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## **From Councillor Joyce Bowerman.**

Thank you for the April edition of Tamesider, an excellent read as always.

It was interesting to read about the changes in the North Tameside District in 1974 when the District Commissioner was Jack Millin and Alan Fish was just a 24yr old Venture Scout, I'd like to see some photographs from that era. The 50 years celebration camp will certainly be something to look forward to!

1st Mossley Scout Group looked as if they all had a great time at the taster session from Ashton Fencing Club and well done to all the Scouts and Explorers who completed the first ever Incident Hike, it must have been a long day.

The Manchester Monopoly Run for Leaders looked quite gruelling with 27,000 steps over 4 and a half hours with different challenges on route, congratulations to 3rd Ashton Leaders who were Adult Takeover winners, a great achievement.

It was a privilege to join our Scouting family once again for this year's St George's Day Parade on Sunday, 21st April. It is always an honour to attend this event and something I look forward to each year.

The weather was kind to us as it was a warm, sunny day and it was a joy to see all our Scouting family looking so smart in their uniforms and all displaying their traditional red rose.

We were honoured to welcome our Civic Mayor Councillor Tafheen Sharif who joined us for the parade through the town to the Albion Congregational Church. We were accompanied by a rousing brass band who led our parade and they sounded great followed by all our Scouting family very proudly carrying on the tradition of St George's Day and marching so well, very well done to them all.

The service in this beautiful church with Rev Jean Hurlston leading the prayers and hymns was inspiring and our young people very ably entertained us with a sketch of St George and the dragon, they did so well. After the service we had a welcome cup of tea and biscuits.

I really enjoyed the Parade and the church service, it was an honour to join all our Scouting family and I would like to thank all the organisers, leaders, and parents who helped make the day such a wonderful event and thank you to all our young people in Scouting who did us proud, well done to you all.

Best wishes.

Joyce.

# St George's Day Parades and Services 2024



## North Tameside District

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels took part in the annual St. George's Day Parade. Over 100 scouts from all 9 groups from Ashton and Droylsden paraded behind the Ashton Brass Band who played along the whole route.

The Scouts then took part in the annual St Georges day Parade in Ashton.

St George is the patron saint of Scouts, Baden Powell chose St George because of the story that shows him overcoming adversity in the shape of a dragon and for his truthfulness, devotion to duty, a brave heart, a noble spirit and dedication to helping others, the quality all Scouts have.



The Parade started in Ashton town centre, then past the market, then onto Albion Church for the St George service. The service was conducted by Vicar Jean Hurston and 339th Droylsden Scout Group led by Group Scout Leader Freya Jones, in which all North Tameside Squirrels, Beavers,

Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders renewed their Promises.

The District Commissioner Andy Morton presented awards 2 Chief Scout Gold Awards, highest award a Scout can get to George Beddows and Mark Grist. Wood beads for

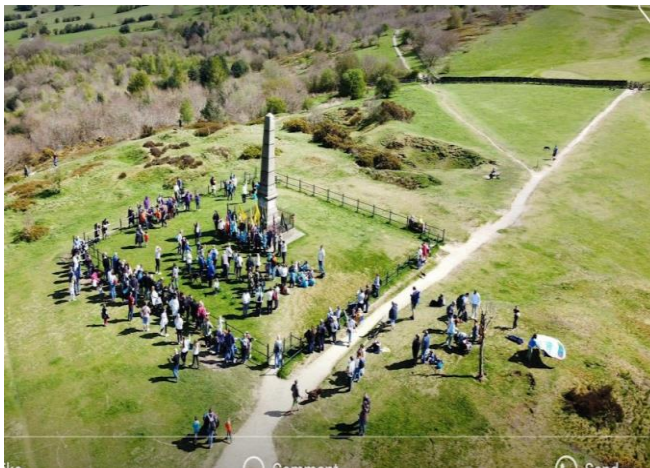


completing leader training to Jane Rogers 12th Ashton, Kelly Radcliffe 339th Droylsden, Stephen Beddows 3rd Ashton.

Long Service awards Jane Rogers 12th Ashton 5 years, Jade Henry 3rd Ashton 5 years, Darren Gough 2/1 Hurst 5 years, Anne Jones 339th Droylsden 10 years, Steve Mawdesley 2/1 Hurst 30 years.

The Worshipful, the Civic Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Tafheen Sharif and her two members of the new Scout Group in North Tameside the 14th Ashton. The Mayor said she enjoyed the Parade and speaking to the Scouts.

