (see calendar).



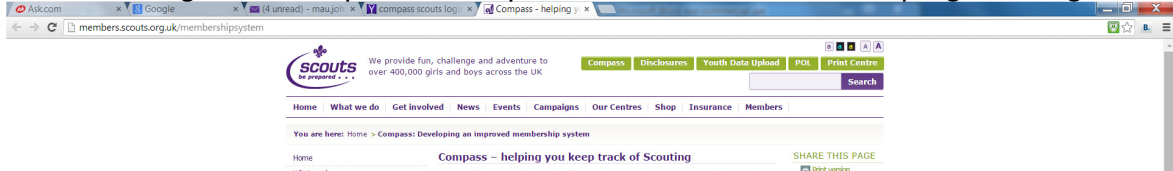
Compass

To date I can see that 37th, 62nd and 110th are virtually complete but other groups have still to upload their membership data. This is very important as Compass is replacing the old Census Form and it will be used to determine membership fees etc. I would also ask GSLs to check leaders are registered on the system and to make sure that leaders who have left are

removed otherwise a group may be billed for them. Network members register individually in the same way as leaders.

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

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



As I said last month, "Please get in touch with me now if you need help. 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 has been delayed slightly but I hope to have them in the next 10 days and issue them asap after that.

Thank you to those who have already booked for the 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. I will be forwarding a request for a deposit in the next few weeks and launching the Facebook events page. Please pass the word around all your group and encourage past members to attend.

Getting Started.

All new leaders when they join are given the status "provisional". This status remains in place until Access NI checks and references are returned. The final stage in the process is a small training commitment called "Getting Started". In our District this is run by Simon Lapping. If you have new leaders they must attend this course and Simon is very accommodating at running them to suit the leaders. His next course is on 14th January but he is willing to organise others subject to demand. Please get in contact with him to progress your leader training. His contact details are:

simonlapping@btinternet.com / tel 90805576

First Response

Andrea has agreed to run an additional First Response course this month provided there is sufficient demand. Can any leaders who require to update their First Response or to complete the full course please email me and I will set the course up.

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 18th January 2015 please (mau.johnston@btinternet.com) confirming the number of teams in each section. There will be a "round robin league" first, followed by a knock out section.

The venue will be St Joseph's Sports Hall, Saintfield Road (behind the Ivanhoe Hotel). junior teams to be there for 7 00pm and we hope to start at 7 15pm.

Senior teams to arrive at 8pm. There is an entry fee of £3 per team.

Appeal for Leaders

I know all Groups need Leaders but some groups desperately need help now. Can you help? Do you have junior leaders who need experience running a section. In particular we need some leaders to help with the 66th or 115th Beavers and Cubs.

District Calendar

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Notes
First Response	January 2015	St Johns Col Church	10am 4 30pm	Cost £6 Contact Maurice Johnston mau.johnston@btinternet.com
County Cub Swimming Gala	17th January	Robinson Centre	5.45pm	Belfast County
District Cub Quiz heats	January or February	Arnavally	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	St Josephs' Parish Hall Saintfield Road	7pm	Contact Maurice Johnston mau.johnston@btinternet.com cost £3 per team
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 Finals	7th March	TBC	TBC	Entry via SE District heats
Scout Archery Final	8th March	Gortatole OEC Co Fermanagh	9 30am	NISC
Beaver NI unihoc	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	Crawfordsbur n	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	Crawfordsbur n	TBC	NISC
Cub County Flag Competition	23rd May	Ardnally	9 30 to 16 00	Belfast County Team

County Fun Day	6th June	Arnavally	10am	Belfast County Team
Cub 5 a side football final	6th June	TBC		NISC - entry via county heats
SE Belfast AGM	4th June	Arnavally BP Chalet	7 30pm	Supper provided.
Belfast County AGM	8th June	Arnavally BP Chalet	TBC	Supper provided
Cub Camp	12th to 14th June	Arnavally	7pm	Contact Phil Patterson patterson_philip@hotmail.com
Explorer Camp	27th June - Saturday 4th July	Crawfordsbur n	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	Arnavally	7pm	Contact Debby for more info. ducky_debs@hotmail.com