



The Sharp End

St Helens and District Scout Council

June 2010

D.C.'s Bit

Sadly I must ask for your prayers and sympathy for four leaders and their families. Firstly for Les and Lynn Rowe and all their family on the death of Les's mum on 25th June, and secondly for Annette and Rich Peers and Ian and Wendy Greenway and all their family on the death of Annette and Ian's mum on 28th. This is a very difficult time for all these families and I know that they appreciate all our concern. I have also sent sympathy cards to Joyce's family on behalf of the District.

Congratulations got to Andrew Steele of Windle Wombles. Andrew has been nominated for a Diana Award by his Head of Year, Mrs Rowlands, at Byrchall High. The nomination was to recognise Andrews's hard work in the school as a form captain, helping with school productions and also as a member of the school's Eco team. Andrew also does voluntary work with St. Helens Youth Service. He went to London on 28th for the award ceremony, so look out for a report in the next issue. Well done Andrew!

The world cup came early to St. Helens, or you would have thought it had! The Scout 5-a-side was on 5th June at Haydock Leisure centre, and I am sure that if England had played with such energy and enthusiasm we would have won the World Cup! The winners were 2nd (Eccleston Park) and 25th (Billinge) were 2nd. These two teams went on to represent St. Helens at the County Football competition on 26th, but unfortunately neither team won. Well done to all the teams who took part and to Dave for organising the event. Unfortunately the turn out was yet again very poor.

On Wednesday 9th June, along with other members of the District Team, I was invited to a barbeque held by our newly formed Network. It was a lovely evening, and gave me the chance to chat with some of the Network members, and for them to tell us something of their plans for the future. Watch out for details of a joint camp between Network and Explorers – it promises to be great fun. Just one complaint Network – next time don't forget the tea and coffee (sorry, couldn't resist that one!)

D.C.'s Bit

The weekend 18th – 20th June was a really busy one, and I needed to be in 3 places at once. I chose to go to Gilwell, for a Safeguarding Focus meeting. This was a big adventure for me as I have never been to Gilwell, and never travelled so far on my own. The journey was straightforward, although I chickened out on going on the tube, opting for a bus instead.

Gilwell itself is really lovely and I had the opportunity to have a good walk round. The meeting with other DCs was good as it gave us the opportunity to look at each others safeguarding problems. Believe me, it certainly put mine into perspective!

Meanwhile, the Scouts were at Bowley for the District Camping and Cooking Competition. Although only 3 teams entered, Dave said they had a great time. The winning teams were 26th (Blackbrook) with 25th (Billinge) coming second. These teams will go on to the County competition. Well done to everyone who took part, and thanks to Dave for organising the event

Also, the Beavers were on their District outing to Blackpool Zoo on 19th. I am assured that a good time was had by all, and no monkeys made it on to the coach home! Thanks to Helen for organising the day.

Sunday 27th was Armed Forces Day, so on a baking hot day, at noon, along with other uniformed organisations, we stood at the town hall and joined in a short service to recognise the work that the armed forces do, and their contribution to our society. All of our flags were on parade, and the flag carriers did a great job. We were well represented from all sections, and the parade and service went off without a hitch.

Yet again this has been a busy month in District and I am sure it has been just as busy in your groups. I am sure that you are all looking forward to a hard earned rest over the summer, and I am certain that you deserve it.

Chris

**St Helens District Camping and Cooking Competition
Bowley Scout Camping and Activity Centre 18th to 20th June 2010**

Only eight points separate the teams

Despite only three teams taking part the final outcome was extremely close

All three teams coped extremely well and from the start on the Saturday morning worked tirelessly during the weekend looking after themselves in the very hot weather

They found it hard in some instances especially the younger scouts but with encouragement from the older scouts coped admirably.

The standard of the food cooked was good although I did not personally try it. Well done to all three teams

At the end the 26th Blackbrook A team came out on top with 25th Billinge in 2nd position and they will now represent St Helens at the County event on the weekend of the 3rd/4th July at Tawd Vale - Good Luck to both teams

Thanks to the leaders of all the teams taking part. Hopefully we will get more entries next year

Dave

ADC Scouts

Merseyside County 5 aside football competition

Saturday 26th July 2010

Trophy goes over the water

Only eight troops from six districts entered the 6th annual county five a side competition

The eight teams were split into two groups and played on a league basis

Despite both St Helens representatives the 2nd and the 25th winning their opening games neither managed to reach the semi finals. Both the group winners remained unbeaten in their group matches and after winning their respective semi finals against the opposite runners up met in the final

Merseyside County 5 aside football competition

The final was very tight and was settled early in the second half with a goal for 4th Heswall

They will now be hosting the competition next year

Congratulations to both St Helens teams for taking part better luck next year

Group A results

5th Formby(White) 0 V 2nd St Helens 2

Frankby/Greasby 5 V 5th Formby (white) 1

28th Wallasey 3 V Frankby/Greasby 0

2nd St Helens 0 V Frankby/Greasby 0

5th Formby (white) 0 V 28th Wallasey 5

2nd St Helens 0 V 28th Wallasey 2

League Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
28 th Wallasey	3	3	0	0	10	0	9
Frankby/Greasby	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
2 nd St Helens	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
5 th Formby (white)	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

Group B Results

5th Formby (yellow) 1 V 25th St Helens 3

13th Allerton 0 V 4th Heswall 2

5th Formby (yellow) 0 V 4th Heswall 7

13th Allerton 2 V 25th St Helens 0

25th St Helens 0 V 4th Heswall 6

13th Allerton 0 V 5th Formby 0

Dave (ADC Scouts)

League Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4 th Heswall	3	3	0	0	15	0	9
13 th Allerton	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
25 th St Helens	3	1	0	2	3	9	3
5 th Formby (yellow)	3	0	1	2	1	10	1

3rd/4th Match playoff

13th Allerton 1 V Frankby/Greasby 2

Final

4th Heswall 1 V 28th Wallasey 0

Next Edition

Material for the next edition should reach me by 1 September

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