## Tameside South District



The Tameside South Scout District held their St George's Day Parade and Service at the War Memorial in Werneth Low Country Park. The Scout Groups from the District assembled at the Memorial to renew their Promises. The District Commissioner, Liz Rowles, thanked everyone for attending and for the good weather. A Squirrel parent launched a drone to take aerial photos of the Parade and Service.

## News from the Boarfold Scout Camp

Some tired Seaborn Explorers after this weekend's work party at Boarfold Scout Campsite. Road ditch now flowing with water past bottom hillock and 250m of land drain installed to hopefully drain the swamp on top hillock. Well done all, a fantastic amount achieved in 2 days.



## News from 1st Mossley Cub Pack



I'd like to thank 1<sup>st</sup> Mossley Cubs for their invitation to attend their St Georges evening meal. The cubs planned a meal, sent invitations, designed menus, decorated their headquarters, prepared and served a meal with entertainment to their honoured guests, the Committee of Baden House and the newly appointed Lead Volunteer of Tame Valley, Andrew Stone.



We were treated to a meal including Salad, Sandwiches, Quiche and cakes. All made and prepared by the cubs. The food was excellent even though I still have traces of purple food dye!

We were entertained by Clarinets both solo and duets, recorder and guitar. We had a wonderful performance by a very talented young singer. We had magic tricks and jokes before being invited to join the end of night games.

The cubs were thanked personally. I was very impressed and I'm looking forward to many more invitations. 1<sup>st</sup> Mossley have certainly set the standard!

Andrew Stone - [Lead Volunteer Tame Valley – Acting](#)

## News from 12th Ashton Scout Group.



The 12<sup>th</sup> Ashton have taken advantage of the **“Three”** Community programme. They have had the internet installed at their Headquarters, for free, and they have been given 10 I-pads for the Group to use.



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, two members of **“Three”**, **Emma and Alan**, came to their headquarters and held a ‘teaching session’ for the I-pads with the Cubs and Scouts, along with their Leaders.

They checked that the ‘Hub’ was connected correctly and that the I-pads were functioning.

Alan then went through how to make a stop-motion film with the Cubs and Scouts using LEGO figures and pieces. Each member made a film on their I-pad.



## News from Linnet Clough

Hello everyone,

It is with great sadness that after 24 years of dedicated service to Linnet Clough, Carl Hornsby the Campsite Manager will be leaving the Linnet Clough Team at the start of June.

I'm sure there is many of us that can remember what Linnet was before Carl and the endless work Carl has put in over the years shaping Linnet to how it is now. This is something you will all agree we will ever be grateful for.

Below is a few comments from Carl which was sent to his team and the Service Crew....

For some time now, Ann & I have been making plans for my retirement, following Anns accident over the Christmas period and us having spent more time together during the recovery, it became clearer how valuable the time we spend together is and how our current commitments don't allow for this.

It has been an honour and privilege to have supported and lead the campsite during my 24 years in post, to see how the site has developed over the years and how the campsite plays such a large part in the delivery of scouting to the young people not only in the county but across the country and beyond.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support over the years, not just to Linnet Clough but to myself and my family. I am taking many memories of my time working with past and present members of the camps committee, site staff, service crew and crew committee.

I would also like to thank Ann, my family and close friends for being by my side throughout the 24 years, without who the site wouldn't be what it is today.

I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing Carl and Ann well as they head off into retirement and onto the next journey! I'm sure Carl will love to hear of all the memories he has made at the campsite over the next few months.

The Trustee Board will be in discussions this week about the next steps for the replacement of Carl and will be able to give more information in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

**Phil Sumner**  
**County Lead Volunteer,**  
**Greater Manchester East**

## A Somewhat Puzzling Easter Quiz - Answers

1. Name the detective who has "dots and dashes" to his name?  
**Morse**



2. What is the definition of the word "REBUS"? **Puzzleland/or Enigma**
3. Which English King said, " who will rid me of this turbulent Priest"? **Henry II**
4. Name the priest who the king was talking about? **Thomas a Beckett**
5. Who wrote the book "The 39 Steps" **John Buchan**
6. Name the Dutch detective who is played by Marc Warren? **Van der Valk**
7. Name the Garden in which Jesus was betrayed? **Gethsemane**
8. Name the author who writes about a group of pensioners called "The Thursday Murder Club"? **Richard Osman**
9. Which English king supposedly order the murder of the "The Princes in the Tower"? **Richard III**
10. Rowan Atkinson plays which detective in a mystery TV series set in France? **Maigret**
11. "**BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH**" in which Shakespearean play is this phrase spoken? **Julius Ceaser**
12. Which Royal Personage will present 2024's Thursday's Maundy Money in King Charle's absence? **Queen Camilla**

## ROAD RAIL 2024



WHAT A GREAT DAY OUT!

