



# South East Belfast News



**Hi there South Easters**

**November 2015**

I hear that the Cubs ( I am not sure if Beavers also ) had a most successful Spooky Night a few evenings ago. A multitude of superb photos were circulated by Daniel Kinnear so I just add the website here and you can frighten yourself as much as you like online.

<https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B0UGQD2D7GnpuuI>

Below you will find Maurice's Woodsmoke and Calendar for the next few months. The Scout section Quiz at Ardnally on Friday Nov 27th is not there. Most Scout Leaders have been notified directly by Davy Hanna so do not forget to send him probable numbers to assist planning.

Also note the request below from Darren McMullan, our appointments secretary, to send Access and Adult Info forms to him so the District has details of New Leaders. He will add them to Compass and arrange interviews in due course. You can commence the input yourself if you wish, by following the instructions on the front page of the NI HQ website <http://wwwscoutsni.com>

**Darren then needs the forms to complete the process**

You can also download the forms from there.

### **Adult Information and Access NI forms**

Please send any Adult Information or Access NI forms for new appointments to me directly at the address below or I can arrange to collect:

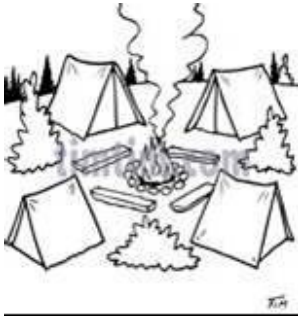
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Thanks  
Darren McMullan  
District Appointments Secretary

And now to Woodsmoke. The 2 training events require urgent action to book if needed.

## WOOD SMOKE



It was a pleasure to help the 62nd Explorers on their first visit to Iceland at Halloween. I am sure John will give a full report on the trip to a country which is unique in so many ways. Please note the training opportunities below and as always please try to support events organised for you by the District and County.

### Charity Commission

Thank you to all the groups for completing registration. Everyone including the District is now registered.

### Ardnally



October was another busy month and not just for visitors. The BP and Pathfinder now have new windows, the BP new blinds, the shower block floor is fully tiled, the leaders shower walls are tiled along with the disabled toilet. Finally new LED lighting has been installed around both buildings thanks to the Wardens team.

A group from Glasgow stayed for week in early October and a cub pack from the Wirral stayed over Halloween. At the end of the month a scout group from Poland will be visiting us. Spooky night for the Beavers was attended by over 60 people and the night finished with a fireworks display. Thanks to Debbie, Linda and the Beaver team, supported by the Wardens for all the hard work that goes into this event. The next Beaver event is Christmas Crafts - always popular with the Beavers. See the calendar below for information.

### Training.

If you have new leaders these course are a must. Details of the next first aid course is outlined in the calendar below. Please contact me now to book a place as we have limited spaces. (email [mau.johnston@btinternet.com](mailto:mau.johnston@btinternet.com)).

I will run a Safe Guarding Course on 29th November. Details are also in the calendar below. Please let me know if you are attending so as I know roughly how many to expect.

As always study the calendar of events below for extra events and training for leaders and young people in your group.

Maurice

# District Calendar

**Please note Belfast County now publish information about their events on Facebook.**  
**Search "Belfast County Scouts" to be added to the group.**

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Cub Swimming	TBC	TBC	TBC	The Alexander Cub swimming competition Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
District Training for First Aid and	14 <sup>th</sup> (session B) & 15 <sup>th</sup> (session A) <b>November</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Courtney Hall Cregagh Road 15 <sup>th</sup> Ardnally	2pm	Contact Maurice <a href="mailto:mau.johnston@btinternet.com">mau.johnston@btinternet.com</a> The course will be split into 2 sessions on the two days.
Safe Guarding	29th November	Ardnally	2 30 pm to 4 pm	Email Maurice Johnston to book a place. Mau.johnston@btinternet.com
Beavers - Christmas at Crawfordsburn	28 <sup>th</sup> November to 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Crawfordsburn	TBC	Contact NISC
District Beaver Christmas Crafts	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Ardnally	10am to 12.00	Contact Debby for more info. <a href="mailto:ducky_debs@hotmail.com">ducky_debs@hotmail.com</a> Confirm attendance by 20 <sup>th</sup> November. Cost £4 plus own "Santa Presents"
District Cub Quiz heat	January/ February	Ardnally	TBC	Contact Phil Patterson
Cub Walk	1 <sup>st</sup> January	TBC	TBC	Further details from NISC when available
Belfast Cub Swimming Gala	15 <sup>th</sup> January	Valley Leisure Centre	17.45 to 20.00	Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
CSA/QSA Presentations	8 <sup>th</sup> January	Belfast City Hall	7pm	NISC
Scout Climbing Competition	TBC	Tollymore OPC	TBC	NISC
District 5 a side football heats	February	TBC	TBC	Contact David Hanna
District Beaver Unihoc	February	TBC	TBC	Contact Debbie Gaston
Scout County 5 a side final	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Valley leisure centre	19.00 to 21.00	Entry by District heats held in February Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com

NI Cub Table Quiz final	5 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	TBC	NISC
County Beaver Uni hoc	5 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	TBC	Entry via District heat in February Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
NI Scout Archery final	TBC	TBC	TBC	NISC
Explorer Ready Steady Cook...	12 March	TBC	13.00 to 17.00	Contact Norman McKee Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
NI Beaver Uni hoc final	TBC	TBC	TBC	NISC
County Scout Urban Sports Night	16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> March	T13	19.00 to 21.30	Belfast County (Des Grant) Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
Scout PI Training	March	Crawfordsburn	TBC	NISC
Belfast Cubs 5 a side	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	The Pavilion Complex, Stormont	19.00 to 21.00	Stephen Mallet Belfast County Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
Scout County Flag Competition	6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> May.	Crawfordsburn	7pm	Belfast County team (Des Grant) Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
Arnavally Walk	7th May	Arnavally	9 30am	Meet in Belvoir Forest car park
Beaver Rally Day	May/June	Crawfordsburn	10am	NISC
Explorer overnight Pioneering Challenge	13 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Arnavally	7pm	Belfast County (Contact Norman McKee) Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
Belfast Cubs County Flag	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Arnavally	9.30 to 16.00	Belfast County. Contact Stephen Mallet Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
Cub Centenary Camp	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Arnavally	7pm	Belfast County. Contact Stephen Mallet Belfast County Scouts on Facebook.com
NI Cub 5 a side football final	4 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC	TBC	NISC
June	AGMs	TBC	TBC	TBC
Canoe Expedition to Canada	29 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Ontario	8am	Further details from NISC or Maurice Johnston <a href="mailto:mau.johnston@btinternet.com">mau.johnston@btinternet.com</a>
Explorer Belt expedition	1 <sup>st</sup> July to 17 <sup>th</sup> July	France and Belgium	TBC	NISC

## Iceland

As Maurice has commented above, the 62<sup>nd</sup> Explorers had a most enjoyable trip to Iceland at Halloween. His experience with International travel arrangements were invaluable and he together Ricky Dodd from 37<sup>th</sup> led us magnificently. An unforgettable experience for all.

Full report hopefully next month.

Come on then, what about some more reports to tell everyone what other Groups are doing.

John