I called in for a quick visit and stayed for several hours at the ROAD RAIL 2024 show at the Longdendale High School on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Over 60 stands were there showcasing magnificent layouts and models, along with many stalls selling all manner of equipment and models for rail layouts.

The weekend was arranged by Tom Lowther, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge Scouts and the Tame Valley Model Railway Club (TVMRC).

The winning layout was created by Noah Stafford, a Cub Scout from 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge. His was a LEGO layout, along with many models of cars, planes and trains. See above. This was completed over a 4-month period.

One of the more unusual layouts was the working Roller Coaster made from lolly sticks by Robert a Scout Leader from 5<sup>th</sup> Stalybridge Group.



Charles Hamilton, a member of the Romiley Methodist Railway Modelers, he is also vice-president of Stockport District, said it was one of the best shows in the Northwest of England for the variety of displays. Visitors came from Essex, Scotland and Mossley.

Mike and Tony from the Mill Houses N Gauge Rail Club showed Tom, Charlie, Tom (beaver) and Lilly (squirrel) around their exhibit. Tony said the new venue was great and they were made very welcome and had a good selection of food. (Becky – the cook, said her bacon butties were the BEST.)

Tom thanks everyone for their help in making the weekend such a success and is already planning next year's show.

# **Obituary - GONE HOME**

## **Danny Oliver Jones**

Danny Jones District Commissioner - North Tameside from 1985 until 1994.

Prior to becoming District Commissioner Danny was GSL of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashton, the Group was always close to his heart even after his promotion, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashton was not only part of his life but also his wife's Linda who was a Rainbow Guide Leader and his two sons Bryn and Gareth, one of which gained the Queen's Scout Award something Danny was very proud of, you could also say they were a family of service not just for Scouting and Guiding but for the local community.

Like all new District Commissioners in any Scout District, Danny set about reorganising the District's Scout team, I was privileged to be asked to become ADC Scouts and there were other positional changes to the Scouting District Team as well.

Danny took the District through many changes, not least the launch of the Beaver Section in 1986, a section which still flourishes today. Under his guidance we held three District open days, two in Audenshaw and one in Stamford Park and who can forget the Scout Associations "Willy Woggle " scheme, besides all the other scouting section activities taking place.

Danny always supported the District and its Scout Leaders through thick and thin, they would bring their problems to him and more often than not go away well satisfied with their problems resolved. Wherever Danny was in the District, he always had a word for the youngest Beaver to the oldest Scout, giving them confidence for the future.

In 1994 Danny applied for a full position in the Scout Association and was successful in becoming the Area Commissioner for scouting in the North East of England where he settled with Linda until he retired, he must have done a good job because at his funeral two Scout Leaders travelled all the way down from Newcastle to pay their last respects.

Danny and his family had high Christian values, it is a sad loss for scouting and certainly for his family, there will not be many more like Danny Jones in this world of ours,

So, rest easy Danny your suffering is now over, you are in better place and in the hands of God.

**GONE HOME**

## Events and Training provided by the County Activity Team

The following events are planned for the coming months.

### *Climbing*

#### **Beginners introduction to indoor climbing**

No dates currently set.

#### **Climbing leader training (Artificial walls)**

Thursday 9th May - [Awesome Walls](#)

Monday 13th May - Online Session

Thursday 16th May - Linnet Clough

Thursday 23rd May - Linnet Clough

### Hill Walking

#### **Security on steep ground workshop** (terrain 2)

Sunday 15th June 2023 - Hill Day.

Contact us if you are interested in T2 Training.

#### **Beginners' introduction to hill walking** (terrain zero)

Thursday 25th April 2024 - Online Session

Thursday 2nd May - Classroom Session

Sunday 12th May - Practical outdoor session



# Can you help?

We need volunteers to help clear rubbish & weeds in the Dell area of Old Chapel.

Leaders from 2nd Dukinfield Scout group will be in the Dell (to the rear of the community hall building - follow the concrete path alongside the grave yard) on the dates below.

Please come along whenever you can and give us as much or as little time as you can spare.

Everyone is welcome, but anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult please.



## Dates for Dell:

- Sun 28 April
- Sat 4 May
- Sat 25 May
- Sun 26 May
- Sun 23 June
- Sat 20 July

PIC•COLLAGE

# WANTED



Crushed Aluminium Cans

For the Jamboree Fund

Contact Tom Lowther

[tom.lowther@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:tom.lowther@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk)

or Tina Howarth [tina.howarth@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:tina.howarth@ntscouts.org.uk)

to donate crushed Aluminium Cans



Packed and ready to go for recycling.

# Adult Training



Greater Manchester East Training team have been busy updating not just the way they deliver training, now offering all courses through Nearpod and Zoom, but also by updating the training website. We now have a more interactive and streamlined training area that can be found at [www.gmescouts.org.uk/training1](http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training1)

Hi,

I'd like to introduce you to the new booking system ticket source. All courses can be found via our website <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gmetraining>

May I also remind everyone of the importance of the check your knowledge questions when developing a member's learning plan. If you are unsure how to use this please contact the County Training Team or book on for a refresher of Module 25.

## **GME Training Services**

Listed below are all of the currently organised training courses for volunteers in GME ONLY. Please book your place on any of the courses below

For more information, visit the [website](#).



**Module 18: Practical Skills**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

2nd Heald Green Scout Hut, Cheshire Sat 11 May 2024, 1:00PM

**BOOK NOW** **18 tickets available**

**Residential Weekend Course (3 Days 2 Nights) covering Modules: 8, 9, 11, 14 & 15**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Linnet Clough Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Stockport Fri 17 May 2024, 6:00PM

**BOOK NOW** **16 tickets available**

**Module 25NAA: Nights Away Assessors**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

7th Stalybridge Scout Group, Stalybridge Sat 6 Jul 2024, 9:00AM

**BOOK NOW** **20 tickets available**

**Module 11: Administration**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online Online Wed 10 Jul 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW** **29 tickets available**

**Module 15: Promoting Positive Behaviour**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online Online Mon 15 Jul 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW** **27 tickets available**

**Module 16: Introduction to Residential Experiences**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online Online Tue 23 Jul 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW** **30 tickets available**

**BELT UP Residential Weekend Course (3 Days 2 Nights)**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Linnet Clough Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Stockport Fri 16 Aug 2024, 6:00PM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Module 8: Skills of Leadership**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

1st Hazel Grove Scout Group, Stockport Wed 11 Sep 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**19 tickets available**

**Module 9: Working with Adults**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

1st Hazel Grove Scout Group, Stockport Wed 18 Sep 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**19 tickets available**

**Management - Skills 2 Day Course**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

21st Stockport Scout Hut, Cheshire

Sat 21 Sep 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Management - Skills 2 Day Course**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

21st Stockport Scout Hut, Cheshire

Sun 22 Sep 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Residential Weekend Course (3 Days 2 Nights) covering Modules: 13, 16, 17,**  
**18 & 19**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Linnet Clough Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Stockport

Fri 4 Oct 2024, 6:00PM

**BOOK NOW**

**14 tickets available**

**Module 25TA: Assessing Learning – Training Advisor Focused.**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Wed 16 Oct 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**30 tickets available**

**Module 17: Running Safe Activities**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Mon 2 Dec 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**30 tickets available**

**Module 13: Growing the Section**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Mon 2 Dec 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**30 tickets available**

## **GETTING STARTED - Training**

**This is available on-line via the County Website for all roles in Scouting. They take between 45 and 90 minutes to complete each module.**

**Adults should complete their Getting Started training and have it validated within 5 months of them being put on Compass in their role. It can be completed before they go to the appointment's panel.**

All Courses are now on the county Calendar & bookable through EventBrite.

Greater Manchester East Scouts | Team up

<https://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training>

(Copy and paste into search engine to book onto course)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Stalybridge Scout Group Lottery

7th Stalybridge Scout Group has launched its very own lottery. For £2 you could be in chance with winning 30% of that month's raised proceeds and not only that you'll be helping to support the group enrich the Scouting programme offered.

To enter simply sign up before the 28th of the month, the draw takes place on the 10th of the next month and winners will be notified by email within 2 days of the draw taking place.

1st prize - 30% of that month's raised proceeds

2nd prize - 10% of that month's raised proceeds

3rd prize - 5% of that month's raised proceeds

To sign up head to our website - <https://7thstalybridge.org.uk/lottery/>

\*\*\*Important information\*\*\*

You must be aged 18 and above to play the lottery, and we ask that you do not promote the playing of the lottery to anyone under 18 including youth members of the organisation.

The promoter of the 7th Stalybridge Scout Group Lottery is David Hewitt (Treasurer). 7th Stalybridge Scout Group is licensed and regulated in Great Britain by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council under license number GASLOT240225. Players must be 18 or over. A minimum of 50% of the total lottery proceeds go to supporting the work carried out by 7th Stalybridge Scout Group, 45% on prizes and 5% on expenses and administration of the lottery.



